The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 9:15 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, and School Board Attorney Suzanne D'Agresta were also present.

Legal Representation Interviews

- I. Interview session was called to order by Chairman Pegler.
- II. Welcome Statement and Introductions Chairman Pegler Board Members introduced themselves to the potential legal representatives. Chairman Pegler stated that the interviews would be held to 45 minutes.
- III. Interviews Chairman Pegler The following firms were interviewed in the area of Labor Law/Employment Law: 9:15 a.m. Gould Cooksey Fennel, P.A. – Jason Odom 10:15 a.m. Law Office of G. Russell Petersen, P.A. – G. Russell Petersen 11:15 a.m. Law Offices of Richeson & Coke, P.A. – David Richeson

~~Break~~

The following firms were interviewed in the area of Real Estate Law:

- 1:30 p.m. Collins, Brown, Caldwell, Barkett & Garavaglia Chartered Attorneys at Law – Bruce Barkett
- 2:30 p.m. Law Offices of O'Haire, Quinn, Candler & Casalino Chartered Paul Amos
- IV. Next Step in the Process Chairman Pegler Chairman Pegler asked the Board if they wanted to discuss the interviews today or wait until March 6, 2012. The majority agreed that they were ready to have that discussion at this session. The Board and Superintendent discussed the selection process, anticipated outcomes, and interviews.

Note: Mr. McCain left the session.

Labor Law/Employment Law:

The Board continued the discussion. Chairman Pegler summarized the outcome of the discussion. He stated that the Board would create a panel of law firms, with no ranking order, that would be called upon in the area of Labor Law/Employment Law. It was agreed that the Superintendent would have the full latitude to refer to the following panel, when outside attorney services were needed in the area of Labor Law/Employment Law, consulting first with General Counsel:

<u>Panel</u>

- Gould Cooksey Fennel, P.A. Jason Odom
- Law Office of G. Russell Petersen, P.A. G. Russell Petersen
- Law Offices of Richeson & Coke, P.A. David Richeson

Real Estate Law:

Chairman Pegler summarized the discussion of the Board to state that Bruce Barkett from Collins, Brown, Caldwell, Barkett & Garavaglia would be contacted for real estate legal services, when determined by the Superintendent and by the Board's General Counsel that an outside real estate attorney was needed. It was noted by Chairman Pegler that Mrs. D'Agresta would continue to handle general real estate issues and would advise the Superintendent when it was necessary to go outside for a real estate issue.

With no further discussion, the session adjourned at approximately 4:11 p.m.