

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. The discussion 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, and Board Members: Karen Disney-Brombach, Claudia Jiménez, and Jeffrey Pegler. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools, and School Board Attorney Suzanne D'Agresta were also present. Vice Chairman, Carol Johnson, was not present.

### **Round Table Discussion**

- I. Chairman McCain opened the discussion.
- II. Items Placed on Agenda by Board Members – Chairman McCain
  - A. Mr. Pegler**
    1. Mr. Pegler asked what recourse the District had in regard to St. Peter's Charter School. Dr. Adams said that these were issues that the District had been handling for a while.
    2. Mr. Pegler asked what the Land Use Acquisition Committee suggested at their meeting regarding Administrative space options. Mr. Morrison reported their request for a realistic square foot need and moving Information Technology equipment once to a permanent structure.
  - B. Chairman McCain**

No items.
  - C. Mrs. Johnson**

Not present.
  - D. Mrs. Disney-Brombach**
    1. Mrs. Disney-Brombach asked Board Members if they had any questions in regard to the Legislative Platforms. She also asked Board Members if there was any interest in speaking at the upcoming Legislative Session at the County Commission Chambers.
    2. Mrs. Disney-Brombach also spoke in regard to information requested by the Local Legislative Delegation at the Summit. Mr. Morrison said that he would prepare the information requested in regard to fingerprinting costs. Mrs. Disney-Brombach asked Dr. Adams to prepare a statement in support of keeping dollars for Adult Education class funding and in regard to pre-kindergarten class funding. Board Members agreed on the following prioritization of the Board's Legislative Priorities: 1. Adequate Funding; 2. Class Size; and 3. 0.25 Critical Operating Needs Millage. Mrs. Disney-Brombach stated that she would prepare packets to be sent to the Delegates and that the prioritized list would be presented at the September 28 meeting at the Commission Chambers.
    3. Mrs. Disney-Brombach stated that, with Board backing, she would attend the League of Cities Meeting to represent School Districts' support of "Keeping it Local Campaign".

**E. Ms. Jiménez**

1. Ms. Jiménez asked for an update in regard to legal fees and training for public records requests. Board Members agreed that it was time to start working on this subject now that Mrs. D'Agresta, Mrs. Lannon, and Dr. Adams were on board.
2. Ms. Jiménez asked about virtual acceleration classes. Dr. Adams gave an update.
3. Ms. Jiménez asked if a Board Member would be willing to fill in for her at the next School Health Advisory Committee meeting.

III. Items Place on Discussion by Superintendent – Dr. Adams

**A. FEMA Report**

Mr. Morrison went over the status of projects currently in the closeout process with FEMA and the State of Florida's Division of Emergency Management. Currently there was an outstanding balance of \$2.6 million from FEMA and \$136,000 balance from the State of Florida for a total receivable balance of \$2.7 million. Mr. Morrison explained the issue of back-to-back storms and additional ADA requirements added to the repair work. In hindsight, Mr. Morrison said that it would have been prudent to hire an accountant from the beginning to handle the paperwork and accounting.

**B. Smoking Policy "Draft"**

Ms. Roberts read Senate Bill #1430, Florida Statutes, Section I of 386.209. Ms. Roberts also talked about current School Board Policies #9.07(C) and #10.04. She presented, for consideration, a copy of St. Lucie's Policy #2.90 "All uses of tobacco products in any form are prohibited in any District-owned facility or property, vehicle or at District-sponsored events". Ms. Roberts stated that it must go to both Unions because it affected working conditions. She said that there needed to be a transition period and they needed to make sure it worked for everyone. In partnership with the Indian River County Health Department, smoking cessation classes were currently being offered at no cost for employees. Conversations needed to begin with the Unions in order to move forward.

IV. District School Board Committee Reports – Chairman McCain

Mrs. Disney-Brombach had several legislative items to report; such as, Unfunded and Underfunded Mandates List, forecast for education in Florida, anticipated State surplus, use of drug dogs, Bright House internet offer, and creation of a Budget Committee.

Ms. Jiménez gave a School Health Advisory Committee report.

Dr. Adams announced that she would be in Tampa for FADSS meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman McCain

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:43 p.m.