

The District School Board of Indian River County met on November 20, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. The Organization Meeting was held in the Joe N. Idlette, Jr. 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 Laura Zorc, Vice Chairman Tiffany M. Justice, and Board Members: Teri Barenborg, Jacqueline Rosario, and Dr. Mara Schiff. Dr. Mark J. Rendell, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D’Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present.

### **Annual Organization Meeting Minutes**

*In compliance with Florida Statute 1001.371 and Indian River County District School Board Policy 0150, the Superintendent shall act as Presiding Officer until the organization is complete.*

- I. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Rendell at 5:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
Dr. Rendell asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- III. OATH OF OFFICE – Honorable Victoria Griffin, Judge for 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, Serving Students and Families of Indian River County.

Dr. Rendell introduced Judge Griffin to conduct the swearing in of the three new Board ~~Member~~ Members. Judge Griffin spoke briefly prior to the swearing in. She then performed the duty of swearing into office District School Board Members, Dr. Mara Schiff, District 1; ~~Jaqueline~~ Jacqueline Rosario, District 2; and Teri Barenborg, District 4. Dr. Rendell thanked Judge Griffin for coming and for her work serving the students and families of Indian River County, Florida.

#### IV. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN – Dr. Rendell

##### **A. Election of Chairman**

Dr. Rendell called for the nomination for Chairman. Mrs. Rosario nominated Laura Zorc. Mrs. Barenborg nominated Mrs. Justice. With no further nominations, Dr. Rendell called for the vote in the order they came in. He asked for those in favor of Laura Zorc to say “I”. Mrs. Rosario, Dr. Schiff, and Mrs. Zorc voted in favor of Mrs. Zorc for Chairman. Mrs. Barenborg and Mrs. Justice voted nay. The vote was carried with a 3-2 vote. Dr. Rendell congratulated Mrs. Zorc on the position of Chairman of the Indian River County School Board.

##### **B. Election of Vice Chairman**

Dr. Rendell called for the nominations for Vice-Chair. Mrs. Zorc nomination Tiffany Justice. There were no other nominations. Dr. Rendell called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of Tiffany Justice as Vice Chairman of the District School Board, with a 5-0 vote.

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Recess was taken at 5:15. The meeting was reconvened at 5:20 p.m. by Chairman Zorc.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

Liz Cannon – Joint Relationship

VI. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

**A. Approval of Business Meeting Dates and Times - Chairman**

Present practice is to hold two monthly meetings. The meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday's of each month at 6:00 p.m. for the business portion of the meeting and at 4:30 p.m. for Hearing Officer Review, only when necessary. The Board is able to schedule meetings as it determines necessary. A list of specific meeting dates for December 2018 through November 2019 is attached.

Chairman Zorc read the above information to the audience. She then called for a vote. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Dr. Schiff seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**B. Approval of Meeting Place - Chairman**

The Joe N. Idlette, Jr. Teacher Education Center (TEC) located at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center at 6500 – 57th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32967, is the meeting place, unless public interest can best be served by meeting elsewhere. The room is the Joe N. Idlette, Jr. Teacher Education Center (TEC).

Chairman Zorc read the above information to the audience. She then called for a vote. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Barenborg seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

VII. OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

**A. Indian River County Commission's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Committee Member and an Alternate for this Voting Position**

Duties include attending monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in Room B1-501. Last year Mr. Frost served, with Mrs. Simchick as Alternate.

Chairman Zorc read the above information to the audience. She then asked who would be interested in taking this position. Mrs. Justice said that she would take the position and Mrs. Rosario would take the alternate position. Chairman Zorc confirmed both.

**B. Indian River County Commission's Economic Development Council (EDC), Committee Member and an Alternate for this Four-Year, Voting Position**

Duties include attending monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501. Last year Mrs. Zorc served her second year, with Mrs. Justice as Alternate.

Chairman Zorc read the above information to the audience. There was a brief discussion. Chairman Zorc stated that she would maintain the position and Mrs. Rosario accepted the alternate position. Chairman Zorc confirmed both.

