

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. The business meeting was held in the Indian River County Commission Chambers located at 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. School Board Members attending were: Chairman Jeff Pegler, Vice Chairman Carol Johnson, and Board Members: Matthew McCain, Karen Disney-Brombach, and Claudia Jiménez. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools, and School Board Attorney Suzanne D'Agresta were also present.

Location:

Indian River County Commission Chambers

Room: Administration Building A, 1st Floor

Address: 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Business Meeting

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Pegler.
- II. Invocation was given by Rabbi Michael Birnholtz, Temple Beth Shalom
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS
BY: Vero Beach High School's Air Force Junior ROTC under the direction of Wade E. Dues, USAF Chief Master Sergeant (Ret)
- IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Mrs. Johnson moved approval of the Orders of the Day, removing Action H. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- V. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. **2012 School Related Employees of the Year, Five Finalists, and Announcement of Indian River County School District Winner! – Mrs. Lannon**

Mrs. Lannon stated that this was a tribute to those employees who contributed so much to the School District. The finalists were:
Wendy Gardiner, Employee Benefits and Risk Management Specialist
Carol Gollnick, Administrative Assistant at Dodgertown Elementary
Sandra Groody, Health Assistant at Vero Beach High School
Tommy Harrington, School Resource Officer at Storm Grove Middle School
Nora Whitney, Teacher Assistant at Glendale Elementary School

Dr. Adams and Chairman Pegler, with Board Members, congratulated Sandra Groody as the Indian River County's 2012 School Related Employee of the Year!

VI. CITIZEN INPUT

Laura Wolf requested to speak on Osceola Magnet School relocation.
Jimmy Smith requested to speak on Osceola.
Andiea Capas requested to speak on Osceola Magnet.
Roxanne Zoffer requested to speak on Osceola moving.
Tom Tierney requested to speak on Osceola Magnet.
Diane Parentela requested to speak on Osceola Magnet.
Kim Rahal requested to speak on Osceola.
Jessica Hawkins requested to speak on Osceola Magnet School.
Scott Oberlink requested to speak on Osceola.
Michele Livingston requested to speak on increased bus service availability.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Adams

1. Regular Business Meeting held 12/13/2011
 2. Information Session held 1/3/2011
 3. Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument Discussion held 1/10/2012
- Superintendent recommended approval.

B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Mrs. Lannon

Attached was a list of personnel recommendations, which included personnel additions, terminations, and/or changes. Superintendent recommended approval.

C. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property – Mr. Morrison

This request was for approval to dispose of surplus property in accordance with Florida Statutes 274.05 and 274.06. The attached lists represented property to be deleted from various inventories and/or for items that have been declared surplus. After Board approval, property would be recycled and/or auctioned. In addition, the attached lists represented property records that were recorded for building materials and improvements for the old Maintenance/Warehouse, Transportation, and Facilities Buildings. These departments have been moved to the new Support Service Complex and the old buildings would be demolished as per the existing construction contracts. The request was to have these records deleted from the Fixed Asset Ledger. Superintendent recommended approval.

D. Approval of Donations – Mr. Morrison

1. Sebastian River High School received a donation in the amount of \$6,000 from the Sebastian River High School Band Boosters. The funds would be utilized for travel, supplies, equipment, uniforms, and music for the chorus program. Sebastian River High School also received a donation in the amount of \$2,250 from Rita Kearns. The funds would be used for travel, supplies, equipment, and Pay to Participate for Sebastian River High School boys' lacrosse team. In addition, Sebastian River High School received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Indian River

Tennis Foundation. The funds would be used for travel, supplies, and equipment for the boys' and girls' tennis teams.

2. Liberty Magnet School received a donation in the amount \$2,247 from Liberty Magnet School PTA. The funds would be utilized for FASTT Math Program at Liberty Magnet School.

Superintendent recommended approval.

E. Approval to Increase Hourly Rates for Certain Student Workers Effective January 1, 2012 - Mr. Morrison

Board approved Salary Schedules, as required by Florida Statutes 1011.60(3)(f), currently reflected a minimum wage rate of pay for all student workers. It was recommended that this language be amended to reflect differing hourly rates for certain classifications of student workers at the Performing Arts Center located at both traditional District high schools according to the attached schedule. All costs incurred were to be funded from the school's internal accounts. Superintendent recommended approval.

