

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 1:00 p.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.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION PROTOCOL, MILLAGE, AND OTHER TOPICS

- I. Called Discussion to Order – Chairman Pegler
- II Purpose of the Discussion - Chairman Pegler
Chairman Pegler said that he had asked Dr. Adams to change the Protocol Discussion Session to a Round Table to address other issues.
- III. Open Discussion on Protocol and Other Topics - Chairman Pegler
 - A. Mrs. Johnson
 1. Mrs. Johnson said that all items on the Agenda, unless placed by a Board Member, were the Superintendent's Agenda items. Board Members talked about ensuring that Board Members remembered to address all of the Superintendent's Agenda items through her and not through staff. She also noted the importance of not using first names.
 2. Board Members were interested in receiving notices of school.
 3. Mrs. Johnson requested that the start time for each graduation be included on the Board Calendar, rather than the suggested arrival time.
 4. Mrs. Johnson mentioned that staff should accommodate Board Members requests for such occasions such as a walk through at the new Vero Beach Elementary School and a trail of the vanity plaques. Mrs. Disney said that the District should hold special event opening for new schools.
 - B. Mrs. Disney-Brombach
 1. Mrs. Disney-Brombach stated that she did not know what to expect when attending a meeting regarding the audio/visual. She talked about the list of meeting types, and established procedures. Board Members reviewed the list and added additional meeting types. Ms. Jiménez requested, for the record, informal time to sit down with the public without staff.
 2. Safety
Board Members discussed safety issues during business meetings. Dr. Adams said that she would address their concerns.

C. Ms. Jiménez

1. Ms. Jiménez requested a master list of all reports and due dates. The Board discussed the types of reports, the proper names of the reports, the types of information to be included in the reports, the best time of year to distribute for accuracy and consistency in numbers, and the placement of the due dates on the Board's Calendar.
2. Ms. Jiménez asked about protocol for graduations. Board Members expressed their concerns to the Superintendent.
3. Board Members discussed the legal services contract for Mrs. D'Agresta. Chairman Pegler said that he was prepared to talk about the process and his summary. Ms. Jiménez said that she would like to show on the screen for the public a chart that shows the downward trend of legal expenses. Mrs. D'Agresta said that her firm does not charge for conferences or seminars so that part could be removed.

D. Mr. McCain – no items to discuss

E. Chairman Pegler

1. Chairman Pegler said that in the future he would like to hear from the Superintendent before a notice was sent out cancelling a meeting/workshop.
2. Board Members talked about scheduling of meetings/workshops, etc.
3. Board Members were instructed to email their items for the Information Session next Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Suggestions were made for topics.

IV. Millage Election – Chairman Pegler

Dr. Adams announced that the Board requested information regarding millage options. Mr. Morrison presented the options. Staff presented a list of uses that included instructional support; school-based personnel (31 positions funded through current referendum proceeds); and technology systems and supporting infrastructure. Board Members discussed the options and how the District would proceed. Dr. Adams noted that with the ending of the ¼ mill, the taxpayers would not have an increase in taxes. There was a discussion on the technology mandate effective July 14, 2012. Board Members agreed to have one referendum and one choice for a four-year, .6 millage, for the August Primary Election, requiring one Resolution.

The Board would discuss the Resolution and any other possible cuts at the April 10th Budget Workshop, with an extension of one hour to 12 noon.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Pegler

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:44 p.m.