

The District School Board of Indian River County met on October 24, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. The Business Meeting 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. Prior to the meeting, an invocation was given by Reverend, Dr. Crystal Bujol, of Gifford Youth Orchestra, Founder & Artistic Director, Vero Beach, FL.

Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Searcy at 6:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS by Vero Beach High School’s Air Force Junior ROTC Detachment 043 Under the Direction of Wade E. Dues, Chief Master Sergeant (Retired), Aerospace USAF, Science Instructor.
- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY
Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION to Adopt the Orders of the Day. Mr. Frost motioned to Adopt the Orders of the Day. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. **Casual for a Cause – United Way.** Cristen McMillan explained to the audience what the district does each month for Causal for a Cause. She presented a check in the amount of \$4103 to Mrs. Tracy Segal and Mr. Bill Penny, representing the United Way. Both took the opportunity to speak and thank the District for their time and contribution. Photos were taken. After the check for the United Way was presented, it was followed by a short video for Day of Caring.
 - B. **Musical Rendition by Osceola Magnet School 25 Year Celebration** – Cristen McMillan introduced the Osceola Explorer Ensemble. The performers played a variety of xylophones. They were led by Mrs. Jones. Photos were taken of the students after the performance.
 - C. **Short Video on School Initiatives – Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year, Day of Caring** – Dr. Rendell presented the Principal of the Year, Mrs. Kathrine Pierandozzi of the Wabasso School, and the Assistant Principal of the Year, Mrs. Jennifer Norris of Rosewood Magnet School. There was a short video showing the presentations at their schools. Both Mrs. Pierandozzi and Mrs. Norris came to the podium and spoke to the Board and audience. Photos were taken of each.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

Liz Cannon – Retiree return to work

Becky Cook – CWA Negotiations

Vicki Sidles - \$0.31/hr raise for Bargaining

Mike Murray – Trust between CWA eBoard & the School Board, and/or Admin

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Mrs. Justice moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell

1. Approval of September 26, 2017 – Superintendent’s Workshop Minutes

2. Approval of September 26, 2017 - Business Meeting Minutes

3. Approval of October 10, 2017 – Business Meeting Minutes

Superintendent recommends approval.

B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Mr. Green

Attached is a list of personnel recommendations that includes personnel additions, terminations, and/or changes. Superintendent recommends approval.

C. Approval of Budget Amendment – Mr. Morrison

This request is for approval of the following budget amendment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018:

Amendment #1 -Capital Fund

Amendment #1 – Food Service

Superintendent recommends approval.

D. Approval of Superintendent’s Goals for 2017-2018 – Chairman Searcy

On September 26, 2017, the Board discussed the Superintendent’s Goals for 2017-2018 during the 1:00 p.m. workshop. Attached are those Goals for the Board’s approval. Chairman recommends approval.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval of 2017-2018 School Advisory Council Membership Composition – Mr. Green

In accordance with Florida Statute 1001.452 and School Board Policy 2125, each school must establish a School Advisory Council (SAC). Each SAC shall be composed of the principal and an appropriately balanced number of teachers, education support employees, students, parents, and other business and community citizens who are representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school. School Advisory Councils must include students at high school, may include students at middle school, and do not include students at elementary schools. Completed SAC composition and membership reports are submitted for approval. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Searcy turned this over to Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell provided the information. Chairman Searcy called for a Motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the 2017-2018 School Advisory Council Membership Composition. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. One of the Board Members had a question with regards to racial compliance. Dr. Rendell and Mr. Green responded confirming that the district is following the Statute. There was a question as to being challenged with these statistics. Mr. Green said we had not been challenged to his knowledge, but the district has been audited previously. Another Board Member commented about the student participation with the High School students and encourage more students participate.

B. Approval of 2017-2018 School Improvement Plans and District Improvement and Assistance Plan – Mr. Green

In accordance with Florida Statute 1001.42 and School Board Policy 2120, each school must complete a School Improvement Plan with the assistance of their School Advisory Council. In addition, the District must complete a District Improvement and Assistance Plan. The District Improvement and Assistance Plan and the School Improvement Plans are completed using an 8-Step, Problem Solving Process. This process includes analyzing data, setting goals and targets, and developing action plans for improvement. School Improvement Plans are submitted for approval and can be accessed without a password at <https://www.floridacims.org/districts/indian-river>. The District's Improvement and Assistance Plan and Oslo Middle School's School Improvement Plan are included in the backup. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Searcy turned this over to Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell provided some of the information and turned it over to Mr. Green for more specifics. Mr. Green explained all the traditional public schools have plans to be approved, along with the Alternative Education Center and Wabasso School. Sebastian Charter Junior High has in their contract that they will monitor their accountability under the school improvement plan, and have done so. St. Peter's Academy will be brought back at the next meeting since theirs is currently not available.

Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Mr. Frost moved approval for the 2017-2018 School Improvement Plans and District Improvement and Assistance. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of the Educational Facilities Supplementary Plant Survey Number 5 Version 7 for the School District of Indian River County – Mr. Teske

Approval is recommended for the Educational Facilities Supplementary Plant Survey for the School District of Indian River County. On June 25, 2013, the School Board approved the Educational Facilities Plant Five Year Survey Report for 2013-2018. A Supplemental Survey was recently conducted in order to update the 2013-2018 survey information and to make the necessary survey changes in association with the new construction and renovations for the conversion of the existing Gifford Alternative Center to a Technical Center for Career & Adult Education facility. The recommendations for Survey Amendment Number 5 Version 7 requests permission from the Florida Department of Education to perform the necessary construction and renovations associated with the Technical Center for Career & Adult Education project. The Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Searcy turned this over to Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell prefaced that Action C, D, and E are all related. He provided the information for this item as listed above. Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Mrs. Simchick moved approval for the Educational Facilities Supplementary Plant Survey Number 5 Version 7 for the School District of Indian River County. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

D. Approval to Award RFQ #01-0-2018/JC Construction Management Services for the Construction of the Technical Education Center to Summit Construction of Vero Beach, LLC - Mr. Morrison

The Facilities, Planning and Construction Department requested that a Request for Qualifications for Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) be promulgated for the construction of the Technical Career Center. The project consists of the construction of a new vocational classroom/lab building and renovations of existing classrooms for the conversion of the Gifford Alternative Center campus to a Career and Adult Education Facility as per drawings provided by Donadio & Associates Architects, P.A. The total project budget is \$1,835,000 which includes Architect/Engineering Fees, Testing, Commissioning and construction costs. As per Florida Statutes Ch. 287.055 F.S. negotiations Summit Construction of Vero Beach, LLC are complete. Please see attached backup. Individual score sheets are on file in the Purchasing Department. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Searcy turned this over to Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell provided the information and asked Mr. Morrison and Mr. Teske if they had anything to add. Neither had anything to add. Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Mr. Frost moved approval of the RFQ #01-0-2018/JC Construction Management Services for the Construction of the Technical Education Center to Summit Construction of Vero Beach, LLC. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion, and it carried with a 4-1 vote. Chairman Searcy voted against the motion. He explained, he does not agree with the agreement and it was discussed in the workshop. A Board Member said their vote was for this due to the commitment of the completion date. Others agreed with the Chairman but wanted to stay on track with the school's opening date. It was also asked that these things be brought before the Board sooner for better review so they could have better control. Each Board Member commented with regards to controls and opinions of process.

E. Approval of the Construction Management at Risk Contract with Summit Construction of Vero Beach, LLC for the Technical Education Center Project (SDIRC #01-0-2018JC) – Mr. Teske

Approval is recommended for the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) Contract between the School Board of Indian River County and Summit Construction of Vero Beach, LLC, for the Technical Education Center Project (SDIRC #01-0-2018JC). This project will consist of the construction of a new +/- 4,000 square foot single-story Vocational Classroom/Lab Building consisting of a Welding Lab, Building Construction Lab and Common Classroom Area, as well as Renovations to existing classrooms, for the conversion of the existing Gifford Alternative School Campus to a Technical Center for Career & Adult Education Facility. The Design Phase Fee in the amount of \$60,000.00 and the Overhead & Profit fee of 4.5% were negotiated between the Contractor and the District on October 11, 2017. Upon Board approval of this contract, the Contractor and the District will begin to establish and negotiate a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the project. The final GMP will be submitted for approval at a future Board Meeting. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Searcy turned this over to Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell provided the information to the Board. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Construction Management at Risk Contract with Summit Construction of Vero Beach, LLC for the Technical Education Center Project (SDIRC #01-0-2018JC). Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-1 vote. Chairman Searcy voted against the motion.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell shared his appreciation to the Board for the support of the TCCAE project, and what it is going to do for the community. He also shared the visit the District had from Dr. John Hodge, and the meetings he participated in. Dr. Rendell announced Dr. Bujol being at the meeting and that she founded the Gifford Youth Orchestra. He also shared that they will be doing a free concert on November 4th at 2:00, and invited the public to attend.

IX. DISCUSSION

Legislative Priorities – The draft letter that Dr. Rendell put together was shared with the Board Members. There was a brief discussion on the letter, and obtaining clarity on who the letter is being addressed to. The letter is to be reduced to one page. One Board Member asked if Chair Johnson, State Board of Education, should be added to the letter as well. It was agreed to add her to the letter.

The discussion continued to see what the order was going to be on this letter. The following order was decided on how the letter would be presented.

- 1) Shelter Operations and Reimbursement
- 2) Utilize School Average Metric
- 3) Transportation Funding
- 4) Funding Directed at Recruitment and Retention
- 5) Restore Advanced Funding of the FEFP (Florida Education Finance Program)
- 6) Alternate Assessment

There was also a discussion on joining Central Florida Public School Board Coalition. A couple of the Board Members have interest in combining efforts with their Legislative Platform on several issues, even if it is reviewed year by year. This will need to be added to the November 21, 2017, Organizational Meeting Agenda.

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

One of the Board Members wanted to thank the participants in Day of Caring. It was a huge success. Congratulations went out to the Vero Beach High School Golf and Volleyball teams for their prestigious awards; Gifford Middle School Breakfast was wonderful and they served a delicious breakfast; The Jimmy Graves Foundation announcing what their plan is for a facility the family is building; and thank you to Mr. Simpson, and Osceola Magnet School Celebration. The other Board Members all complimented Mr. Simpson, his staff and students for a wonderful celebration. Special thanks went out to Dr. Hodge for his visit and input he provides to the School District.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

No information items

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

Dr. Rendell wanted to compliment the Crown Jewel Marching Band Festival along with the musicians that were there. A special thank you went to University of South Florida Herd of Thunder performance. It was a great experience.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Searcy

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:07 p.m.