F. Approval of Budget Amendment – Mr. Morrison

This request was for approval of the following budget amendment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012:

Amendment #1 – August through November

Superintendent recommended approval.

G. Approval of Skate Factory of Vero Transportation Agreement Renewal – Mrs. D'Albora

Extended Day Program requested approval of the renewal of the Transportation Service Agreement between the School District and Skate Factory of Vero. This agreement was effective February 1, 2012, through January 31, 2013. Superintendent recommended approval.

H. Approval of Out-of-Field Teachers Report – Mrs. Lannon

Approval was recommended for the attached Out-of-Field Teachers Report for the second semester. The Report included teachers who were out-of-field for course work, not Highly Qualified; as well as teachers who were out-of-field or out of compliance for ESOL. It was required that the Report be approved by the District School Board prior to the FTE Survey period in February. A copy of the Report was available prior to the meeting. Superintendent recommended approval.

VIII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval of Osceola Magnet School Relocation – Dr. Adams

Ongoing flooding issues and a Castaldi report conducted in 2006 caused the District to look at further options for Osceola Magnet School. Using the parameters of optimizing current student station capacity and maximizing fiscal resources in this time of fiscal crisis, it was recommended that Osceola Magnet School be relocated to the Thompson Lifelong Learning Center site. Superintendent recommended approval.

Citizen Input:

Walter Geiger requested to speak on the budget.

Chuck Mechling requested to speak on Action A.

Harry Hurst requested to speak on Action A.

Cyndi Fields requested to speak on Action A.

Pam Corrie requested to speak on Osceola Magnet School.

Bill Schutt requested to speak on Action A.

David Fisher requested to speak on Action A.

Dr. Adams presented the same information as was presented to the Osceola Magnet School parents and staff. Her presentation included the current economic situation, declining enrollment, available student seats, available elementary school (Thompson), Dodgertown option, student demographics, magnet school choice, flooding at Osceola, Castaldi Study by Florida Department of Education, J. A. Thompson facility's current condition/potential upgrades, new Principal/new location, and same staff/curriculum /students/parents. Dr. Adams urged parents to keep the same Osceola family that they have today. She asked teachers to make the transition to the new location, first, before going anywhere.

Mr. McCain moved approval of the Superintendent's recommendation that Osceola Magnet School be relocated to the J. A. Thompson Lifelong Learning Center site. Mrs. Disney-Brombach seconded the motion. Each Board Member spoke to the issue. The School Board voted 4-1 in favor of the motion. Mrs. Disney-Brombach, Ms. Jiménez, Mr. McCain, and Chairman Pegler voted in favor of the motion. Mrs. Johnson voted against the motion.

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**B. Approval of Math and Science Participation Agreement with University of Central Florida – Mrs. D'Albora**

The School District of Indian River County was pleased to partner with Dr. Larry Chew from the University of Central Florida (UCF) in the Science Understanding, Math Mentoring Integrated with Technology Grant (SUMMIT) as part of the Florida Department of Energy's Math Science Partnership. The purpose of the District's participation was to be prepared for the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS). Through this project, approximately 30 Indian River County middle school teachers would learn how to: 1) align their lessons to the science benchmarks, 2) start and be part of a Lesson Study Team, and 3) use Inquiry Instruction and write inquiry lessons. District participation would include teacher attendance at a four-day, training event; professional development stipends; substitute teachers to cover participants' classrooms while attending partnership events; and science supplies for each participant's classroom. The workshops would be

conducted under UCF's prime award under the Project. The School District was eligible to receive \$27,544. There would be no cost to the District. All project activities were fully funded by the grant. The grant period would begin January 1, 2012, and extend through May 30, 2012. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mrs. Disney-Brombach moved approval of the Math and Science Participation Agreement with University of Central Florida. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**C. Approval to Accept Comprehensive Annual Financial Report # 2012-065 for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011 – Mr. Morrison**

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2011, has been completed. In addition, incorporated within the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report were the Financial and Federal Single Audit Reports which were completed by the Auditor General, State of Florida. This report was to be filed as part of the public records of the Board making mention of this fact in the minutes. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mrs. Johnson moved approval to accept the Comprehensive Annual financial Report #2012-065 for fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2011. Mrs. Disney-Brombach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**D. Approval to Accept Annual Operational Audit Report # 2012-036 for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011 – Mr. Morrison**

