

The District School Board of Indian River County met on August 26, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Teacher Education Center located at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center, 1990 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Business Meeting Minutes**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnson.
- II. Words of Inspiration were given by Mrs. Disney-Brombach and a moment of silence in memory of William Shogran, Jr., a Sebastian River High School Football Player.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Mr. Green
- IV. **ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**  
Chairman Johnson called for a motion to adopt the Orders of the Day to include Consent L, M, and N. She asked Dr. Adams why she requested these items after the Agenda was printed. Dr. Adams said that she did not have the information when the Agenda was printed. She asked that these items be added to move forward with the new school year. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Orders of the Day, with Consent L, M, and N. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- V. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. Proclamation Designating the Month of September 2014 as Attendance Awareness Month – Dr. Adams  
Dr. Adams asked Dr. Torres-Martinez to read the Proclamation for the record. Mrs. Disney-Brombach moved approval of the Proclamation. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- VI. **CITIZEN INPUT**  
Luke Flynt, President of the Teachers' Union (IRCEA), requested to speak on virtual school and FTE.
- VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**  
Chairman Johnson called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Consent Agenda, with the addition of Consent L, M, and N. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion. Board Member spoke to the challenges and complexities the District faced with virtual school options and the funding loss through recalculation of FTE. Dr. Adams spoke to the complexity of the issue. She asked Mr. Green to speak to the issues. Board Members

mentioned the need to inform Legislators of the unintended funding consequences facing School Districts. Board Members noted that the upside was the opportunities for students and teachers. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

1. Goals Discussion Session held 8/12/2014
2. Discussion Session held 8/12/2014
3. Business Meeting held 8/12/2014
4. Special Business Meeting held 8/15/2014

Superintendent recommended approval.

**B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Mr. Fritz**

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

**C. Approval of Membership Renewal in Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards – Chairman Johnson**

Attached was an invoice for the Consortium Membership dues in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2014-2015 school year. Membership provided professional representation of Consortium Member Districts in Tallahassee on mutual legislative issues. The annual dues have not increased since 2003-2004 school year. Superintendent recommended approval.

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

Citrus Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Florida Education Foundation. The funds were to be used for the classroom of Mrs. Lyndsey Matheny, Indian River School District. Superintendent recommends approval.

**E. Approval of 2014-2015 Master Inservice Plan – Mr. Rynberg**

In July 2014, the School District's Professional Development Department received approval of the District's Add-On Gifted and Reading Endorsement Plans for an additional five years. Over the past five years these successful programs enabled the District to certify forty-six educators with Gifted Endorsements and 145 educators with a Reading Endorsements. From 2010-2014, 10<sup>th</sup> grade reading proficiency increased from 44% to 61%, which was 6% higher than the State average. The School District's Professional Development Department requested acceptance of the 2014-2015 Master In-Service Plan. The Plan was part of a comprehensive system focused on improving student performance. The component listed was updated to reflect new professional development offerings by our education partners, as well as updates from the Florida Department of Education. The Vision of the School District's Professional Development Department was to provide employees with the tools and support needed to engage in daily, professional learning that resulted in increased student excellence. The mission was to make job-embedded, professional learning part of the culture of Indian River County School District. Superintendent recommended approval.

**F. Approval of Continuation Grant for Universal Design for Learning through Technology for Students with Disabilities 2014-2015 - Mr. Rynberg**

The School District of Indian River County was the recipient of a \$50,000 technology grant for the 2014-2015 school year. This was a continuation of a previously awarded grant from the 13-14 school year. It was funded by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council. The funds would be used for engineering learning environments and incorporating principles of

Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Our mission for the project was to include increasing numbers of elementary, middle, and high school students with significant cognitive disabilities and/or physical disabilities to benefit from education in an inclusive setting, accessing Common Core standards/connectors with the utilization of Smart Board Technology. Superintendent recommended approval.

**G. Approval of Adult Education Salary Schedule – Mr. Fritz**

On June 24, 2014, the 2014-2015 Hourly Rates for Part-Time Teachers and Extended Day Program Staff were approved and included the Non-Degreed Life Enhancement Course rate of pay of \$15.00 per hour. This amount did not agree with the rate on the Salary Schedule also approved at the same meeting. It was recommended that the rate of pay of \$15.00 per hour be approved, retroactive to July 1, 2014. Superintendent recommended approval.

**H. Approval of Virtual School Contract with Pasco County for 2014-15 – Mr. Rynberg**

By law, the School District of Indian River County was required to offer three, virtual school options. The Curriculum Department recommended approval of the contract with Pasco County (K-5) to provide a 180-day comprehensive, fulltime program. These programs were fully accredited and aligned to the Florida State Standards. Instruction would be delivered by fully-certified teachers. The cost to the School District for the K-12 full-time program was up to \$6,400 per student. Superintendent recommended approval.

