

The District School Board of Indian River County met on September 25, 2017, 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, and Board Members: Dale Simchick, Laura Zorc, and Tiffany M. Justice. Vice Chairman Charles G. Searcy, was absent. 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 Nate Swearingen, from First Church of God.

Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Frost at 6:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY Sebastian River High School’s Navy Junior ROTC under the Direction of (Lieutenant Commander) LCDR James Landis, USN (Retired) and (Master Sergeant) MSgt. Michael Hussey USMC (Retired).
- 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. With no requests to move anything, Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
Chairman Frost recognized Dr. Rendell for the Presentations. Dr. Rendell prefaced the Presentations by expressing how exciting it was to see such an amazing turn out and there were many things to be celebrated. He then turned the Presentations over to Cristen Maddux.
 - A. Osceola Magnet School**
The performance from Osceola Magnet School was called the Celebration in Osceola. They performed a couple of tunes and photos were taken.
 - B. Short Video on School Initiatives**
There were two videos shown. They were on the Early Bird Classroom Ribbon Cutting and the United Way Day of Caring.
 - C. Casual for a Cause – United Way**
A check was presented in the amount of \$5017 to the United Way. Photos were taken with the Board and Dr. Rendell.

D. FSA Perfect Scores, Primary – Chris Taylor

Certificates were presented to Elementary Students and High School Students. A photo was taken with the Board and Dr. Rendell

ADD ONS:

E. Attendance Awareness Awards

Certificates were presented to the students and a photo was taken with the Board and Dr. Rendell

F. Proclamation – National Disability History and Awareness Month

Heather Clark came to the podium and introduced Derrick Davey who read the Proclamation. Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, with a 4-0 vote. A photo was taken.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

Liz Remington – Learning Alliance/School District Partnership
Liz Cannon – Equity Report

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell

1. 2018/08/28 Superintendent’s Workshop Minutes
2. 2018/09/06 Special Meeting for Adoption of Final Budget Amendments, Annual Financial Cost Report, and Public Hearing on Adoption of 2018-2019 Budget and Millage Rates Minutes
3. 2018/09/11 Superintendent’s Workshop Minutes

ADD ON:

4. 2018/09/11 Business Meeting Minutes

ADD ON 9/25/19:

5. 2018-08/28 Business Meeting Minutes
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.

- C. Approval of CareerSource Research Coast Lease Agreement - Mrs. Dampier**
Approval of CareerSource Research Coast Lease Agreement -with School District of Indian River to lease classroom space at Treasure Coast Technical College for the Youth Connections program. This lease agreement will provide one classroom 2-201, for two employees of CareerSource to occupy and meet with clients of the program. This lease agreement generates \$800 per month rent for the use of the facility. This agreement and Certificate of Insurance has been reviewed and approved by Risk Management. Superintendent recommends approval.
- D. Approval of Donations – Dr. Rendell**
1. Sebastian River High School received a donation in the amount of \$1,500 from the Florida Eye Institute. The funds will be used to purchase banners, signs, decals, student tee shirts, stickers, spirit items and pins for students; for the 25th Anniversary of Sebastian River High School.
 2. Beachland Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$12,227.12 and \$2,850 from the Beachland Elementary PTA. The funds will be used to purchase a mobile cart with 24 laptops and start-up funding for the Beachland Elementary School classrooms.
 3. Osceola Magnet School received a donation in the amount of \$6,000 from the Walter S. Johnson Foundation. The funds will go towards the Osceola Magnet School Internal Account fund for teacher support. Superintendent recommends approval.
- E. Approval of Renewed Collaborative Agreement with Economic Opportunity Council of Indian River/Okeechobee Counties Head Start - Mrs. Dampier**
Economic Opportunity Council of Indian River/Okeechobee Counties Head Start provides services for students with disabilities ages 3 to 5 in the local Indian River Head Start programs. Referral services for these students are provided by the school district and Project Child Find. Renewal Contract is for the 2018-2019 school year. Certificate of Liability Insurance has been approved by Risk Management. This is an ongoing renewal contract with no additional cost to the District. Superintendent recommends approval.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Public Hearing for Revision to Code of Student Conduct Handbook, Effective for 2018-2019 School Year – Mrs. Dampier

The Code of Student Conduct Handbook was developed in compliance with School Board Policy 5500, Student Conduct, under Chapter 120 F.S. At the August 14, 2018, business meeting, The District School Board adopted the public hearing date to revise gang-related activity definition, as per Florida Statute 874.03 is attached. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Frost asked the Superintendent if the Public Hearing was properly advertised in accordance with State Statutes. Dr. Rendell confirmed the meeting was properly advertised. The Chairman recessed the meeting to conduct the Public Hearing. Chairman Frost announced the Public Hearing was in session. He asked if there were any written responses to be read. Dr. Rendell said there were not. The public was invited to address this issue. No one spoke.

