

The Indian River County District School Board met on Thursday, August 25, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. The information session was held in the Teacher Education Center located at the Central Administrative Offices, 1990 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. School Board Members attending were: Chairman Matthew McCain, Vice Chairman Carol Johnson, and Board Members: Karen Disney-Brombach, Claudia Jiménez, and Jeffrey Pegler. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools, was also present.

Annual Legislative Summit Information Session

- I. Called Session to Order – Chairman McCain
- II. Welcome and Introductions – Chairman McCain
Members of Local Legislative Delegation in attendance were:
Carrie Lira, Legislative Assistant to State Senator Joe Negron
State Senator Mike Haridopolos (Senate President)
State House Representative Tom Goodson
 Amy Gregory, Legislative Aide
 Karen Orth Legislative Aide
State House Representative Debbie Mayfield
 Dustin Paulson, Legislative Assistant
David Jackson, Community Relations Director for US Congressman Bill Posey
- III. Purpose of the Session – Dr. Adams
Dr. Adams stated that Mrs. Disney-Brombach, the Board's Legislative Liaison, spearheaded the event. She turned the discussion over to Mrs. Disney-Brombach.
- IV. Presentations – Mrs. Disney-Brombach
Mrs. Disney-Brombach said that the District School Board wanted the Representatives to have us in mind as they made their decisions in Tallahassee. Mrs. Disney-Brombach announced that they would begin with a video presentation from Dr. Adams on the District's positive accomplishments.

Mr. Morrison gave a brief history of the financial position of the District starting with 2008. He also reviewed projections, reserves, TANS, \$36 million cut, 300 positions eliminated, and still kept cuts away from the classrooms. Mr. Morrison said that no stone was left unturned. He said that going into the next Legislative Session, the District was down to bare bones.

Mrs. Johnson gave a report on the District's fine arts programs. Mrs. Jiménez reported on the increased usage of technology. Mr. Pegler mentioned the new leadership of the District and the repurposing of J. A. Thompson Elementary School into the J. A. Thompson Life Long Learning Center. Chairman McCain elaborated on the Career and Technical Programs. Dr. Adams talked about a number of successful student programs. Mrs. Disney-Brombach focused back that student learning was the District's goal.

V. District School Board's 2012 Legislative Priorities – Mrs. Disney-Brombach
Mrs. Disney-Brombach touched on some points included in the 2012 Legislative Priorities Brochure; such as, Capital Outlay & School Construction and College Readiness.

VI. Open Discussion between District School Board and Local Legislative Delegation Members

Representative Goodson asked the Board to help him by prioritizing the Legislative Priorities in the order of importance. Mrs. Disney-Brombach distributed a list of Unfunded Mandates. Dr. Adams asked Legislators to hold off on any new mandates and to give the Districts flexibility during a time when Districts had less money. Mrs. Johnson asked Legislators to re-focus on the achievers. Ms. Jiménez reminded them about children who do not come to school prepared to learn. She said that the mandates equated to \$14 million in underfunded dollars to Indian River County School District. Representative Mayfield asked the Board to prioritize the mandates and to tell them what would happen if the mandate was eliminated. She asked the Board for advice in streamlining the Pre-kindergarten State funds. Representative Mayfield also asked whether the Board thought Adult Education funding should stay at the State college level.

Mr. Pegler talked about unpaid leave for serious offenders. Representative Goodson asked about the cost of fingerprinting per year. Representative Mayfield asked why A/P Program students were dual enrolled. She also wanted to know how many students were dual enrolled and what the overlap was.

State Senator Mike Haridopolos said, in closing, that he was pleased that Florida education was going into the top ten in the Nation. He stated that when the dollars come back, education was where the money would come back to. Representative Mayfield asked that the Board contact the Legislative Delegation when something comes up or was about to come up so that they could hear the other side.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman McCain

With no further items, the information session adjourned at approximately 10:44 a.m.

Note: Information Sessions are not televised or audio taped. Minutes will be taken.