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**J. Approval of Virtual School Contract with K12, Inc. for 2014-15 – Mr. Rynberg**

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**K. Approval of Virtual School Contract with Brevard Public Schools for 2014-15 – Mr. Rynberg**

By law, the School District of Indian River County was required to offer three, virtual school options. The Curriculum Department recommended approval of a contract with Brevard Public Schools to provide a 180-day comprehensive, fulltime program. These programs were fully accredited and aligned to the Florida State Standards. Instruction would be delivered by fully-certified teachers. The cost to the School District for the K-12 full-time program was up to \$6,400 per student. Superintendent recommended approval.

**Added on 8/25/2014:**

**L. Approval of Students Leaving Indian River County to Attend Schools in Saint Lucie County School District – Mr. Rynberg**

Parents resided in Indian River County and requested permission for their children to attend schools in Saint Lucie County for the 2014-2015 school year. Parents of the three students worked in Saint Lucie County. Superintendent recommended approval.

**M. Approval of Out-of-County Student Admissions – Mr. Rynberg**

Parents requested permission for their children to attend schools in Indian River County. Attached were the approved out-of-county requests signed by the Principals of the requested schools and the release letters from the students' home counties. One student was the child of an employee. There were nine, new students that requested to attend schools in Indian River County. Superintendent recommended approval.

**N. Approval of Out-of-County Charter School Student Admissions – Mr. Rynberg**

Parents requested permission for their children to attend charter schools in Indian River County. Attached were the approved out-of-county requests signed by the Principals of the requested charter schools and the release letters from the students' home counties. There were three, new students that requested to attend charter schools in Indian River County. Superintendent recommended approval.

**VIII. ACTION AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Dual Enrollment Agreement with Indian River State College for 2014-15 – Mr. Rynberg**

The Dual Enrollment Agreement between the School District of Indian River County and Indian River State College allowed the enrollment of high school students in dual enrollment courses for the school year 2014-2015, in accordance with section 1007.271, F.S. This allowed the enrollment of an eligible secondary student into a post-secondary course creditable towards high school completion, a career certificate, or an associate degree. Per Senate Bill 1514, the Indian River County School District shall pay the standard tuition rate per credit hour and the associated course materials from funds provided in the Florida Education Finance Program to Indian River State College (IRSC) for instruction taking place on any IRSC campus to cover instructional support costs incurred by the college. The standard college credit tuition rate at a Florida College System institution was \$71.98 per credit hour or \$2.33 per vocational clock hour. Estimated cost to the District was \$277,000, with Indian River State College for the 2014-2015 school year. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Dual Enrollment Agreement with Indian River State College for 2014-15. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion. In an effort to keep instruction for students on District campuses, Dr. Adams stated that she was currently working with Indian River State Collage to see if an agreement could be reached to allow School District Teachers to teach dual enrollment classes on School District campuses. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**B. Approval of 21<sup>st</sup> Community Learning Center Grant 2014-15 – Mr. Rynberg**

In response to community need, the School District of Indian River County (SDIRC) proposed a 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Program at four high-poverty elementary schools. The four sites were Glendale Elementary, Pelican Island Elementary, Sebastian Elementary, and Treasure Coast Elementary Schools. The District previously was awarded a five-year 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant in 2009-2010 for Glendale Elementary and Pelican Island Elementary Schools. The proposal was submitted in partnership with The Learning Alliance, Indian River County Sheriff's Department, Riverside Children's Theater, and other community agencies. The purpose of the centers was to (1) provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including supplemental instruction to support students in attaining increased skills in reading/language arts, mathematics, and science; (2) offer students a broad array of supplemental services, programs, and personal enrichment activities that were designed to reinforce and compliment the regular academic program; and (3) provide adult family members of regular participating students extended opportunities for literacy and related educational and personal development. The project provided school-based learning and enrichment opportunities for students and adult family members who represented generations of limited academic success and low income across targeted areas of north and south Indian River County. The District was requesting \$697,242 in 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Program funding to implement the proposed project activities. Depending on the availability of funds, the Florida Department of Education would provide funding to eligible applicants for five (5) years. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion. Ms. Jimenez moved approval of the 21<sup>st</sup> Community Learning Center Grant 2014-15. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion. Mrs. Berg, Director of Elementary Education, explained that this grant would bring new opportunities for students at schools that were not entitled to the programs provided at Title I schools. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**C. Approval to Award RFQ #2015-01 to Harvard Jolly, Inc., for Architectural Services for a New Cafeteria at Beachland Elementary - Mr. Morrison**

