

The District School Board of Indian River County met on September 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The Business 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 Shawn R. Frost, Vice Chairman Charles G. Searcy, 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 Pastor Buddy Tipton, from Central Assembly of God in Vero Beach.

Business Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Frost 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.
- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY
Chairman Frost asked if the Board Members would like to move any of the items from Consent to Action. Mr. Searcy requested to have Consent Items A, C, and F be moved to Action. Mrs. Zorc requested for Consent Item H be moved to Action. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the Adoption of the Orders of the Day as stated with Consent Items A, C, F, and H being moved to Action. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
There was a moment of silence in honor everyone that had lost their lives from the events on September 11, 2011.
 - A. **Oslo Middle School Performance**
The performance was led by Ms. Michelle Hastings. The students performed before the Board and Audience. Photos were taken with the Board Members and Dr. Rendell.
 - B. **Short Video on School Initiatives**
There were two short videos shown. One was on the Environmental Learning Center and the other was on Attendance Awareness.
 - C. **Veteran of the Month presentation honoring Barney Giordan**
In Mr. Giordan’s absence, Mr. Bruce Cady from the Veterans council of Indian River County, accepted the award. A photo was taken with the Board Members and Dr. Rendell.

ADD ON:

D. Proclamation – American Founders’ Month

American Founders’ Month Proclamation was read by Hunter Dyal of Vero Beach High School. After the Proclamation was read, Chairman Frost called for a motion to accept the Proclamation. Mrs. Simchick moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. Photos were taken with the Board Members and Dr. Rendell.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

Liz Cannon – Assessment Calendar

Molly Steinwald – Environmental Learning Center

Sara Piotter – Environmental Learning Center

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

Moved to Action

A. Approval of Renewal Agreement with Environmental Learning Center 2018-2019 – Mrs. Dampier

The Environmental Learning Center contract is an agreement to provide environmental educational services to the students during the 2018-2019 school year. The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) will instruct third and fourth grade students during an on-site visit to the ELC. This program will service approximately, 2600 students from our schools. Instruction is guided through the *Splash* curricula for third grades and an environmental education program for the fourth-grade students entitled *Lagoon Days*. The contract amount will be on a per class basis; \$420.00 for each 3rd grade class that attends and \$470.00 for each 4th grade class. The total estimated cost would be \$56,440. Insurance has been approved by Risk Management. Superintendent recommends approval.

B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Dr. Purcell

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

Moved to Action

C. Approval of Request to Write-off Uncollectible Checks to the District – Dr. Rendell

The Superintendent recommends approval to write-off, as uncollectible, checks received by the District that have been dishonored by the maker's bank and returned as unpaid. Attached is a list of checks paid to the School District which remain uncollected for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017. To date, all attempts to recover the money, both by staff members and the District’s check recovery program, have been unsuccessful. Superintendent recommends approval.

D. Approval of Donations – Dr. Rendell

1.) Sebastian River High School received a donation of an AcuSpike Team Trainer machine, valued in the amount of \$2,650 from Anthony Abraham. The equipment will be utilized by the Sebastian River High School Volleyball Program. A donation in the amount of \$2000 was received from Robin M. Raiff PA, Robin M. Raiff-Realtor. The funds will be used to purchase banners, signs, decals, student tee shirts, stickers, spirit items and pins for students; for the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Sebastian River High School.

2.) The Curriculum and Instruction Division received a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Community Credit Union. The donation will be used to fund monthly leadership meetings. Superintendent recommends approval.

E. Approval of contract agreement between the School Board of Indian River County and LegalShield based on the award of Request for Proposal (RFP) #08-0-2018/JC for Legal Services Plan – Dr. Rendell

On May 22, 2018, the School Board, under Action Agenda item “S”, approved the award of RFP #08-0-2018/JC to LegalShield for the provision of legal services and an identity theft plan to offer to active SDIRC employees as a benefit option in their benefit program. Legal services and identity theft plan benefits are to be provided under a fully-insured arrangement. SDIRC employees pay the entire cost of the program. The award was not made on the basis of price alone, but to the proposer whose submission contained the most advantageous combination of price qualifications, experience, references and work capacity. The attached agreement spells out the terms and conditions between both entities for the provision of these services. Superintendent recommends approval.

Moved to Action

F. Approval of contract agreement between the School Board of Indian River County and Metlife based on the award of Request for Proposal (RFP) #11-0-2018/JC for Group Critical Illness, Cancer and Accident and Sickness Plans – Dr. Rendell

On May 22, 2018, the School Board, under Action Agenda item “Q”, approved the award of RFP #11-0-2018/JC to Metlife for the provision of Group Critical Illness, Cancer and Accident and Sickness plans to offer to active SDIRC employees. Active SDIRC employees are currently offered Critical Illness, Cancer and Accident and Sickness plans as benefit options in their benefit program. Critical Illness, Cancer and Accident and Sickness plan benefits are to be provided under a fully-insured arrangement. SDIRC employees pay the entire cost of the program. The award was not made on the basis of price alone, but to the proposer whose submission contains the most advantageous combination of price qualifications, experience, references and work capacity. The attached agreement spells out the terms and conditions between both entities for the provision of these services. Superintendent recommends approval.

G. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property – Mr. Teske

This request is for approval to dispose of surplus property in accordance with Florida Statutes 274.05 and 274.06. The attached lists represent property to be deleted from various inventories and/or for items that have been declared surplus. After Board approval, property will be recycled and/or auctioned. Superintendent recommends approval.

