

The District School Board of Indian River County met on September 23, 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, and Dale Simchick. Suzanne D’Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools; and Karen Disney-Brombach, Board Member were not present.

Discussion on Superintendent Search Minutes

- I. Discussion session was called to order by Chairman Johnson.
Dr. Adams talked briefly to the School Board about Part IV Gender Equity in Athletics that she added to the Equity Report for adoption at the 6 p.m. business meeting. She also spoke about the Resolution on Accountability being proposed by School Board of Palm Beach. The Resolution was a request for a three-year transition period to the new Florida Assessment Standards. Ms. Jiménez distributed a copy of the Resolution. After discussing the issue, Board Members agreed to have Ms. Jiménez work with Dr. Adams on a “draft” Resolution for Indian River County School District to consider.
Dr. Adams left the Discussion Session.
- II. PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION SESSION – Chairman Johnson
Chairman Johnson said that there were three areas that the Board needed to talk about regarding the search.
- III. Discussion – School Board Members
Chairman Johnson said that the \$15,000 reserved for the superintendent search should be transferred to the Board’s budget. Chairman Johnson said that the Board needed to decide what to do about a consultant. She distributed information on past searches and explained the process. Other decisions needed were the salary range and advertisement timeline. Chairman Johnson said that another discussion session would need to be scheduled for October. She said that the bulk of the details regarding the search would take place after the November organization meeting. Chairman Johnson said that a good place to start would be the salary issue. It was suggested that Dr. Blanton be hired as the consultant, first; because he would move the Board through the process. It was stated that Dr. Blanton had the pulse of the State and of education on what was going on now.

Chairman Johnson presented information regarding the advertisements that needed to go out first. Board Members agreed that Dr. Blanton would be their choice. It was mentioned that the three-paneled brochure printed by the District could be updated. It was also noted that the Fast Facts would be helpful. Chairman Johnson asked Board Members about the dollar figure for contract negotiations with Dr. Blanton. Mrs. D'Agresta mentioned that the contract should be placed on a business meeting agenda for a vote.

IV. NEXT STEPS – Chairman Johnson

Chairman Johnson said that she would contact Dr. Blanton for a meeting date between now and October 7. She asked Board Members to look at the timeline.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Johnson

With no further discussion, the session adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.