

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 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 Jeff Pegler, Vice Chairman Carol Johnson, and Board Members: Matthew McCain, Karen Disney-Brombach, and Claudia Jiménez. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools also attended. School Board Attorney Suzanne D'Agresta was not present.

SHORTLIST PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION

- I. Called Discussion to Order – Chairman Pegler
- II. Welcome Statement and Introductions – Chairman Pegler
Chairman Pegler stated that the first discussion would be how to move forward with the selection process. He suggested starting with the general counsel position. Chairman Pegler said that he would also like to hear from Dr. Adams as she would be the one who works with the counsel.

- III. Shortlist Proposals – Chairman Pegler

General Counsel

Board Members and Superintendent were given an opportunity to speak on this position. The Board agreed that since they were interested in retaining Mrs. D'Agresta as general counsel, they would not bring anyone in for an interview for this position. Board Members directed the Chairman to renegotiate a renewal contract with the law firm of Brown, Garanese, Weiss, & D'Agresta, P.A.

Labor Law/Employment Law

Board Members and Superintendent were given an opportunity to speak on this position. Board Members directed Mr. Chuma to schedule interviews with the law firms of Gould Cooksey Fennell, P.A., G. Russell Petersen, P.A., and Richeson & Coke, P.A.

Real Estate

Board Members and Superintendent were given an opportunity to speak on this position. Board Members directed Mr. Chuma to schedule interviews with the law firms of Collins, Brown, Caldwell, Barkett & Garavaglia, and O'Haire, Quinn, Candler & Casalino.

Worker's Compensation

It was noted that Mr. Chuma was currently interviewing firms for Property, Casualty Insurance for the District that would include representation for worker's compensation. The companies being interviewed would have their own counsel. Board Members and Superintendent were given an opportunity to speak on this position. It was noted that even though the company would have their own counsel, the Board would like to provide a list from which to draw. Chairman

Pegler stated that when the decision was made on what company that they were going to recommend, then the Board would take a look at their list of counsel. In the meantime, the applicants for this position would be placed on hold.

Next Step

On February 28 the Board would interview all five firms on the same day, with three scheduled in the morning and two in the afternoon. The time allotted would be 45 minutes, with a 15-minute break between each interview. Board Members discussed the questions to be asked and the interview process. They also discussed the process in regard to the Superintendent's spending limit of \$25,000.

IV. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Pegler

With no further discussion, the session adjourned at approximately 10:14 a.m.