

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, at 6:00 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, 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.

Business Meeting

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Pegler.
- II. Invocation was given by Vice Chairman Johnson.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS
by: Sebastian River High Schools' Naval Junior ROTC under the Direction of James O'Neal, MGySgt USMC (Ret)
- IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Chairman Pegler announced that the Board Attorney had requested to add an item concerning the scheduling of the Administrative Hearing. Chairman Pegler called for a motion. Mrs. Johnson moved approval of the Orders of the Day with the addition of Action G. concerning the scheduling of the Administrative Hearing. Mrs. Disney-Brombach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- V. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. **Florida Association for Pupil Transportation and Florida Department of Education's Recognition to Vero Beach Elementary Student as the 2nd Place Winner, Division One, Poster Contest, "Stand Back from the Yellow and Black", for National School Safety Week, October 22-26, 2012 – Mr. Millar**
The District School Board recognized Adriana Mendez, a third-grade student at Vero Beach Elementary, as the 2nd Place Winner, Division One, Poster Contest.
 - B. **2012-2014 Florida Healthy School Districts, Bronze Award to School District of Indian River County – Mr. Stern**
Mr. Stern, Executive Committee Member for Florida Action for Healthy Kids, presented an Official Banner from the State of Florida in recognition of the Bronze Award. Recognition is determined by submission of a self-assessment based on sustainable infrastructure, policy, programs, and practices identified from National and state guidelines, best practices, and Florida statutes.

C. 2013 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists – Dr. Adams

The following students were recognized by the District School Board for their outstanding academic achievement:

Caroline Colbert – Sebastian River High School
Meredith S. Baker – Vero Beach High School
Thomas L. Beasley – Vero Beach High School
Harshonnati Jain – Vero Beach High School
Kimberly Zerega – Vero Beach High School

VI. CITIZEN INPUT

Elizabeth Cannon requested to speak on reading in middle school.
Amy Houseknecht requested to speak on step and equity.
Luke A. Flynt requested to speak on VAM.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Pegler called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Adams

1. FERPA Discussion held 10/2/2012
2. Employee Health Center Workshop held 10/9/2012
3. Round Table Discussion held 10/9/2012
4. Business Meeting held 10/9/2012

Superintendent recommended approval.

B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Ms. Roberts

Attached was a list of personnel recommendations, which included personnel additions, terminations, and/or changes. Superintendent recommended approval.

C. Approval of Updated School Resource Officer Agreement with Indian River County Sheriff's Department – Ms. Roberts

The purpose of the agreement was to continue to provide law enforcement, counseling, and law-related educational service programs to the schools of Indian River County as defined in F.S. 1006.12. The attached agreement was updated by removing the reference to the Community Oriented Policing Services Federal Grant that no longer existed under Article IV.A and to update other references to reflect current practice. This was a continuing contract. The District was responsible for 50% of the salaries of the SROs, funding for the DARE Program, and 50% of conference expenses, not to exceed \$5,000 annually. Superintendent recommended approval.

D. Approval of Donation – Mr. Morrison

Sebastian River High School received a donation in the amount of \$3,000 from FHSAA Fred E. Rozelle Sportsmanship Award. The funds would be used in athletics and towards a trophy case. Superintendent recommended approval.

E. Approval of Extension of Current Early Learning Coalition Contract with Extended Day Program – Mrs. D’Albora

This was an Extended Day Program request for the extension of the current contract with the Early Learning Coalition to provide services for the before and after school care. This contract was effective January 2013 through June 30, 2013. No cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.

F. Approval of 2012-2013 School Improvement and Differentiated Accountability Plans – Mrs. D’Albora

School Improvement and Differentiated Accountability Plans were respectfully submitted with recommendations for approval. Each School Improvement Plan may be accessed at the following location: http://www.flbsi.org/1213_SIP/Login.aspx. No login was necessary. Click to “View School Improvement Plan (Read-Only)”. Attached was a list of schools that have submitted plans approved by their School Advisory Councils and a District Review Committee. Superintendent recommended approval.