Moved to Action

H. Approval of the State’s Uniform Assessment Calendar– Mrs. Dampier

Attached is the Florida Department of Education’s Uniform Assessment Calendar for the 2018-19 school year. The schedule includes both state mandated assessments and district required assessments that are used as diagnostic and progress monitoring tools. Florida Statute 1008.22 requires this calendar of assessments be approved by the local School Board and be submitted to the Department of Education by October 1. Superintendent recommends approval.

I. Approval of Superintendent’s Goals for 2018-2019 – Chairman Frost

On August 28, 2018, the Board discussed the Superintendent’s Goals for 2018-2019 during the 1:00 p.m. workshop. Attached are those Goals for the Board’s approval. Chairman recommends approval.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

Chairman Frost recognized Mr. Searcy on Consent A - Approval of Renewal Agreement with Environmental Learning Center 2018-2019, being moved to Action. Mr. Searcy had a couple of questions with regards to wording in the agreement. Ms. Clark, Ms. Mercado, and Mrs. D’Agresta answered all of Mr. Searcy’s Questions. Chairman Frost call for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

Chairman Frost recognized Mr. Searcy on Consent C - Approval of Request to Write-off Uncollectible Checks to the District, being moved to Action. Mr. Searcy had a question on Page 1 of 2. All questions were answered. Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

Chairman Frost recognized Mr. Searcy on Consent F - Approval of contract agreement between the School Board of Indian River County and Metlife based on the award of Request for Proposal (RFP) #11-0-2018/JC for Group Critical Illness, Cancer and Accident and Sickness Plans. Mr. Searcy asked for the Certificate of Insurance. Dr. Rendell called Meri-De Mercado to the podium to speak regarding this matter. Ms. Mercado stated that the Certificate of Insurance was forth coming from the Vendor. Mrs. Simchick asked when does the benefit start. Ms. Mercado replied 10/1/2018. Mrs. Justice moved to postpone

this item until the 9/25/2018 Business Meeting. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

Chairman Frost recognized Mrs. Zorc on Consent H – Approval of the State’s Uniform Assessment Calendar. Mrs. Zorc expressed her concerns about the State’s Uniform Assessment Calendar. There was discussion with all Board Members along with Mrs. Dampier and Ms. Liz Cannon. Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried, with a 4-1 vote. Mrs. Zorc voting Nay.

A. Approval for Agreement with Advanced Medical Personnel Services, Inc. - 2018-019 School Year – Mrs. Dampier

Attached is a copy of the Advanced Medical Personnel Services, Inc. agreement for the 2018-2019 school year. The agreement allows for services to be provided to meet the needs of ESE students in the area of Speech and Language, Physical Therapy, and/or Occupational Therapy during their regular academic day per students’ individual IEPs. The ESE Department anticipates approximately \$100,000.00 for one contracted SLP to cover an open position as well as one PT to cover services of the open position for a Physical Therapist. Superintendent Recommends Approval.

Chairman Frost Recognized Dr. Rendell to read the notice. Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. There was a brief discussion.

B. Approval to Issue Purchase Order(s) / Spend authority to Various Vendors for Recurring Expenditures - Mr. Teske

Pursuant to School Board Policy 6320, the Superintendent’s authority is limited to purchase commodities and/or contractual services where the total amount does not exceed \$50,000 and does not exceed the applicable appropriation in the District Budget. Since daily operations sometimes require the perpetual issuance of purchase orders that may result in single purchase orders that exceeds \$50,000, the Purchasing Department is requesting that the Board grant authority to the Superintendent to issue purchase orders that are necessary in the normal course of operations during fiscal year 2019. The vendors on the attached list are companies and/or firms that the District will procure commodities and/or contractual services from during fiscal year 2019 that are either formal bid exempt or are in accordance with a properly awarded public bid or term contract. These purchases will be recurring in nature for fiscal year 2019 and not having the authority to release these purchase orders could result in delayed service delivery to students. This list represents recurring purchases from vendors who provide products and services that are mission essential and/or relate to safety and welfare to students and staff and are included in the appropriate budgets. All other purchase requests that exceed \$50,000.00 will be presented to the

Board on an as needed basis. Staff will present quarterly reports of purchase orders issued in accordance with this agenda item. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Frost recognized Dr. Rendell to read the notice. Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried, with a 4-1 vote. Mr. Searcy voted Nay. There was a brief discussion on this.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Rendell

Nothing to report.

IX. DISCUSSION

No discussion items

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Mrs. Justice spoke about the Early Bird Opening with Dodgertown Elementary School and the United Way, Day of Caring, Executive Round Table and the framed Art from the Superintendent's Art Gallery, pet gifts from Wabasso School.

Mrs. Simchick thanked everyone in the District for the education her son and all of the other students are and have received. Feeling secure with the SRO agreements in place, along with thanking the Audit Committee for their commitment and the community for all of their support to the District.

Mr. Searcy wanted to public to know that the Board all does work together and we should treat all with respect.

Mrs. Zorc commented on what a great day the Day of Caring was, the School Health Advisory and the number of people that have enrolled. She asked Dr. Martinez to speak on this. Mrs. Zorc also echoed thanks to the Audit Committee.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

No information items

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING – Dr. Rendell

Dr. Rendell wanted to echo on many of the things the Board Members covered, along with teachers coming to training on a Saturday. He shared information on the Mental Health Workshop, thanked the Audit Committee for all of their hard work, Day of Caring, and what a successful day it was across the county.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Frost

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.