**C. Indian River County Planning and Zoning Commission with an Alternate for this Four-Year, Non-Voting Position**

The Commission meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in County Commission Chambers in Building A. During November and December, they meet only on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. The appointments are for four years. Last year Mr. Frost served his fourth year, with Mrs. Simchick as the Alternate.

Chairman Zorc read the above information to the audience. She then asked who would be interested in the position. Mrs. Barenborg said that she would take the position and Dr. Schiff accepted the alternate. Chairman Zorc confirmed both.

**D. City of Vero Beach Planning and Zoning Commission, Non-Voting Position**

The Commission meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall. Last year Mrs. Zorc served.

Chairman Zorc read the above information to the audience. She explained the position to see if anyone else was interested in the position. No one volunteered to take the position, so Chairman Zorc said she would stay on and serve.

**E. City of Sebastian Planning and Zoning Commission, Three-Year Term, Non-Voting Position**

The Commission meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in City Hall, as needed. Positions starts on the first meeting after the City votes on the new member. Last year Mrs. Simchick served.

Chairman Zorc read the above information to the audience. She then asked who would be interested in the position. Dr. Schiff said that she would take the position. Chairman Zorc confirmed.

**F. City of Fellsmere Planning and Zoning Commission, Non-Voting Position**

The Commission meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:05 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Last year Mrs. Simchick served.

Chairman Zorc read the above information to the audience. She then asked who would be interested in the position. Mrs. Barenborg said that she would take the position. Chairman Zorc confirmed.

**G. City of Indian River Shores Planning and Zoning Commission, One-Year, Non-Voting Position**

May 2008 was the first year for this appointment. The Commission meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 2 p.m. in City Hall, as needed. Last year Mrs. Justice served.

Chairman Zorc read the above information to the audience. She then asked Mrs. Justice if she would like to maintain that position. Mrs. Justice said yes, she would like to continue with this committee. Chairman Zorc confirmed.

**H. Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments, Inc., Committee Member**

The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at St. Lucie County's Administration Building. Last year Mrs. Zorc served.

Chairman Zorc read the above information to the audience. She shared that she served for the past two years and opened it up to the other Board Members. Mrs. Justice has a conflict with the schedule and is unable to volunteer for the position. Chairman Zorc asked that the Board delay this committee appointment at this time.

**I. Executive Roundtable, Committee Member for this Voting Position**

One Board Member will be appointed to serve on the Executive Roundtable. The Committee meets the last Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at United Way Building. Last year Mrs. Justice served.

Chairman Zorc read the above information to the audience. She then asked Mrs. Justice if she would like to continue to serve on this committee. Mrs. Justice accepted. Chairman Zorc confirmed.

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

**A. Approval of Appointment of a Citizen to the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), County Citizen Advisory Committee for Transportation and an Alternate for this Voting Position**

This is a volunteer position that began on September 11, 2012. The term of this position coincides with the Board's organization meeting. The CAC meets the first Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501. The position was filled by Amy Speak and the late John Kim was the Alternate. Board Members will submit names and vote on both the Committee Member and an Alternate Citizen to serve.

Chairman Zorc read the above to the audience. It was decided to provide the Board Members with an application and to also advertise the position.

**B. Approval of Appointment of a Citizen to the Indian River County School Planning Citizen Oversight Committee re: Interlocal Agreement for Public School Planning for this Voting Position**

Peter Robinson served on this Committee since its inception in 2003. The purpose of the Committee is to monitor implementation of the Interlocal Agreement and to report to participating local governments, the District School Board, and the general public on the effectiveness with which the Interlocal Agreement is being implemented. The Committee meets once per year on a date and time to be determined. [Mr. Robinson](#) submitted a yearly report and agreed to do an additional term. Board Members will vote on this appointment.

