

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. The business meeting 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 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. Vice Chairman Carol Johnson was not present.

### **Round Table Discussion**

I. Opened by Chairman Pegler.

II. Items Placed on Agenda by Board Members – Chairman Pegler

**A. Ms. Jiménez**

1. Grading Practices

Ms. Jiménez talked about parents' concerns regarding homework being graded by some teachers and not by other teachers. Dr. Adams acknowledged the importance of parents knowing how their child would be graded. Mrs. Conley, Mrs. Long, and Mrs. D'Albora talked about Grading Practices training, planning, common practices, best practices, and keeping parents informed. Dr. Adams said that it was the District's job to push and challenge teachers but it was the teachers' decision as to whether or not to grade homework.

2. Update on 6.141 Policy

Title: Eligibility for participation in interscholastic extracurricular student activities sanctioned or regulated by the Florida High School Athletic Association

Ms. Jiménez asked for an update. Dr. Adams reported that they have a meeting with the Principals on Thursday.

**B. Mr. McCain**

**C. Chairman Pegler**

1. Split Classes

Chairman Pegler mentioned the notice in the newspaper regarding Beachland's split classrooms. Dr. Adams stated that one class had to be split at Beachland Elementary School in order to meet the Class Size Constitutional Amendment requirement, class by class. She stated that the class was split today and reported that it was done without any problems. They discussed out-of-zone students, as well as students with fake addresses. Dr. Adams said that the Attendance Office was following up on all reported information. She said that Friday was the deadline to be in compliance with Class Size.

2. New purchasing mandate for Florida Preference. Mrs. D'Agresta explained the new mandate for hard bids and RFPs and how that was going to work. She also mentioned the change in bids and RFPs regarding public records.

3. New wellness initiative, "Healthy Food for Kids", article regarding students putting the healthy food into the garbage cans.

**D. Mrs. Johnson**

Not present.

**E. Mrs. Disney-Brombach**

1. Reported on the Amendment Forums being held to educate the community.
2. Reported on the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards Legislative Platform that was placed on the October 23 business meeting for Board approval. Mrs. Disney-Brombach also reported on their upcoming meeting to discuss funding for school facilities and another source for charter school facility funding. This was due to the lack of PECO funds generated by taxing telephone landlines to pay for school facilities.
3. Request for information on Class Size funding expenditures. Mrs. Disney-Brombach asked Dr. Adams to send Becki Couch, Duval County School Board, a document showing how all class size funding was spent in Indian River County. This would be in support holding Districts harmless from penalties, if they could demonstrate that all funds were spent to meet class size requirements.

III. Items Placed on Agenda by Superintendent – Dr. Adams

Dr. Adams talked about the legislative requirement regarding the Teen Dating and Violence curriculum training for teachers; and additional training for teachers and Administrators on the Marzano Teacher Evaluation process.

Mr. Morrison said that he would report on the District's borrowing "rating" at the business meeting regarding the Resolution on Action A. He distributed a Facilities Project Report. Mr. Morrison also distributed a memo with the estimated project dates. He reported that they were starting to work on the 2013-14 Five-Year Plan. Mr. Morrison mentioned the charter school audit reports, analysis of audit findings for St. Peter's Charter School, and the District's Auditor's Exit Interview meeting. He also mentioned his memo regarding Treasure Coast Elementary School's original plan filed with St. John's Water Management for a bus depot and the plan to change it to a classroom wing, with a retention pond. Mr. Morrison mentioned the Bus Compound line up and the need for a traffic light or a plan to resolve the traffic pattern.

IV. Board Committee Reports – Chairman Pegler

Ms. Jiménez reported on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting, Obesity Task Force Meeting, Economic Development Committee Meeting, and the Connected 4Kids Meeting. She asked if someone was available to attend the next EDC meeting in her absence.

Mrs. Disney-Brombach reported on the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments' Legislative Platform, and the Florida School Boards ad hoc meeting.

Ms. Jiménez and Mrs. Disney-Brombach talked about the new PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) that would replace FCAT.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Pegler

With no further items, the discussion adjourned at approximately 2:47 p.m.