

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. The workshop 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.

### **Osceola Magnet School Relocation Workshop**

- I. Workshop was called to order by Chairman Matthew McCain.
- II. Purpose of the Workshop – Dr. Adams  
Dr. Adams stated that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss viable options for the relocation of Osceola Magnet School. Dr. Adams said that the flooding issue was a major issue for prioritizing the relocation. The parameters that the Superintendent's Leadership Committee considered were optimizing student station capacity, district-wide; that would include elementary school redistricting and consideration of school concurrency requirements. They also included, as a parameter, maximizing fiscal resources. Three relocation options were:  
Option A – Point West – Build a new school – open August 2013  
Option B – Waterway Village – Build a new school - open August 2013  
Option C – Dodgertown Elementary – Move entire Osceola Magnet School and Staff to Dodgertown and redistrict students – open August 2012 or 2013
- III. Presentation- Dr. Adams  
Dr. Adams talked about current enrollment figures and available student stations throughout the District. Mr. Morrison presented an analysis of Option costs. The bottom line costs were:  
Option A - \$20,267,000.00 - figure includes \$267,000 for required retainage  
Option B - \$20,000,000.00  
Option C - \$10,500,000.00 - figure includes cost for Wings for Treasure Coast and Citrus Elementary Schools  
  
**Next Steps:**  
Dr. Adams recommended that the Board do a site visit to Dodgertown Elementary School. She said that she was prepared to bring a recommendation to the Board on December 13, 2011.
- IV. Questions – Chairman McCain  
Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Morrison stated that the yearly savings to the District with Option C would be approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000 due to the reduction in Core Staffing because there would

be a total reduction of one school. Other savings would be in the areas of utilities, building maintenance, etc.

Dr. Adams noted that Fellsmere Elementary School was currently bringing the school up to 768 student stations. Dr. Adams explained that redistricting would have to be done no matter where the school was located due to the increase of 200 student stations for Osceola. She said that they could bring preliminary zones in January. Dr. Adams said that the District was not currently maximizing available, elementary level, student stations. She stated that moving Osceola Magnet School to Dodgertown Elementary School would maximize and stabilize the school. Dr. Adams explained that teachers at Dodgertown would relocate to schools where students would be attending. It was noted that PE, Art, and Music were part of Core Staffing. One concern was putting money into another aging school. Dr. Adams reviewed the upgrades that were made that included a new cafeteria for 768 student stations. Dr. Adams said that moving the entire school, with current staff, would ensure the continued success of Osceola Magnet School. Dr. Adams noted that Dodgertown Elementary was located close to Gifford Middle School, which was the feeder school for Osceola Magnet students. Mr. Morrison said that he was confident that the State would approve the move.

Mrs. D'Albora stated that Waterway Village property was free and clear of any stipulations by the homeowners. Mrs. Olson said that the Waterway Village site was ready to go. She said that the lot was already filled and seeded and that the St. John's Water District already deeded retention for the site. She said that the only change that may be recommended would be an additional turning lane.

Dr. Adams reported that the District had reached an agreement with Pointe West that included the payment of \$267,000 for additional required retention property. A suggestion was made that Dodgertown Elementary School be used for the District Central Offices because of its central location. Mrs. D'Agresta stated that the timeline to utilize the property option at Pointe West was 2014. Another concern was if moving Osceola to Dodgertown would end up being a short-term solution. It was mentioned that saving \$9 million dollars now would be funds that could be used for a sorely-needed District Office building.

**Closing:**

Dr. Adams said that she would honor the decision of the Board. She asked Board Members to take the opportunity to visit Dodgertown. Dr. Adams said that she would bring a recommendation to the Board for the December 13 business meeting. Dr. Adams, in answering a question, said that the enrollment at Dodgertown was anticipated to continue to go down.

V. Adjournment – Chairman McCain

With no further discussion, the workshop adjourned at approximately 12:14 p.m.