

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at 9:15 a.m. The workshop was held in the Teacher Education Center located at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center, 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.

Beachland Student Pick-up and Bus Loop Workshop

Note: Mrs. Johnson attended via telephone.

- I. Called Workshop to Order – Chairman Pegler
- II. Purpose of the Workshop – Dr. Adams
Dr. Adams stated that the purpose of the workshop was to review the parent pickup and bus loop at Beachland Elementary School. She stated that two years ago, Principal Wilson came forward about bus loop. As the school has grown, traffic has picked up and has been backing up on the Barber Bridge. Dr. Adams said that they would present where we were yesterday and where we were today.
- III. Beachland Student Pick-up and Bus Loop Options – Dr. Adams
Mr. Morrison stated that two public meetings, one in March and one in April, were held at Beachland Elementary School to present the proposed parent pickup and bus loop options. Based on comments received, a third option was suggested by the Architectural firm to be presented at this meeting. He introduced John Binkely of Edlund, Dritenbas, & Binkely Architects, who presented the third option. Dr. Adams requested that Mr. Binkely show the aerial view..

Mr. Binkely showed, via visual projection, the first and second options. Dr. Adams stated that all options were still viable. She said that input from the public prompted staff to consider a third option. Mr. Binkely said that the third option was a hybrid of the other two options. Dr. Adams said that she would have to clear up where the City was regarding their approval of the options. Mr. Binkely said that he had several conversations with Monte Falls, City of Vero Beach Public Work's Director, who, Mr. Binkely reported, was in favor of the new plan. The third option does not extend into the pristine area as it was closer to the main building. The proposal would take the existing bus loop into the K-1 area. The plan included double-stacking, within the property, for one-hundred cars. Mr. Binkely mentioned safety problems associated with the second option of stacking cars under the Barber Bridge. Mr. Binkely said that Option 3 would not require a public hearing. If the Board was in favor of option 3, he would then present the plan to the City of Vero Beach for approval.

IV. Questions – Chairman Pegler

Dr. Adams stated that there were only six buses that picked up and dropped off students at Beachland. Mr. Binkley said that option 3 would not have any cars lined up on Date Palm or Mockingbird. He said that cars would be stacked-up on school property. Dr. Adams stated that option 3 would take 100 cars off the streets and it would address safety needs, and minimize the impact to the hammock, and would not be a burden to the City because the cars would not be stacking up on City Streets. Dr. Adams said that this was a phase in project, with approximately \$600,000 budgeted for the facilities project. She said that her first course of action was to sit down with the City to find out the City's position regarding all of the options and, then, share that information with the Board. Dr. Adams said that the project would not be done this summer. Mr. Morrison reviewed the dollars on the District's 5-Year Plan. Mr. Binkely said that the work could be done during the school year, with proper safety precautions and fencing. He also said that they could look into additional school signs. Mr. Binkely said that in looking at all of the options, option 3 was the best option.

Dr. Adams said that she would meet with the City, distribute information to the Board, hold a public hearing, and place a recommendation on the Board Agenda for adoption. If the recommendation was to stack vehicles on City property, the City's approval would also be required.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Pegler

With no further discussion, the workshop adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.