The Annual Operational Audit Report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2011, has been completed by the Auditor General, State of Florida. This report was to be filed as part of the public records of the Board making mention of this fact in the minutes. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mrs. Johnson moved approval to accept the Annual Operational Audit Report #2012-036 for fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2011. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**E. Approval of Utility Easement to Florida Power and Light for the Vero Beach Elementary Replacement Project – Mr. Morrison**

Approval was recommended for the attached assignment of an Easement for Service granted to Florida Power & Light located on the Vero Beach Elementary Replacement Project property as per attached Sketch and Description of Easement. This easement was necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of overhead and underground electric utility facilities (including wires, poles, guys, cables, conduits, and appurtenant equipment) to be installed from time to time; with the right to reconstruct, improve, add to, enlarge, and change the voltage; as well as, the size of and

remove of such facilities or any of them within an easement 10 feet in width as described in the Sketch and Description of Easement (Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B"). The backup package included a site drawing, indicating the easements previously approved, and the location of the new easement. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mrs. Disney-Brombach moved approval of the Utility Easement to Florida Power and Light for the Vero Beach Elementary Replacement Project. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**F. Approval of School Board Administrative Building Lease Renewal – Mr. Morrison**

Approval was recommended to renew the lease on the School Board Administrative Building located at 1990 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida, from Indian River County. The County agreed to renew the lease on the premises to the School Board for a term of one year commencing March 5, 2012, and terminating on March 4, 2013. This lease, costing approximately \$45,000 per annum, shall automatically renew for five (5), one (1) year terms, unless either party delivers written notice of non-renewal to the other, no later than sixty (60) days prior to expiration of the then existing term. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. McCain moved approval of the School Board Administrative Building Lease renewal. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**G. Public Hearing for Adoption of Revisions to District School Board Policy 6.14 Student Participation in Interscholastic, Extracurricular Student Activities – Dr. Adams**

On December 13, 2011, the Board moved approval to set the Public Hearing date. The purpose of the revisions was to comply with §1006.15 F.S., that transforms a pilot program into a statewide mandate. Language was added specifically for individual private school students' eligibility to participate in interscholastic or intrascholastic sports at public middle or high schools to which the student would be assigned according to attendance area policies. Changes were in line with current practice. The policy change process was followed in accordance with Florida Administrative Procedures Act, State Statutes, and District School Board Policy #1.06. Superintendent recommended approval.

**Public Hearing**

Chairman Pegler asked the Superintendent if the Public Hearing was properly advertised in accordance with State Statutes. Dr. Adams said, "Yes." Chairman Pegler recessed the meeting to conduct the Public Hearing.

Chairman Pegler announced that the Public Hearing was in session. He asked Dr. Adams if there were any written responses to be read. Dr. Adams said, "No." The public was invited to address this issue.

Hearing no requests to speak, Chairman Pegler announced that the Public Hearing was conducted pursuant to notice and that ample opportunity to address this issue was provided to all. The Board meeting was reconvened.

Mrs. Disney-Brombach moved approval to adopt the revisions to District School Board Policy 6.14 Student Participation in Interscholastic, Extracurricular Student Activities. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**H. Public Hearing for Adoption of Revisions to District School Board Policy 10.10 Inspections – Dr. Adams**

Removed from the Agenda

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Adams congratulated Sami Hashmi, a Vero Beach High School student, who was invited to apply for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Dr. Adams noted the events taking place in recognition of Literacy Week.

**X. DISCUSSION**

No discussion items

**XI. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS – Chairman Pegler**

Ms. Jiménez reported on the Curriculum Update Workshop, sneaker donations, and school rankings. She thanked teachers for all they are doing in the classrooms.

Mrs. Disney-Brombach reported on the Legislative Session.

Mrs. Johnson thanked Mrs. D'Albora and staff for their presentations at the Curriculum Update Workshop. She stated that she would like the Board's Land Use and Acquisition Committee to look at the Osceola property. Mrs. Johnson asked that a release of the Pointe West property be placed on the next Agenda.

Chairman Pegler stated that it was a privilege to work with the School Board and to be able to focus on what was good for the students.

XII. INFORMATION AGENDA

**A. Monthly Facilities Report – Mr. Morrison**

Attached was the Monthly Facilities Report.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

Dr. Adams stated that the Osceola relocation issue was tough. She appreciated all the support she received. Dr. Adams said that she would begin work tomorrow to make Osceola Magnet School comfortable.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Pegler

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.