

The District School Board of Indian River County met on September 9, 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. CALLED DISCUSSION SESSION TO ORDER – Chairman Johnson
Chairman Johnson noted that Mr. McCain would be a few minutes late.

- II. ITEMS PLACED ON AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS – Chairman Johnson
 - A. **Chairman Johnson**
 1. Superintendent's Search Timeline
Board Members agreed to set a Superintendent Search Workshop for September 23, 2014, at 1 p.m.
 2. Litigation Matters, Processing Invoices
After discussion on the issue of bringing before the Board for approval legal invoices that may exceed \$50,000, Board Members agreed that the dollar figure should be determined by case file, rather than by vendor.
 3. Board Availability on Meeting Days
Chairman Johnson reminded the Board that the instruction to staff was to fill the time slots for business meeting days (Tuesdays) before going to an off Tuesdays. And to use the afternoon time slots before the morning time slots.
 4. New Board Member Orientation Packets
Chairman Johnson noted the orientation information for newly elected Board Members.
 5. Walkthrough for New Wellness Center
Chairman Johnson noted that the Ribbon Cutting was set for September 29 at 9:30 a.m. and that the Wellness Center would be open that day.
 6. Superintendent Evaluation Instrument
It was suggested that a line be included at the top of the first page for Board Members to indicate their overall rating of professional standards. Chairman Johnson said that the timeline for the evaluation process was ready and would be brought to the Board for adoption, along with the evaluation form for the 2014-2015 school year.
 7. Indian River County's Invitation to Join Lawsuit against City of Vero Beach Utilities
Dr. Adams said that District representative, Mr. Sanders, would attend the meetings. She did not recommend that the District join in the lawsuit.

Call a Point of Privilege – Chairman Johnson asked the Board Attorney if it was permissible to give newly elected Board Members a cell phone, office phone, and District email address. Mrs. D'Agresta said that it was up to the Board regarding the expenditure of funds. Board Members discussed the duties of the Board Members elect and agreed that telephones and email access should be made available after the Board Members were sworn in.

B. Mrs. Disney-Brombach

No items.

C. Claudia Jiménez

1. Ms. Jiménez discussed the proposed Legislative Platform with Board Members and Superintendent. Upon Mr. McCain's arrive, the Board resumed discussing the Platform. Ms. Jiménez said that she would make the suggested revisions and bring the final document to the business meeting for adoption.
2. Local Assessment Schedule for 2014-2015
Ms. Jiménez said that the Board needed to ask themselves what was District based testing and what was State required testing. She also wanted to ask staff to explain why there was so much testing. Dr. Adams explained the reality of mandated testing, teacher evaluations based on student testing, and benchmarks to assist teachers in preparing students to take the Florida Standards test. She said that the original purpose of the standardized testing was to compare students with all States. Since that time, Florida changed the Common Core Test so now the test would, once again, not be the same as the other States. Dr. Adams said that it was all very frustrating.

D. Dale Simchick

1. Mrs. Simchick brought back to the Board for discussion the topic of Public Input/Public Dialogue. She suggested that the public have the ability to move an item from Consent Agenda so he/she could to speak to that item. Chairman Johnson suggested that the appropriate time to have this discussion would be after the Board's organization meeting in November, in order to give newly elected Board Members an opportunity to address this issue. Ms. Jiménez agreed and said that she would suggest that the process for citizen input be placed on the Board website. She handed out a copy of procedures to consider that was from a City Council meeting. Chairman Johnson directed that the topic of Public Input/Public Dialogue be placed on the December Information Session.

(Mr. McCain was present.)

E. Matthew McCain

No items.

III. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS – Chairman Johnson

Mrs. Disney-Brombach reported on the Florida School Boards Association's Board of Directors' Leadership Development Training and Meeting held in Vero Beach last week.

Ms. Jiménez reported on her meeting with Connect4Kids and the Florida School Boards Association Meeting that was headed by FSBA President, Mrs. Karen Disney-Brombach.

Dr. Adams said that the speakers at the FSBA meetings from Indian River County told their stories rather than stories of Indian River County.

Chairman Johnson reported that the new housing development slated for Indian River County would be a 55-plus development that would not impact school populations.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Johnson

With no further discussion, the session adjourned at approximately 2:52 p.m.