Chairman Zorc read the above to the audience. She called for a motion. A motion was made by Mrs. Barenborg to appoint Mr. Robinson. Dr. Schiff seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**C. Approval of Appointment of a Citizen to the County Commission's Value Adjustment Board (VAB) for this Voting Position**

Reference: Florida State Statute 194.015. The Value Adjustment Board is an independent forum created by Florida Statute Chapter 194 to provide property owners with an opportunity to appeal their property value or denial of an exemption, classification, or tax deferral. The Committee meets each year as needed. The appointment will be effective upon approval by the County Commission. On January 22, 2013, [Mr. Todd Heckman](#) was appointed by the School Board. The position is for a calendar year/tax cycle. Mr. Heckman submitted a yearly report and is interested in serving for an additional term.

Chairman Zorc read the above to the audience. She called for a motion. Dr. Schiff moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**D. Approval of Appointment to County Commission's Value Adjustment Board (VAB), One Committee Member and One Alternate for this Voting Position**

Reference: Florida State Statute 194.015. The Value Adjustment Board is an independent forum created by Florida Statute Chapter 194 to provide property owners with an opportunity to appeal their property value or denial of an exemption, classification, or tax deferral. The Committee meets each year as needed. The appointment will be effective upon approval by the County Commission. Last year Mr. Searcy was reappointed as Committee Member and Mrs. Simchick was reappointed as Alternate.

Chairman Zorc read the above to the audience. She asked who would like to be on this committee. Mrs. Rosario said she would like to be a Committee Member and Mrs. Justice offered to be the alternate. Chairman Zorc called for a motion. Mrs. Barenborg moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**E. Approval of Appointment as District School Board's Legislative Liaison for this Non-Voting Position**

The Legislative Liaison position was established by the District School Board on 11/22/2011. This position requires extensive knowledge of local, state, and federal issues. Last year Mrs. Zorc was appointed as the District School Board's Legislative Liaison.

Chairman Zorc read the above to the audience. She asked if someone else would like to take the position. The Chairman was asked to speak about the position. There was a brief discussion. Chairman Zorc asked that the Board hold off on appointing someone until they discuss the Legislative Platform at the next meeting.

**F. Approval of Appointment to Moonshot Community Action Network for this Non-Voting Position**

The Committee is comprised of community leaders in support of the Moonshot Goal. Normally they meet once every month. Last year Mrs. Justice was appointed.

Chairman Zorc reviewed the above with the audience. She asked Mrs. Justice to speak to this. In doing so, it was suggested to have this Committee be open for all of the Board Members to attend. Mrs. Justice made a motion to eliminate this Committee from the appointment list. Mrs. Rosario seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. There was a brief discussion.

**G. Approval of Appointment to Central Florida Public School Board Coalition**

The Central Florida Public School Board Coalition meets the first or second Monday of every month in Orlando at the Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center. The coalition is comprised of sixteen school districts from the Central Florida area. Last year Mrs. Justice was appointed.

Chairman Zorc read the above to the audience. She asked Mrs. Justice to speak to a recommendation she had at a previous Board Meeting. Mrs. Justice moved to remove this committee from the agenda so that all members can attend. Dr. Schiff seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**IX. INFORMATION**

**A. Staff Appointments to Indian River County Committees**

Attached is a list of staff appointments to Indian River County Committees that are required by law and approved by the Superintendent for the 2019 calendar year.

**B. Agnes Peebles Memorial Scholarship Committee**

As per the legal Trust Agreement established in 1953, the Chairman of the School Board of Indian River County and the Principal of Vero Beach High School serve as Chairman of this scholarship committee.

**C. County, School Planning, Elected Officials Oversight Committee**

Membership bylaws require that the Chairman of the School Board hold this position. The Committee meets, annually, in June.

**X. Discussion**

Chairman Zorc brought up a committee that had been removed previously, the Indian River County School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC). It was discussed that any Board Member could attend and minutes are always available. There are various staff members that do attend. It can be brought back with more information to discuss.

- VII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Zorc  
Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:58 p.m.