

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 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 Carol Johnson, Vice Chairman Claudia Jiménez, 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.

### **Business Meeting Minutes**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnson.
- ii. Invocation was given by Deacon Dave Hankle of St. Helen's Catholic Church.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was by Mr. McCain.
- IV. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**  
Chairman Johnson called for a motion to adopt the Orders of the Day. Mrs. Disney-Brombach moved to approve the Orders of the Day, with the deletion of Consent J and the additions to Consent A Minutes, Item 2. Mr. Pegler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- V. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. Vero Beach High School Girls Lacrosse Team – Dr. Adams**  
Vero Beach High School's Girls' Lacrosse Team and Coaches were recognized for their outstanding season that ended with the team winning their eighth, straight State Championship.
  - B. Independent Book Publishers Association Benjamin Franklin Award – Dr. Adams**  
Mike and Beth Hofer, Vero Beach High School Teachers, were recognized for their nationally publicized children's book and audio set titled, "Major Manners Presents Nighttime Manners".
  - C. Florida School Nutrition Association "Nutrition Award" to Traci Simonton – Mr. McCarty**  
The Nutrition Award from the Florida School Nutrition Association recognized Traci Simonton as a foodservice professional that showed enthusiasm, and who developed and implemented a Nutrition Education Activity with students at their school. Ms. Simonton was recognized by the Superintendent and District School Board for her State Award and for the ten-week, afterschool classes she taught to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Dodgertown Elementary School on nutrition.

**D. Recognize Winners of Bus Safety Poster Contest – Mr. Millar**

Mr. Millar stated that these awards were for the National School Bus Safety Week Art Contest, “At my stop you stop” 2013 theme. Superintendent and District School Board recognized the following students:

Division 1 Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

3<sup>rd</sup> PI Jazmyne Pledger, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Vero Beach Elementary

2<sup>nd</sup> PI Ella Daugherty, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Vero Beach Elementary

1<sup>st</sup> PI Lisbeth Perez-Monter, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Vero Beach Elementary

Division 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

3<sup>rd</sup> PI Haley Gilbert, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Rosewood Magnet

2<sup>nd</sup> PI Amber Turner, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Glendale Elementary

1<sup>st</sup> PI Lisa Moscoso, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Glendale Elementary

**E. Model Pre-Kindergarten Classroom at Dodgertown Elementary School – Mrs. Falardeau, Education Foundation**

Mrs. Falardeau presented a check in the amount of \$70,000 to fund an additional voluntary, pre-kindergarten classroom at Dodgertown Elementary School. The new classroom was a “model classroom” that would be used to bridge the community, including private care providers, with the process of advancing education of 4-year-old children. This project also aligned with the District’s Moonshot Moment Community Literacy Goal. Mrs. Falardeau recognized Patrice Stowe, Jennifer Jones, Kim McCorrison, Karen Fox, Anne Melanson, and Hope Woodhouse for their tireless dedication. She especially recognized the donors: John’s Island Community Service League, JIF, and private donors through the Education Foundation of Indian River County.

VI. CITIZEN INPUT

Elizabeth Cannon requested to speak on substitutes and respect.

Richard Marini requested to speak on Relay for Life.

M. Elena Marine requested to speak on Common Core curriculum.

Patti Sullivan requested to speak on Common Core.

James Sullivan requested to speak on Common Core.

Laura Zorc requested to speak on parent information night and Common Core.

Lamarre Notargiacomo requested to speak on Common Core.

John Featherstone requested to speak on Common Core.

Leslie Miller requested to speak on Common Core.

Teresa Pastor requested to speak on Common Core.

Denyse Armstead requested to speak on Common Core.