VIII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval of Greater Florida Consortium’s 2013 Legislative Program – Mrs. Disney-Brombach

The proposed Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards’ 2013 Legislative Program was attached. The Consortium bylaws required each School District to approve the Program. The bylaws stipulated that if any issue contained in the proposed Program drew an objection from any one of the member Boards, the issue was removed from the final Program. This bylaw ensured that all the issues in the final Program had the support of all members. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. McCain moved approval of the Greater Florida Consortium’s 2013 Legislative Program. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval to Award Contract for Engineering Testing Services, Bid 2012-16 - Mr. Morrison

The Facilities Department requested that an RFQ be promulgated for professional, engineering testing service that consisted of geotechnical/foundation studies, construction materials testing, structural/threshold inspections, environmental audits/assessments, and other engineering services for miscellaneous projects on an as needed basis. It was the intent of the District to award continuing contracts to multiple firms to provide services as assigned by the Facilities Department on a rotating and/or best fit selection. The net financial impact, as estimated by the Facilities Department, was \$300,000 annually. It was recommended that negotiations proceed per Chapter 287.055 F.S. to obtain continuing contracts with Andaman & Associates, Inc.; Dunkelberger Engineering and Testing, Inc.; GFA International, Inc.; GLE Associates, Inc.; KSM Engineering & Testing;

MBV Engineering, Inc.; Nutting Engineers of Florida Inc.; Professional Services Industries, Inc. (PSI); and Universal Engineering Sciences, Inc. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mrs. Johnson moved approval of the award of contract for Engineering Testing Services, Bid 2012-16. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of Release of Partial Retainage Payment to Proctor Construction Company for Sebastian River High School Part II Freshman Learning Center Addition Project (2010-12) – Mr. Morrison

Approval was recommended for the release of partial retainage in the amount of \$169,385.01 to Proctor Construction Company for the Sebastian River High School Part II Freshman Learning Center Addition (#2010-12). On May 10, 2011, the Board approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for this project in the amount of \$6,875,052.98. Retainage held to date for this project totals \$338,770.03, with a remaining balance of \$169,385.02 after approval of partial retainage payment. The remaining retainage balance would be brought to the Board at a later date, upon completion of the project as approval of final payment to the contractor in accordance with Florida Statute 1013.50. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. McCain moved approval of release of partial retainage payment to Proctor Construction Company for Sebastian River High School Part II Freshman Learning Center addition project (2010-12). Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

D. Approval of Employers Group Waiver Plan (EGWP), with a Wrap – Ms. Roberts

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services policy was to provide plan sponsors with maximum flexibility and minimum administrative burden so employers would continue to offer retirees, qualified to receive Medicare or Medicaid, a better selection of high-quality prescription drug coverage that was available worldwide. This was made possible with an Employers Group Waiver Plan (EGWP). The District, along with consultants Brown and Brown, searched for a third-party Benefits Administrator. The research found AMWINS that would administer the EGWP at no cost to the District. A copy of the policy would be available prior to the meeting. Superintendent recommended approval.

Citizen Input:

Carolyn Sheppard requested to speak.

Dr. Adams spoke to Mrs. Sheppard's concern. She confirmed that the policy contained a wrap. Ms. Roberts stated that the policy does wrap around the

plan. She said that the title of the Agenda item and the motion should state "with a wrap".

Mrs. Johnson moved approval of the Employers Group Waiver Plan (EGWP), with a Wrap. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

E. Approval to Terminate Four 2012-2013 State-Approved Supplemental Education Services (SES) Provider Contracts – Mrs. D’Albora

Supplemental Education Services (SES) were offered to eligible students attending Title I schools to provide tutoring by State-approved independent contractors. SES Provider contracts were Board approved on 8/28/12. The termination of the School District of Indian River County’s contractual agreements between Brain Hurricane, LLC; and Kinetic Potential Scholars was recommended due to noncompliance issues with the contracts. The termination of the School District of Indian River County’s contractual agreements between Rocket Learning Partners, LLC; and Smart Kids was recommended based on the SES Providers’ request. Superintendent recommended approval.