Hearing no requests to speak, Chairman Frost announced that the Public Hearing was conducted pursuant the notice and that ample opportunity to address this issue was provided to all. The Board Meeting reconvened. Chairman Frost then called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

B. Approval of Hearing Officers for the 2018-19 Instructional Materials Adoption – Mrs. Dampier

School Board Policy 2520 requires the School Board to annually select the hearing officers from a list of candidates provided by the superintendent. The two attorneys listed below currently volunteer their services as student expulsion hearing officers for the School Board, and have also agreed to volunteer their services as instructional material hearing officers, if needed. The hearing officers will conduct a public hearing on all petitions filed and submit a recommendation to the School Board.

Barry G. Segal of Barry G. Segal, P.A., and Jeffrey P. Battista of Menz and Battista. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Frost recognized Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell read the information. Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

C. Approval of Charter School Contract with Somerset Academy, Inc. – Mrs. Dampier

On February 1, 2018, Somerset Academy Inc. applied to open a new charter school, Somerset Academy West Vero in Indian River County in August 2019. Per Florida Statute 1002.33 and School Board Policy 9800, the Charter School Application Review Committee conducted a program review of the application. The application was approved by the School Board on May 22nd, 2018. The term of the contract is five years starting on July 1, 2019 and expiring on June 30, 2024. Somerset Academy West Vero's Application, can be viewed at: <https://www.indianriverschools.org/images/school-board/2017-2018-Meetings/Agendas/2018-05-22-Business-Meeting-Agenda-Attachment-K.pdf>.

The application is also available in the School Board office. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Frost recognized Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell read the information. Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Zorc moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote. Ms. Erica Raines from Somerset Academy was asked to come to the podium to say a few words.

D. Approval of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program for the 2019-2023 Fiscal Years – Mr. Teske

Approval is recommended for the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years 2019-2023. This is the final version of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, which was reviewed at the Board Workshop held on April 24, 2018. Included in the packet for approval is the Capital Project Revenues and Other Financing Sources Projections for the Fiscal Years 2019-2023, the 2019-2023 Planning Document, the Summary of the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2019-2023 and the detailed Project Pages. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Frost recognized Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell read the information. Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Zorc moved approval. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote. There were a couple of questions directed to Mr. Teske. He answered all of the Boards questions.

E. Approval of the 2018-2019 5-Year District Facilities Work Plan – Mr. Teske

Approval is recommended for the 2018-2019, 5-Year District Facilities Work Plan for the School District of Indian River County. The financial information contained in the Work Plan is based on the 2019-2023 District's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (as detailed in the previous agenda item). In addition, the Work Plan contains information from the Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH), the Educational Plant Survey, and the Florida Department of Education Cohort Projections, with the information from these sources being effective as of July 1, 2018. The 2018-2019 5-Year District Facilities Work Plan is a requirement of Florida Department of Education and is due on October 1, 2018, as per State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) Section 3.1(4). Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Frost recognized Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell read the information. Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

F. Approval of Appointment of Two (2) Employees to the Equity Committee – Chairman Frost

The recently approved Joint Plan for the Achievement of Unitary Status includes the creation of an Equity Committee which reports to the School Board on such matters as monitoring and documenting compliance with components of the Joint Plan, and making recommendations regarding progress in attaining unitary status. The Equity Committee is composed of five (5) members, two (2) of which are appointed by and currently employed by the School Board. The School Board is required to appoint its members within thirty (30) days of the Court's approval of the Joint Plan, or no later than October 13, 2018. All Equity Committee members serve in a voluntary capacity for renewable terms of one (1) year, and must be residents of Indian River County. The Equity Committee meets on a quarterly basis, is required to present a public report to the School Board by the first Monday in November each year, and is required to convene a public meeting with the School Board and the Executive Committee of the Indian River NAACP on an annual basis. Board members will discuss possible appointees and vote on the appointments.

Chairman Frost read the information. The Board Members discussed how they wanted to proceed with choosing two volunteers. The Board recommended for Dr. Rendell to send out an application to the District Staff, this is the one similar to the one used for the Organization Meeting. Dr. Rendell acknowledged. The applications would be reviewed prior to the next business meeting scheduled for October 9, 2018. A decision would be made at that time as to the two volunteers that would represent the School District. Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved to direct the Superintendent to notify and provide the District Staff with an application that would be reviewed at the

October 9, 2018 Business Meeting. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

ADD ON:

G. 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.

Chairman Frost recognized Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell read the information. Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

VIII SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Rendell commented on the turn out for the meeting and discussed the forth coming awards as well.

IX DISCUSSION

No discussion items

X SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Each of the Board Members took this time to talk about some of the things that have gone on throughout the District. Such as Dads, Take Your Child to School Day, FSA Perfect Scores and the parent participation in this as well as the teachers, a packet that came from Vero Beach Elementary School that was from the Kindness Ninjas, and an addition act of kindness done for a family in need.

XI INFORMATION AGENDA

No information items

XII SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

Nothing at this time.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Frost

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:56 p.m.