Dr. Adams stated that there were two parent information meetings scheduled one on June 3 and one on June 4 regarding Common Core. She said that the meetings would include an opportunity to take written questions and concerns. Dr. Adams asked parents to listen to the information that would be presented.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Johnson called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Consent Agenda, with the deletion of Consent J and additions to the minutes under Consent a item 2. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Ms. Jiménez said that she had an addition to the minutes listed under Consent A., item 2, Round Table Discussion, under D. held 5/14/2013. She asked that the minutes be amended to include that she requested to explore the use of an evaluation tool for the School Board Attorney and the recommendation was rejected by Board Corporate. The motion carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Adams**

1. 2013-2014 Board Priorities Budget Workshop held 5/9/13
2. Round Table Discussion held 5/14/2013
3. State of the District Workshop held 5/14/2013
4. Board Policies Discussion held 5/14/2013
5. Business Meeting held 5/14/2013

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 2013-2014 Transportation Service Agreement Renewal with Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County (B&GCIRC) – Mr. Morrison**

Attached was the 2013-2014 Transportation Agreement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River (B&GCIRC). This agreement was to provide transportation for a one-year period from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014; and would allow the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County to use the District's Transportation Services from designated pick-up locations to sites in Indian River County for Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River sponsored programs. No cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.

**D. Approval of Donations – Mr. Morrison**

1. Beachland Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 for the Beachland Elementary PTA. The funds would be used for the fifth grade Beachland Elementary students' field trip expenses.
2. Wabasso School received a donation in the amount of \$1,500 from Vero Beach Lodge No. 1774 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The funds would be utilized for support educational experiences for the Wabasso School student body.
3. Dodgertown Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$1,800 from the Mardy Fish Foundation. The funds would be used for enrichment activities for the Dodgertown Elementary afterschool program.
4. Sebastian River High School received a donation in the amount of \$1,500 from Florida's Finest Cars. The funds would be used by the Sebastian River High School's automotive department.

5. Highlands Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$1,208 from the Rotary Club of Orchid Island. The funds would be used to continue the second grade Highland Elementary School students' swim lesson/water safety lessons beginning April 19 to May 31, 2013, at the Highlands Community Pool.

Superintendent recommended approval.

**E. Approval of 2013-2014 Transportation Service Agreement Renewal with Gifford Youth Activity Center (GYAC) – Mr. Morrison**

Attached was the 2013-2014 Transportation Agreement with the Gifford Youth Activity Center (GYAC). This agreement was to provide transportation for a one-year period from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014; and would allow the Gifford Youth Activity Center to use the School District's Transportation Services from designated pick-up locations to sites in Indian River County for Gifford Youth Activity Center sponsored programs. No cost to the District.  
Superintendent recommended approval.

**F. Approval of 2013-2014 Transportation Service Agreement Renewal with First United Methodist Church (FUMC) – Mr. Morrison**

Attached was the 2013-2014 Transportation Agreement with the First United Methodist Church (FUMC). This agreement was to provide transportation services for their 2013 summer program. No cost to the District.  
Superintendent recommended approval.

**G. Approval of 2013-2014 Transportation Service Agreement Renewal with Environmental Learning Center (ELC) – Mr. Morrison**

Attached was the 2013-2014 Transportation Agreement with the Environmental Learning Center (ELC). This agreement would provide transportation for a one-year period from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014; and would allow the ELC to use the School District's Transportation Services from designated pick-up locations to sites in Indian River County Environmental Learning Center sponsored programs. No cost to the District.  
Superintendent recommended approval.

**H. Approval of 2013-2014 Transportation Service Agreement Renewal with Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center, Inc. (DHC) – Mr. Morrison**

Attached was the 2013-2014 Transportation Agreement with the Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center Inc. (DHC). This agreement would provide transportation for a one-year period from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014; and would allow the DHC to use the School District's Transportation Services from designated pick-up locations to sites in Indian River County for Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center Inc., sponsored programs. No cost to the District.  
Superintendent recommended approval.

