

The District School Board of Indian River County met on August 12, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. The discussion was held in the Teacher Education Center located at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center, 1990 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. District School Board Members attending were: Chairman Carol Johnson, Vice Chairman Matthew McCain, and Board Members: Claudia Jiménez, Karen Disney-Brombach, and Dale Simchick. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D'Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present.

Discussion Session Minutes

- I. Discussion was called to order by Chairman Johnson

- II. ITEMS PLACE ON AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS – Chairman Johnson
 - A. **Matthew McCain**

No items.
 - B. **Chairman Johnson**
 1. Sebastian Chamber of Commerce Membership
Board Members discussed membership in the Sebastian Chamber. Dr. Adams said that she would process the membership through her office.
 2. Process for Adoption of Recommended Order
Mrs. D'Agresta reviewed the process in regard to the employee termination that was heard before the Division of Administrative Hearings. She said that the Board would hear from her by August 20 regarding the next step in the process. Mrs. D'Agresta reminded the Board about their position as a quasi-judicial (legislative) function of an administrative agency, when it acts like a court. Chairman Johnson noted that the official file copy was in the Board Office and that it must be reviewed by Board Members prior to the meeting. Mrs. D'Agresta stated that the issue must be heard prior to November 2, 2014.
 3. Membership Renewal with Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards
Board Members discussed and were in favor of continuing their membership with the Consortium.
 4. Chairman Johnson reminded the Board about the Special Business Meeting scheduled for Friday, August 15 to approve personnel to begin on Monday, August 18.
 - C. **Mrs. Disney-Brombach**
 1. Backpacks/Teacher Supplies
Board Members discussed the communities interest in helping our teachers with supplies needed for students in the classrooms and how to get the word out as to what was needed. Dr. Adams said that it would be best to wait until after school opened its doors. She said that this was the time to remind Principals to ensure that the lists given to students to bring in were reasonable.
 - D. **Claudia Jiménez**
 1. New Board Member Orientation
Ms. Jiménez distributed a list of documents that would be helpful for new Board Members and would include links for easy access. Board Members discussed general information that would also be helpful. Dr. Adams asked Ms. Jiménez to send her the final list so that she could work on having it placed on the Board website for easy access, with links.

2. Superintendent Search
Board Members discussed the upcoming search. Chairman Johnson said that she would have information on the cost at the next discussion session.
3. Health Department Obesity Initiative
Item was not discussed.
4. Code of Conduct Update/Timeline
Dr. Adams gave an update. She said that the process would begin in October. The Board workshop would be scheduled after the first of the year.
5. Restorative Justice Informational Workshop
Board Members were receptive to having information presented under Discussion at the business meeting to give the public an opportunity to learn about the program.
6. Substitute Salary Decrease Approval June 24, 2014
Item was not discussed.
7. Legislative Platform
Ms. Jimenez reviewed the draft that she prepared and said that she hoped to have the final ready for adoption at the last meeting in September. Dr. Adams said that she would work with Ms. Jimenez on the data.

E. Dale Simchick

1. Public Input/Public Dialogue
Board Members discussed how to have dialog with the public without disrupting the business meeting time. Mrs. Simchick said that she would bring up the subject at the next Discussion Session in order to give Board Members time to bring back suggestions.

III. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS – Chairman Johnson

Ms. Jimenez reported on the Mental Health Collaboration meeting, Connected4Kids survey and guide, and the Health Department Meeting on the presentation of their new plan. Chairman Johnson attended the Health Department Meeting and spoke of the partnership with the theatre to get the word out regarding the 211 countywide services. Dr. Adams reported on the Autistic Workshop that Ms. Jimenez attended. Mrs. Disney-Brombach reported on the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting and the Value Adjustment Board meeting.

IV. ITEMS PLACED ON AGENDA BY SUPERINTENDENT – Dr. Adams

No items were presented.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Johnson

With no further discussion, the session adjourned at approximately 2:46 p.m.