The Facilities Department requested that an RFQ be promulgated for architectural services for a new cafeteria at Beachland Elementary. The estimated financial impact to the District for these services was approximately \$300,000. Upon approval of the recommended rankings, the Superintendent's negotiation team would engage in negotiations per Chapter 287.055 F.S. with the top ranked firm, Harvard Jolly, Inc., to obtain a contract for architectural services. The negotiated contract would then be brought back to the School Board for approval at a later date. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval to award RFQ #2015-01 to Harvard Jolly, Inc., for Architectural Services for a New Cafeteria at Beachland Elementary. Mrs. Disney-Brombach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**D. Approval to Award RFP #2015-04 to Proctor Construction, Inc., for a New Cafeteria at Citrus Elementary School - Mr. Morrison**

RFP #2015-14 was promulgated for the construction of a new cafeteria building and an adjacent parking lot at Citrus Elementary. The total cost of this project was \$3,510,819.40. This included the base bid of \$3,198,734 and the deduction of \$7,080 for Alternate 1 (shop fabricated coping and flashing). In addition, a 10% contingency would be reserved in the amount of \$319,165.40 and would only be used if directed by the District. Award was not on the basis of price alone, but to the proposer whose submission contained the most advantageous combination of price, qualifications, experience, references, and work capacity. The Purchasing Department recommended the award and issuance of all subsequent purchase orders under this RFP including those that may have been in excess of \$50,000 to Proctor Construction, Inc., as the lowest and best responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, terms, and conditions. Please see attached backup. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion. Mrs. Disney-Brombach moved approval to award RFP #2015-04 to Proctor Construction, Inc., for a new cafeteria at Citrus Elementary School. Ms. Jimenez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**E. Approval of Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement (Lump Sum) for Citrus Elementary School New Cafeteria (SDIRC #2015-04) – Mr. Morrison**

Approval was recommended for the Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement between the School Board of Indian River County and Proctor Construction Company for the construction of a New Cafeteria at Citrus Elementary School (SDIRC #2015-04) in the amount of \$3,510,819.40. The project included the construction of a new cafeteria building and adjacent parking lot, modifications to Building 14, all associated site work, and demolition of the existing cafeteria upon completion of new construction. The contract amount consisted of the Contractor's Base Bid in the amount of \$3,198,734.00, Alternate 1 in the amount of \$7,080.00 and an owner added contingency in the amount of \$319,165.40 that included all construction costs associated with this project. The contract amount did not include Architect/Engineering fees or FF&E. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement (lump sum) for Citrus Elementary School New Cafeteria (SDIRC #2015-04). Mrs. Disney-Brombach seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**F. Approval of Superintendent's Goals and Superintendent's Goals Evaluation Template for 2014-2015 – Chairman Johnson**

Board Members and the Superintendent met in Discussion Sessions to collaboratively develop the Superintendent's Goals and the Superintendent's Goals Template for the current school year. Both documents were attached for approval. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the Superintendent's Goals and Superintendent's Goals Evaluation Template for 2014-2015. Ms. Jimenez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Adams reported on the first day of school, groundbreaking event for the Administrative Center, and the Ice Bucket Challenge.

**X. DISCUSSION**

**A. Restorative Justice – Dr. Adams/Dr. Torres-Martinez/Dr. Schiff**

Dr. Adams talked about the restorative justice program that was being introduced to schools. A Restorative Justice overview was presented by Dr. Martha Schiff, Associate Professor, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Torres-Martinez talked about the implementation of the tier setting model.

**B. Indian River County's Letter regarding Participation in a Lawsuit against the City of Vero Beach Utilities**

Ms. Jimenez spoke to the Board about the letter received from Indian River County to participate in a lawsuit against the City of Vero Beach Utilities. She noted that a decision must be made within ten days. Mrs. D'Agresta explained the potential costs and the mediation process. Dr. Adams was asked to gather data to present to the Board prior to the September 9 Discussion Session.

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

Ms. Jimenez talked about the positive energy in the schools this year. She also talked about the number of students who suffer from depression and an article on changing the mindset from At Risk Students to Kids of Hope.

Mrs. Simchick said that she was excited for our students and for what the District had to offer them this year. She also spoke of the Sales Tax Grant, known as the Voucher Lawsuit. Mrs. Simchick stated publically that the School District did not participate in the lawsuit.

Mrs. Disney-Brombach reported on her meeting with the Presidents of the National School Boards Association. She said that she would be discussing with the School Board in September patterns that needed to be changed.

Chairman Johnson thanked the three County Commissioners and the Vice Mayor of Indian River Shores for joining the School District for the groundbreaking event for the Administrative Center.

XII. INFORMATION AGENDA

**A. 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 statement 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 were only required to submit financials quarterly. All charter schools currently operating in Indian River had been designated as high performing. Indian River Charter High School, Imagine Schools of South Vero, Sebastian Charter Junior High School, and St. Peter's Academy opted to submit their financials quarterly. North County Charter School opted to submit their financials monthly.

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

Attached was the Monthly Facilities Report.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

Dr. Adams thanked Mr. Earman and his staff for fixing the air conditioning. Mr. Green presented a video on the "Sights and Sounds of the First Day of School".

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Johnson

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:17 p.m.