- I. Approval of the 2013-2014 Transportation Service Agreement Renewal with the Indian River County 4-H Assoc. (IRC 4-H) – Mr. Morrison**  
Attached was the 2013-2014 Transportation Agreement with the Indian River County 4-H Assoc. (IRC 4-H). This agreement would provide transportation services for their 2014 summer program. No cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.
- J. Approval of Big Brothers Big Sisters Interagency Agreement Renewal for 2013-2015 – Mrs. D’Albora**  
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- K. Approval of Out of County Charter Student Admissions, Imagine – Mrs. D’Albora**  
Parent requested permission for his/her children to attend Imagine South Charter School in Indian River County. The students would attend from Osceola County. The release letters have been received from Osceola County and the approved acceptance to Imagine was attached. Superintendent recommended approval.
- L. Approval of Out of County Student Admissions – Mrs. D’Albora**  
Parents requested permission for their children to attend schools in Indian River County. The approved out-of-county requests signed by the Principals of the requested schools and release letters from the students’ home County were attached. Of the seven students, four were currently attending schools in the District. One was a child of an employee. There were three, new students requesting to attend schools in Indian River County. Superintendent recommended approval.
- M. Approval of Students Requesting to Leave Indian River County Schools – Mrs. D’Albora**  
Parents resided in Indian River County and were requesting permission for a total of eleven children to attend schools in Brevard County, St. Lucie County, and Okeechobee County. Superintendent recommended approval.
- N. Approval of Agreement with Environmental Learning Center for 2013-14 – Mrs. D’Albora**  
The contract with Environmental Learning Center Contract was an agreement to provide environmental educational services to students during the 2013-2014 school year. The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) would instruct third and fourth grade students during an onsite visit to the ELC. Instruction was guided through the third grade students and an environmental education program for the fourth grade students entitled *Lagoon Days*. The contract amount would be on a per class basis; \$340.00 for each third grade class that attends and \$533.00 for each fourth grade class. Superintendent recommended approval.

**O. Approval for Sebastian River High School Rowing Team to attend Scholastic National Regatta in Camden, New Jersey – Mrs. D’Albora**

Sebastian River High School’s Rowing Team qualified to participate in Scholastic National Regatta. Ten student athletes and Coach Tom Lange would depart on May 22 and return on Sunday, May 26. All expenses for the trip were the responsibility of those attending and the booster organization that funded the program. Additional travel insurance was not needed due to the fact that the team was covered with the school’s membership in US Rowing. Superintendent recommended approval.

VIII. ACTION AGENDA

**A. Approval of Final Order for Employee Termination Hearing held April 25, 2013 – Mrs. D’Agresta**

Attached was the proposed Final Order as a result of the employee termination hearing held on April 25, 2013, involving Mr. Alan Seiden. Pursuant to Section 120.569(2)(I), Florida Statutes, a written Final Order must be entered by the District School Board within 90 days after the employee termination hearing was concluded.

Mr. Pegler moved approval of the Final Order for Employee Termination Hearing held April 25, 2013 involving Mr. Alan Seiden. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Mrs. D’Agresta asked the Board if they had any questions. Chairman Johnson asked if there were any changes to the Findings of Fact. Mrs. D’Agresta said, “No”. Hearing no other questions, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**B. Approval of Resolution 2013-08 Accepting the Apportionment Plan of the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Mr. Morrison**

In 2003 the Indian River County’s Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO) Apportionment Plan was amended to add the School District of Indian River County as a voting member. On April 10, 2013, the MPO approved the attached Plan that also retained the current 12-member MPO voting structure prior to the Plan’s submission to the Florida Department of Transportation and the Governors’ Office for review, the Apportionment Plan must be accepted or rejected via Resolution by each general purpose government within the MPO area. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Pegler moved approval of Resolution 2013-08 accepting the Apportionment Plan of the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. After discussing the issue, Mr. Pegler withdrew his motion and Mr. McCain withdrew his second.

Mrs. Disney-Brombach moved to postpone to a date certain, June 11, 2013, business meeting. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-1 vote. Ms. Jiménez, Mr. Pegler, Mrs. Disney-Brombach, and Mr. McCain voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Johnson voted against the motion.

**C. Approval of Release of Final Payment to Pinnacle Construction of the Treasure Coast, LLC, for Osceola Magnet Metal Building System for Playground Project (2013-06) – Mr. Morrison**

Approval was recommended for the release of Final Payment in the amount of \$18,102.00 to Pinnacle Construction of the Treasure Coast LLC for the completion of the Osceola Magnet Metal Building System for Playground Project (#2013-06). On January 22, 2013, the Board approved the Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement for this project with a Contract amount of \$84,678.00 (\$76,980.00 Contractors Bid Price / \$7,698.00 Owner Added Contingency); with the final construction cost for this project totaling \$76,980.00. The unused portion of the Owner Added Contingency, in the amount of \$7,698.00, was a savings to the District. Final payment of this project was being brought to the Board for approval in accordance with Florida Statute 1013.50. The final payment to the contractor consisted of the project retainage that was held until project completion. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Pegler moved approval of the release of final payment to Pinnacle Construction of the Treasure Coast, LLC, for Osceola Magnet Metal Building System for Playground Project (2013-06). Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**D. Approval of District Evaluation Systems Monitoring Grant – Mrs. D’Albora**

