

The District School Board of Indian River County met on June 27, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. The workshop was held in the Teacher Education Center located in the School District Office at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center located at 6500 – 57th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32967. District School Board Members attending were: Chairman Charles G. Searcy, Vice Chairman Shawn R. Frost, and Board Members: Dale Simchick, Laura Zorc, and Tiffany M. Justice. Dr. Mark J. Rendell, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D’Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present.

### **Superintendent Workshop Minutes**

I. Workshop was called to order by Chairman Searcy.

II. **PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP**

Dr. Rendell stated that the purpose of the workshop was to present the progress made regarding the District’s health insurance, to give a presentation number 4 on the 2017-2018 proposed budget and millage, and to follow up from a month ago on the Career and Technical Center.

III. **PRESENTATIONS – Dr. Rendell**

**A. Health Insurance Update**

Dr. Fritz, along with Representatives with AON, gave a presentation on the following topics.:

- Fiscal Year Financial Update
- Premiums versus Expenses of Act/Pre-65 and Post 65 (May 2016 – April 2017)
- Applications for Medical
- CanaRx
- Healthcare Bluebook
- Pharmacy Coalition
- Stop Loss
- Dental Renewal

Board Members asked questions about the process used to collect premiums from retirees for delinquent health insurance premiums, how HIS (Health Insurance Subsidy) was given to retirees, possibly charging more for pre-65 retirees premiums to cover claims, consider going to one plan, consider seeding health savings accounts, taking the good from the lower plan and the richer plan to create a middle plan, and consideration for lower-paid employees. AON said that they would take back with them the Board’s suggestions. Dr. Fritz said that he would find out how HIS benefit was handled and what the dollar figure would be if the District offered only one plan. He gave an overview of the Health Insurance Task Force duties and who sat on the committee.

Dr. Fritz stated that the Health Insurance Task Force voted unanimously to stay with the three, current plans. He said that any change would require that the District negotiate with both unions. AON Representative said that it was unusual to have only one plan. Dr. Fritz said that having one plan would be administratively very helpful. Board Member requested more information on converting to one plan.

Chairman Searcy called for a short recess at 1:54 p.m. and reconvened at 1:56 p.m.

**B. 2017-2018 Budget Update Number 4**

Mr. Morrison gave a presentation on Other Funds (Debt Service, Federal, Food Service, Extended Day, and Capital Projects). He also presented highlights of the following:

- 2017-2018 State and Local Funding
- Draft of 2017-2018 Millage Rates and Sample Tax Bill
- Review of Budget Impactors and Superintendent's Budget Reduction Recommendations

Board Members asked questions regarding school equity in playground equipment, Medicaid underfunding, request for unweighted FTE list by school, exchange student funding, and repair of Sebastian River High School slashed screen.

Mr. Morrison said that he would have to check on whether the three 21<sup>st</sup> Century aftercare programs were included in the Extended Day Budget. He said that the Fresh Food Program was not included because they had not heard from the funding source. Mr. Morrison noted corrections needed in the Budget Book. Board Member asked about the deduction of one Student Monitor. Mr. Morrison said he would get that information. Mr. Morrison noted under Debt Service that QSCBs could not be prepaid.

**C. Career and Technical Center Presentation**

Dr. Rendell said that they had been talking about this transition for about one year. Mr. Teske stated that the purpose of the presentation was to seek support to move forward, review previous presentation, and to establish a timeline. The proposal was to move the Alternative Center for Education to the portable classrooms on the Vero Beach High School, Freshman Learning Center Campus. And, move the Technical Center for Career and Adult Education to the Alternative Center that was located next to Gifford Middle School. The improvements needed for the new TCCA under Phase I was estimated to be between \$1,805,000 and \$2 million. These improvements would ensure that the Center could open its doors to start generating income by the 2018-2019 school year.

Adult and high school students could sign up for the programs. Phase II could be done in future years. The estimated cost of Phase II was between \$2,335,000 and \$2,585,000.

Board Members asked questions regarding the CMAR process, competitive pricing, cost for the drawings, need for the retention pond, culinary arts program for transitioning students, project funding, market demands, concern with transition students walking across the street for lunch at the Freshman Learning Center, and possibly keeping both sites. Mr. Hart, Principal of the ACE, said that after walking the campus next to the Freshman Learning Center, he was very much in favor of the location, as it provided an environment that would keep kids in the learning mode.

Board Member was not in favor of the drawings because of the parking plan and thought that it would save money to do it in one Phase rather than waiting down the road when the cost would be higher. Another Board Member preferred Phase II over Phase I.

Mr. Teske said that there was no date set for Phase II. Board Member asked if it would be better for staff to have their questions ahead of time. Dr. Rendell said that it would be helpful. Mrs. D'Agresta noted that Board Members could submit their questions to Dr. Rendell and report back with the answers at the workshop. Board Member said that he would prefer to have the project fully funded, rather than going out for a Certificate of Participation (COP). Board Member said that she was not sure whether it would be beneficial to keep both ACE and TCCA students on one campus, rather than waiting for the completion of Phase I. Mr. Teske, in closing, said that the timeline would start immediately upon Board approval.

- IV. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Searcy  
Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:11 p.m.