

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, May 9, 2013, at 1:00 p.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 Carol Johnson and Board Members: Jeff Pegler, Matthew McCain, and Karen Disney-Brombach. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools, and School Board Attorney Suzanne D'Agresta were also present. Vice Chairman, Claudia Jiménez, was not present.

2013-2014 Board Budget Priorities Workshop

- I. Called Workshop to Order – Chairman Johnson
- II. Purpose of the Workshop – Dr. Adams
Dr. Adams stated that the purpose of the workshop was to present the most recent information regarding the Legislative Session.

- III. Presentation – Mr. Morrison

Review of 2013-2014 Final Legislative Conference Report

Mr. Morrison stated that over 300 Bills were filed during the 2013 Legislative Session but not all made it through. He reviewed some of the bills that did not pass that included no additional funds for school safety/security, no exemptions for charter schools regarding teachers' evaluations and performance pay, and other bills that did not pass. Mr. Morrison said that for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, they were thankful that Legislators made education a priority. He said that there was a small fraction of funds that may be available for Board priorities.

Update and Review of Major FEFP Components and Projected Revenue

Mr. Morrison explained and defined FEFP (Florida Education Finance Program) and BSA (Base Student Allocation) eleven-year, trend data. He also reviewed the handouts for this workshop. Mr. Morrison said that the BSA for 2013-2014 was \$3,752.30, representing an increase of \$169.32, when compared to the 2012-13, 4th calculation and to the 2012-13 Final Legislative Conference Report. This figure was still \$411.17 less than it was at its peak in 2008 and a little bit higher than it was in 2005-06.

Mr. Morrison said that the ad valorem taxable assessed valuations were projected by the State to increase by three-percent over last year. Mr. Morrison reviewed the history of the K-12 Total Funding and FEFP Conference Report. He talked about the past 2011-12 and 2012-13 loss of ARRA funding and the State's reduction of School Districts' budgets by 7.79 percent.

Mr. Morrison reviewed the 2013-2014 FEFP Calculation that was referred to as the building blocks of the formula. He highlighted increases in the teacher salary allocation (new this year), instructional materials allocation, transportation allocation, and teacher lead.

Mr. Morrison stated that the gross State and Local FEFP dollars were listed as \$91,065,443. When subtracting the Required Local Effort (local tax dollars generated) in the amount of \$71,883,066, the net State portion of the FEFP funding was reduced to \$19,182,377. Then, when you added the State's School Recognition Program funding of \$1,102,670 and the Class Size Categorical Program, the total State funding was \$39,946,340 for the School District of Indian River County. Mr. Morrison reviewed the total proposed FEFP funding for the School District of Indian River County. Local revenue increased by 2.15% and the State revenue was up by 6.58%, mostly for teacher dollars. The totals were as follows:

Description	2012-13 FEFP 4 th Calculation	2013-2014 Final Conf. Report	Increase	% Change
Total State/Local Rev	114,320,356	121,842,168	7,521,812	6.58%

Mr. Morrison presented the breakdown of reserves, restricted funds, funding losses, and anticipated cost increases. There could, potentially, be funds in the amount of \$531,442 for Board priority items. Mr. Morrison highlighted funding changes by category listed on the 4th Calculation of the Legislative Conference Report. He reported that the State predicted there would be 5,481 less students next school year, statewide. In preparation of the State's projection on the number of students for Indian River County, funds were set aside to cover a potential funding loss.

Mr. Morrison noted that the new State funding for teacher pay was calculated by the State as 80% being qualified for the increase. Also, the classification was increased by the State to include other positions such as guidance staff. Because of the expansion, the dollar amount for teachers would be reduced to cover all of the qualified positions.

Mr. Morrison said that they were currently compiling a list of requests from schools and departments. He said that the Board would have an opportunity, at another workshop, to talk about the Board's budget priority items. Mr. Morrison said that he would bring that information back to the Board as they moved forward with the budgeting process.

Summary of Voter Approved 0.60 Millage Referendum Proceeds

A breakdown of the recommended uses for the 2013-2014, 0.60 millage referendum proceeds was presented. Mr. Green described the major items required for technology for teachers and students in the classrooms and for reporting requirements and security issues.

2013-2014 Highlights of Bills Passed

Mr. Morrison highlighted two parts of Senate Bill 1514 Conforming Bill in the areas of State Instructional Materials Reviewers and Dual Enrollment. Other selected Bills highlighted were Senate Bill 1076 on Careers and Professional Education Act, Senate Bill 284 on School Emergencies, House Bill 609 on Bullying in the Public School System, House Bill 801 on Certified School Counselors, Senate Bill 1096 on Repeal of Education Provisions, Senate Bill 1388 Relating to Instructional Materials for K-12 Public Education, Senate Bill 1810 Relating to Florida Retirement System, and House Bill 21 on Background Screening for Non-instructional Contractors on School Grounds. Mr. Morrison also noted substantial changes within House Bill 7009 relating to Charter Schools and public schools of choice. He also talked about exemptions regarding District Innovation Schools that would allow public schools to open District Innovation Schools.

2013-2014 Budget Calendar

Mr. Morrison reviewed the Budget (TRIM) Calendar.

- IV. Questions – Chairman Johnson
Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Dr. Adams noted that the School District was fortunate because other School Districts have had to cut positions for next school year. In contrast, she said that Indian River was in a recovery mode. Dr. Adams said that as we moved forward in the budget process, one of the items she would like to consider for the budget was to have one Reading Coach for every two secondary schools and a full-time Student Support Specialist for all schools. Mr. Green gave an update on the District network security and the support position needed to accomplish that goal.
- V. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Johnson

With no further discussion, the workshop adjourned at approximately 2:07 p.m.