

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 9:00 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 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.

2012-2013 Budget Workshop Session #1

- I. Workshop was called to order by Chairman Pegler.
- II. Purpose of the Workshop – Dr. Adams
Dr. Adams stated that this session was the introduction to the 2012-2013 District Budget process. The information presented would be the big picture, with an overview of where the District was right now.
- III. Presentation – Mr. Morrison
Mr. Morrison said that the figures being presented were today's figures based on the House's offer. He stated that the figures given at this time would change with the final figures to be given, most likely, in July. Mr. Morrison reviewed the agenda items to be covered.

Mrs. Titus, Budget Analyst, reviewed the seven-year history of traditional school enrollment. She stated that 697 students were lost with the shift to charter schools. In addition, there was a continued flat growth pattern with only nine students projected as an increase for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Titus reviewed the history of the base student allocation (BSA) trend data and projected 2012/13 data. The 2011-12 BSA was \$3,479.22. The 2012-13 BSA was projected to be \$3,581.04. In reviewing the history of the base student allocation trend and projection data, Mrs. Titus said that the District was still not at the 2007 funding level although there were more students now than in 2007.

Mr. Morrison reviewed with the Board the 2011-12 Third Calculation, versus the 2012-2013 Senate, versus 2012-2013 House, "*Public School Funding Report*". He highlighted lines of significance that included the net on line 56 for Total Funding Figure that was projected to be negative (\$151,026) over last year's total funding. Mr. Morrison reviewed the "Budget Projections 2012-2013" on page 7 of the document. The items listed on this page contained budget project shortfalls that would be set-asides in the budget planning for 2012-2012. Mr. Morrison said that they expected a ruling from FRS regarding the 3% being paid by employees towards their retirement. On page 8, Mr. Morrison pointed out the Communication Workers of America (CWA) cost for the step increase totaling \$315,197.

The grand total for Reserves for funding losses and expected cost increases was (\$6,283,990). On the other side, the budget funding projections for 2012-2013 from page 9 showed projected increases totaling \$6,849,095. The difference was a projected surplus of \$565,105. That surplus figure would be set aside as a reserve for any potential mid-year cuts, further decline in TAV, and the expiration of the 0.25 discretionary millage in fiscal 2013/14. The net budget surplus was \$0.

Mr. Morrison reviewed the projected summary of recommended uses for 2012-2013 0.25 millage referendum proceeds. The total estimated proceeds were \$3,332,699. The list of recommended usage of those funds could be found on page 10.

Mr. Morrison reviewed the Legislative Bills to watch. The opportunity to retain the 0.25 millage was rejected this morning by the State. Mr. Morrison said that the Board did have the ability to ask the voters for a four-year millage option. Mr. Morrison reviewed the budget adoption timeline. The Audit Committee date would be set prior to April 10. Mr. Morrison reminded the Board that all of the numbers given at this workshop would change when they received more information. Dr. Adams stated that the District would not have another 8% decrease this year but had to set aside money for the 31 positions that would expire next year.

IV. Questions – Chairman Pegler

Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions and give suggestions. Each department gave an overview of their current projects. They talked about the steps being taken to continue to serve students with excellence, while continuing to cut and/or do business more prudently in areas, where possible, without affecting student education.

V. Adjournment – Chairman Pegler

With no further business, the workshop adjourned at approximately 10:13 a.m.