

The District School Board of Indian River County met on October 7, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. The discussion session 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. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D'Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present. Karen Disney-Brombach, Board Member, was not present.

Discussion Session Minutes

- I. Discussion Session was called to order by Chairman Johnson.

- II. ITEMS PLACED ON AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS – Chairman Johnson
 - A. **Mrs. Disney-Brombach**
Not Present.
 - B. **Claudia Jiménez**
 1. Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards Legislative Platform
Board Members discussed the appointment of a representative to the Consortium and discussed the Legislative Platform that included five priority goals and additional items to be voted on at the business meeting.
 2. Florida School Finance Council Budget Priorities and Recommendations for FY 2015-16
Ms. Jiménez presented highlights from the report in the area of Exceptional Student Education funding trends and inflation. The Board discussed funding for services to charter schools from IDEA grant. Dr. Adams said that she would provide a copy of the funding for charter schools for Board Members. Ms. Jiménez also spoke of the 1.5 millage graph.
 3. Deletion of Action E for approval of a Document Management System
Dr. Adams said that the Board Attorney requested additional time to review the contract. She said that it would be placed on the next business agenda.
 4. Equity Report
Board Members requested to add the Equity Report to the website.
 - C. **Dale Simchick**
 1. Invocation Volunteer Selection Process
Board Members discussed rotation for fairness and discussed the letter received from Freedom from Religion. Mrs. D'Agresta spoke to the issue and the options. The current process was discussed. Mrs. D'Agresta suggested that the current process be reduced to writing and memorialized. One suggestion was that the Board consider having a moment of silence in place of an invocation. Mrs. Simchick said that she would bring this up at a Discussion Session after the organization meeting in November. Mrs. D'Agresta said that she would provide a copy of the letter from Freedom from Religion to the new Board Members, after they were sworn in.

D. Matthew McCain

1. Superintendent Search

Mr. McCain said that the brochure was printed by the District's Print Shop and was being updated by Mrs. Poysell. Board Members talked about community input, Fast Facts, and scheduling a District Initiatives Workshop to include an update on IRFIL and Moonshot Moment. Superintendent said that she would like to know what the Board's priorities were in regard to the new Superintendent.

E. Chairman Johnson

1. Chairman Johnson requested, and the Board agreed, to place a spot on the website for Community Input for the new Superintendent search. Dr. Adams suggested that it contain the framework.

2. Impact Fees

Chairman Johnson noted that she would attend the County Commission public hearing on School Impact Fees to be held next week. Chairman Johnson said that it was important for Board Members to attend. She said that Mr. Morrison would let the Board know what time to be at the meeting.

III. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS – Chairman Johnson

Ms. Jiménez reported on the Hunger and Poverty Symposium on toxic stress on the development of a child's brain. She highlighted the School Health Advisory Council meeting. Ms. Jiménez said that they wanted clarity on whether or not students could bring water bottles to school, if it were not included in their care plan. Ms. Jiménez told them she would speak to Dr. Adams and bring back information to SHAC. She reported on the Juvenile Justice Council meeting, Connected4Kids Meeting, IRFIL, and the Community Health Improvement Plan Priority #2 Meeting.

As a follow up, Dr. Adams said that she would speak to Principals regarding the question on water bottles. She also stated that in connection with Indian River Fellowship for Instructional Leaders (IRFIL), schools must go out and get feedback from students as part of their School Improvement Plan requirements. Dr. Adams spoke of the dynamic changes made to the document from the State. She said that the first, "I can", meeting would be held in the near future at which Principals must state what they were doing regarding their eight listed areas of improvement.

Mrs. Simchick reported on the Sebastian Planning and Zoning Meeting.

Mr. McCain reported on the Vero Beach Planning and Zoning Meeting discussion on medical marijuana. He was asked how it would affect the School District.

Chairman Johnson reported on United Way's three initiatives.

Discussion on partnering with the County Commission meeting regarding the Local Legislative Delegation meeting.

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

A. Reception for Board Members

Dr. Adams asked the Board to place on their calendars a reception scheduled for November 4, 2014, from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. for outgoing Board Members.

B. Board Liaison to the “Community Literacy Leaders Committee”

Dr. Adams asked the Board if they would be interested in having a Board Member serve as a standing liaison on the Committee. Board gave direction to add this position to the organization meeting.

C. Purchasing and Warehouse Department; and Adult and Community Education Name Changes

Dr. Adams received a request to change the Purchasing and Warehouse Department to Purchasing and Central Distribution. She also received a request to change Adult and Community Education to Technical Center for Career and Adult Education. Dr. Adams asked the Board for permission to update the organization chart to reflect the new names.

D. Rosewood Magnet Elementary School Road Naming

Dr. Adams stated that Rosewood Magnet Elementary School’s School Advisory Council requested to name the new drop off/pick up access road to “Dillon Drive” in honor of Principal Deborah Dillon, who was retiring in December 2014. Board gave direction to place this request on the next business meeting agenda.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Johnson

With no further discussion, the session adjourned at approximately 2:34 p.m.