Ms. Jiménez moved approval to terminate four 2012-2013 State-Approved Supplemental Education Services (SES) Provider contracts. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

F. Approval of Agreement with University of Central Florida to Participate in Science Understanding, Math Mentoring Integrated with Technology Grant (SUMMIT) – Mrs. D’Albora

The School District of Indian River County was pleased to partner with Dr. Larry Chew from the University of Central Florida (UCF) in the Science Understanding, Math Mentoring Integrated with Technology Grant (SUMMIT), as part of the Florida Department of Energy’s Math Science Partnership for a second year. The purpose of the District’s participation was to train and prepare elementary teachers on the implementation of the Federal Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Initiative. The District’s participation would include teacher attendance at a five-day training event; opportunity for teachers to conduct lesson study at their own school (2 ½); and a two-day, follow-up workshop for all participating teachers. Funds would be used for professional development stipends; substitute teachers to cover participants’ classrooms while attending partnership events; and training kits for each participant. The workshops would be conducted under UCF’s prime award from the Florida Department of Education. The School District of Indian River County was eligible to receive \$45,084.00. There would be no cost to the District. All project activities were fully funded by the grant. The grant period begins September 1, 2012, and extended through May 31, 2013. Superintendent recommended approval.

Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the agreement with the University of Central Florida to participate in Science Understanding, Math Mentoring Integrated with Technology Grant (SUMMIT). Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

G. Approval of Scheduling Change for Administrative Hearing – Chairman Pegler

Mrs. D’Agresta stated that she received a written request to continue the Administrative Hearing. The purpose of the request was from the employee’s Attorney, who needed additional time to prepare and since the Hearing was scheduled for the day after Thanksgiving, his staff was previously scheduled for time off. Mrs. D’Agresta said that the Superintendent had no objection. She asked the Board to consider dates during the week of December 17.

Mrs. Johnson moved approval to continue the Administrative Hearing. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. Mrs. Disney-Brombach moved approval to set the Administrative Hearing date for Tuesday, December 18, 2012. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. Mrs. D’Agresta said that she would prepare a revised order.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Adams thanked the Vero Beach Museum of Art for the “Evening for Educators” event held October 18, 2012. She congratulated the Sebastian River High School Marching Band for being the Grand Champions in the Diamond Division. Dr. Adams also thanked Vero Beach High School for hosting the event. She also reported on her classroom visits.

X. DISCUSSION

No items.

XI. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS – Chairman Pegler

Ms. Jiménez thanked the Sheriff’s Department for their continued services to schools and the DARE Student Program. She talked about the School Improvement Plans and how to access the Plans on line. Ms. Jiménez mentioned the NOPE vigil planned for October 24 in memory of the 38,000 people who died last year from drug overdoses. Upcoming was the Parent Academy “Finding Kind” bullying through the eyes of girls on November 5 that included dinner. Please contact Ms. Jiménez through her email, if you plan to attend.

Mrs. Disney-Brombach reported that Governor Scott just released a report on how he would like the direction of education to go and that he was holding a moratorium on education funding.

Mrs. Johnson reported on the Land Use and Acquisition Committee Workshop held today.

Chairman Pegler thanked those who spoke under Citizen Input this evening. He said that it gives the Board an example of how to effectively argue for our teachers.

XII. INFORMATION AGENDA

A. Monthly Facilities Report – Mr. Morrison

Attached was the Report.

B. Financial Report for Month ending July 31, 2012– Mr. Morrison

Attached was the Financial Report for the month ending July 31, 2012.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

Dr. Adams congratulated Justin Riney, from the Class of 2000 at Vero Beach High School, for his 165-mile journey to raise awareness of water quality issues and the protection of our delicate estuary along the shorelines. Dr. Adams also reported on an article in today's paper regarding "It's a Home Run". An agreement was signed to host the Girls' Softball Finals in May 2013. There would be 32 teams participating. This was a partnership between Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA), County Commission, and both of our High Schools. Dr. Adams said that the School District was proud to host the event.

Mrs. Johnson would like to thank the news coverage regarding the cooperation between our two High Schools. She stated that the community was realizing that there was a new error of cooperation, rather than competition. She commended Dr. Adams for her leadership.

Chairman Pegler asked everyone not to forget to vote on November 6, 2012.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Pegler

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:01 p.m.