

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at 9:00 a.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, Vice Chairman Carol Johnson, 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.

Round Table Discussion

I. Discussion was called to order by Chairman McCain

II. Items Placed on Agenda by Board Members – Chairman McCain

A. Mrs. Johnson

1. Osceola Magnet School – Mrs. Johnson talked about the school's flooding issues caused from the recent rain. She noted that everyone was focused on solving the problem. Dr. Adams reported that students were back in their classrooms today. Board Members discussed the Pointe West property negotiations in regard to rebuilding Osceola Magnet School to avoid disrupting classroom time and the expense that would result from any further incidences. Dr. Adams stated that she was waiting to hear back from Pointe West regarding the School District's contract offer. The Board agreed to hold a workshop on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, to review all options for the location of the school. Chuck Mechling, President of Pointe West Community, said that he would like to meet with the Superintendent before the workshop.
2. Mrs. D'Agresta confirmed for Mrs. Johnson that the Board must hold its Organization Meeting on the third Tuesday, after the first Monday in November.

B. Mrs. Disney-Brombach

Mrs. Disney-Brombach stated that her items would be addressed under Reports.

C. Ms. Jiménez

1. Policy Updates – Ms. Jiménez talked about the direction the Board gave the Superintendent in regard to preparing the policy changes. Dr. Adams said that the Board Attorney, Mrs. D'Agresta, was pulling information together regarding legislative action that went into effect July 1, 2011. She said that District staff did not have an opportunity to work on the policy revisions due to their current work load.

D. Mr. Pegler

1. RFP for Legal Services – Mr. Pegler passed out a sample from another School District. Mr. Chuma recommended that the RFP be ready to go out in November. He said that the proposals would be opened in December to prepare for the Board to short list the proposals, with interviews in January. After talking about the process, the Board agreed

to send their suggestions for the RFP language to Mr. Chuma. Mr. Chuma and Mr. Pegler would work together to create the final RFP document.

E. Chairman McCain

1. Chairman McCain asked Board Members if they had any comments or changes for the “draft” Agenda for the Organization Meeting. Ms. Jiménez noted that because of the change in the meeting date on the Board’s Calendar, she would attend via cell phone. However, she wanted the Board to know that she was interested in the Vice Chairman position and that she would be happy to continue the same committee appointments as last year. Ms. Jiménez also noted that she would be willing to relieve Mr. Pegler from some of his commitments; i.e., Metropolitan Planning Committee, if that would help. Board Members discussed the various County Committee attendance requirements.

III. Items Placed on Agenda by Superintendent – Dr. Adams

A. Discussion of District School Board Policies

Dr. Adams presented the following policy changes for consideration:

McKay scholarships, under §1002.39 F.S., was for students with disabilities classified as 504 accommodation plan with a duration of more than six months. Dr. Adams said that this would be addressed in the Student Handbook and a process would be put into place for parent notification.

School Board Members receiving gifts, under §1001.421 F.S., was a new statutory provision that prohibited a School Board Member or their relatives from directly or indirectly soliciting or accepting any gift in excess of \$50.00 from “any person, vendor, potential vendor, or other entity doing business with the School District”. Board Members were to let Mrs. D’Agresta know if they wanted to put this into Board policy.

Board policies 3.04, 3.07, 3.14, and 3.40, resulting from changes to §1012.33 and §1012.335 F.S., would require revisions to the instructional union collective bargaining agreement. The District negotiation team would address this before the policy revisions were adopted.

Board policy 6.14, under §1006.15 F.S., was in regard to a revision to student participation in interscholastic/intrascholastic sports to transform a previous pilot program into a statewide mandate. This revision would be placed on the next Agenda to set the public hearing date for adoption.

Board policy 10.10 Inspections, under §1013.12 F.S., was in regard to annual fire safety inspections of School Board facilities as well as charter school facilities. This revision would be placed on the next Agenda to set the public hearing date for adoption.

Dr. Adams reported that the Smoking Policy was brought to the table with the Unions.

- IV. Board Committee Reports – Chairman McCain
Mrs. Disney-Brombach reported on her meetings with the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments and the Treasure Coast Work Group. She asked to have Mrs. Shaw do a presentation on career and technical programs in Indian River County.
- V. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman McCain

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:58 a.m.