The School District of Indian River County was eligible to receive \$45,000 in funding through the District Evaluation Systems Monitoring Grant. The grant was available to all Race to the Top participating School Districts to train their school administrators on effective monitoring of their District’s Teacher Evaluation System. Race to the Top School Districts were to apply for sub-grants based on their FTE count of student population and to explain their plans for monitoring the Teacher Evaluation System in their District. The grant period was from May 15, 2013, through June 30, 2014. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. McCain moved approval of the District Evaluation Systems Monitoring grant. Mr. Pegler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**E. Approval to Rescind the Sustainable Communities Initiative, Memorandum of Understanding for the Southeast Florida Region – Chairman Johnson**

Attached was a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding that was approved and signed by the Board at a regular School Board Meeting held August 10, 2010. Since that time, the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership was renamed to Seven/50 SE Florida Prosperity Plan. It was recommended that the School Board rescind the Memorandum of Understanding to clarify the Board's position. A copy of the minutes from the August 10, 2012, business meeting was also attached.

Ms. Jiménez moved approval to table this item until the Board had an opportunity to have a conversation on this issue. Mr. Pegler seconded the motion. The motion failed, with a 3-2 vote. Ms. Jiménez and Chairman Johnson voted in favor of the motion. Mrs. Disney-Brombach, Mr. Pegler, and Mr. McCain voted against the motion.

Mr. McCain moved approval to accept the recommendation to rescind the Sustainable Communities Initiative, Memorandum of Understanding for the Southeast Florida Region. Mrs. Disney-Brombach seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-1 vote. Mrs. Disney-Brombach, Mr. Pegler, Mr. McCain, and Chairman Johnson voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Jiménez voted against the motion.

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Adams reported that certificates were given to Melissa Taylor's students who participated in the Dance Drama Inclusion Class at Sebastian River High School for working with the Fellsmere Exceptional Student Education students. They were not able to make it for tonight's meeting.

**X. DISCUSSION**

No items.

**XI. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS – Chairman Johnson**

Ms. Jiménez noted all of the wonderful activities taking place in the schools. She talked about the events she recently attended.

Mr. Pegler said, for the record, how much he appreciated those people who stayed for the entire meeting. He also read an article regarding the tornado tragedy and shooting incidents and the school teachers' heroic actions while risking their own lives.

Mrs. Disney-Brombach spotlighted a couple teachers in the District.

Chairman Johnson stated that she was thankful to have citizen input at meetings. She congratulated Dr. Adams and all District staff for the State's recognition for another year as a High-performing District.



XII. INFORMATION AGENDA

**A. Monthly Facilities Report – Mr. Morrison**

Attached was the monthly report.

**B. Charter School Financials – Mr. Morrison**

Charter school financial statements were presented to the Board for information only. No approval of a charter school's financial statements was required. This presentation of charter school financial statements was to demonstrate compliance with section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. Specifically, subsection (5) (b) required the District, as sponsor, to monitor the revenues and expenditures of the charter school and to perform the duties provided in s. 1002.345. High performing charter schools are only required to submit financials quarterly. Indian River Charter High School opts to submit their financials quarterly. The other two high performing charter schools, North County Charter School and Sebastian Charter Junior High, have chosen to submit their financials monthly.

**C. Financial Report for Month ending April 30, 2013 - Mr. Morrison**

Attached was the Financial Report for the month ending April 30, 2013.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

Dr. Adams stated that being an Academically High Perform School District started with the classroom. The recognition also included the District's financial audit reviews and class size compliance. Indian River was 1 of 18 in the entire 67 Districts to achieve this status. Dr. Adams congratulated to our 71 District retirees. She attended the Sebastian River High School's Top Ten Senior Luncheon. Dr. Adams said she was very proud of the Alternative Education Seniors who returned to their home schools to graduate with their class. She said that it had been a very frenzied year and she was looking forward to working together next year.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Johnson

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.