

The District School Board of Indian River County met on November 18, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. The organization meeting was held in the Teacher Education Center located at the School District of Indian River County, Florida, J.A. Thompson Administrative Center, located at 1990 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. District School Board Members attending were: Board Members Matthew McCain, Claudia Jiménez, Dale Simchick, Charles Searcy, and Shawn Frost. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D'Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present.

Annual Organization Meeting

State Statute #1001.371 and School Board Policy #0150 require that the Superintendent act as Chairman until the organization of the Board is complete.

I. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Adams.

Dr. Adams stated that today's date was Tuesday, November 18, 2014, and the time was 5:00 p.m. She said that at this time she would like to call the District School Board's Organization Meeting to Order.

Dr. Adams first stated for the record that as per State Statute 1001.371 and School Board Policy 0151, the Superintendent was required to act as Chairman until the organization of the Board was completed.

II. Oath of Office – Honorable Paul B. Kanarek, Circuit Court Judge in the 19th Judicial Circuit
Dr. Adams said that it was her Honor to Introduce, Judge Paul B. Kanarek, Circuit Court Judge in the 19th Judicial Circuit, who would speak to the Board and administer the Oath of Office.

Dr. Adams called forward Dale Simchick, Charles Searcy, and Shawn Frost. Judge Kanarek spoke to the Board and administered the oath of office to Dale Simchick, Charles Searcy, and Shawn Frost.

III. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

A. Election of Chairman

Dr. Adams said that the first order of business was for the Board to elect a Chairman to serve for one year. Dr. Adams called for nominations from the Board.

Nominations:

Ms. Jiménez nominated Mr. McCain.

Mr. Frost nominated Mr. Searcy.

Mr. Searcy nominated Mrs. Simchick.

Mrs. Simchick asked to have her name removed from the nomination list.

Hearing no further nominations, Dr. Adams called for a vote in the order in which the nominations were received. The first nomination was for Mr. McCain. Board Members voted in favor of Mr. McCain, with a 4-1 vote. Ms. Jiménez, Mrs. Simchick, Mr. Frost, and Mr. McCain voted in favor of the nomination of Mr. McCain. Mr. Searcy voted against the motion.

Dr. Adams stated that it was her pleasure to announce that Mr. McCain would hold the position of Chairman for one year.

B. Election of Vice Chairman

Dr. Adams stated that the next action by the Board was to elect a Vice Chairman to serve for one year. Dr. Adams called for nominations from the Board.

Nominations:

Mr. Frost nominated Mr. Searcy.

Chairman McCain nominated Ms. Jiménez.

Hearing no further nominations, Dr. Adams called for a vote in the order in which the nominations were received. The first nomination was for Mr. Searcy. Board Members voted in favor of Mr. Searcy, with a 3-2 vote. Mrs. Simchick, Mr. Frost, and Mr. Searcy voted in favor of the nomination of Mr. Searcy. Ms. Jiménez and Chairman McCain voted against the motion.

Dr. Adams stated that it was her pleasure to announce that Mr. Searcy would hold the position of Vice Chairman for one year.

Dr. Adams turned the gavel over to Chairman McCain.

IV. Approval of Regular Meetings of the School Board

A. Approval of Business Meeting Dates and Times - Chairman

Present practice was to hold two monthly meetings. The meetings were held the second and fourth Tuesday's of each month at 6:00 p.m. for the business portion of the meeting and at 5:30 p.m. for Hearing Officer Review, only when necessary. A list of specific meeting dates for December 2014 through November 2015 was attached.

Chairman McCain stated that the first order of business was to call for a motion to adopt the business meeting dates and times. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the business meeting dates and times as presented and attached. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Board Members spoke to the motion. Hearing no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of Meeting Place - Chairman

The Teacher Education Center (TEC) that was located at the Administrative Center at 1990 25th Street, Vero Beach was currently designated as the meeting place, unless public interest could best be served by meeting elsewhere.

Chairman McCain called for a motion to adopt the meeting place. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the meeting place as presented. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

V. Official Appointments by the Chairman

A. Florida School Boards Association, Legislative Liaison

Duties included attending 3-4 meetings yearly, as well as lobbying activities in Tallahassee. Last year Ms. Jiménez served as Legislative Liaison, with Mrs. Disney-Brombach as Alternate.

Chairman McCain, hearing no objection, appointed Ms. Jiménez as the Legislative Liaison, with Mr. Frost as the Alternate.

B. Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards, Committee Member

Duties included attending 3-4 meetings yearly, as well as lobbying activities in Tallahassee. Note: Bylaws do not include an Alternate. Last year Ms. Jiménez served.

Chairman McCain appointed Ms. Jiménez to serve.

C. Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments, Inc., Committee Member

The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at St. Lucie County's Administration Building. Last year Mrs. Disney-Brombach served.

Chairman McCain appointed Mr. Frost to serve.

D. County Commission's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Committee Member and Alternate – Voting Position

Duties included attending monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in Room B1-501. Last year Mrs. Disney-Brombach served, with Ms. Jiménez as Alternate.

Chairman McCain accepted the appointment to serve, with Mrs. Simchick as Alternate.

E. County Commission's Economic Development Council (EDC), Committee Member – Two-Year, Voting Position

Duties included attending monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501. Last year Ms. Jiménez served for her second year, with Mrs. Disney-Brombach as Alternate.

Chairman McCain appointed Mr. Frost, with Ms. Jiménez as Alternate.

F. School Health Advisory Committee – Non-Voting Position

Duty was to attend three to five meetings per year as called, generally at 12 noon at United Way. Last year Ms. Jiménez served.

Chairman McCain appointed Mr. Searcy to serve.

G. Indian River County Planning and Zoning Commission, Two-Year, Non-Voting Position with an Alternate

The Commission meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in County Commission Chambers. These appointments were for two-years. The appointments were for December 2014 and for calendar years 2015 and 2016. Last year, Mrs. Johnson served without an Alternate.

Chairman McCain appointed Mr. Frost, with Mrs. Simchick as Alternate.

H. City of Vero Beach Planning and Zoning Commission – Non-Voting Position

The Commission meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall. Last year Mr. McCain served.

Chairman McCain accepted the appointment to serve.

I. City of Sebastian Planning and Zoning Commission – Non-Voting Position

The Commission meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in City Hall, as needed. Last year Mrs. Simchick served.

Chairman McCain appointed Mrs. Simchick to serve.

J. City of Fellsmere Planning and Zoning Commission – Non-Voting Position

The Commission meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:05 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Last year Mrs. Simchick served.

Chairman McCain appointed Mrs. Simchick to serve.

K. Indian River Shores Planning and Zoning Commission – Non-Voting Position

May 2008 was the first year for this appointment. The Commission meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 2 p.m. in City Hall, as needed. Last year Mr. McCain served.

Chairman McCain accepted the appointment to serve.

VI. Board Appointments

A. Approval of Appointment of a Citizen to the Indian River County Citizen Advisory Committee, re: MPO Transportation

Ryan Wilson volunteered and was appointed to the position on September 11, 2012. The term of this position coincided with the Board's organization meeting. The CAC holds at least four meetings each year. Mr. Wilson submitted a yearly report and had agreed to do an additional term.

Chairman McCain called for a motion to appoint a Citizen to the Indian River County Citizen Advisory Committee, re: MPO Transportation. Mr. Frost moved approval of Mr. Wilson for an additional term. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of Appointment of a Citizen to the Indian River County School Planning Citizen Oversight Committee re: Interlocal Agreement for Public School Planning

Peter Robinson served on this Committee since its inception in 2003. The purpose of the Committee was to monitor implementation of the Interlocal Agreement and to report to participating local governments--the District School Board and the general public--on the effectiveness with which the Interlocal Agreement was being implemented. The Committee meets once per year on a date and time to be determined. Mr. Robinson submitted a yearly report and had agreed to do an additional term.

Chairman McCain called for a motion to appoint a Citizen to the Indian River County School Planning Citizen Oversight Committee, re: Interlocal Agreement for Public School Planning. Mrs. Simchick moved approval to appoint Mr. Robinson for an additional term. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Board Members spoke to the motion. With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of Appointment to Indian River County, School Concurrency Sub-Committee Workgroup, Non-voting

This workgroup was established in 2007. The purpose of the workgroup was to discuss school concurrency as a small, working group. The Board must elect a Board Member. Last year Mrs. Johnson served.

Chairman McCain call for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved to appoint Chairman McCain. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

D. Approval of Appointment to County Commission's Value Adjustment Board (VAB), One Committee Member and One Alternate

Reference: Florida State Statute 194.015. The Committee meets each year as needed. The appointment would be effective upon approval by the County Commission. Last year Mrs. Disney-Brombach was appointed as Committee Member and Mr. McCain was appointed as Alternate.

Chairman McCain called for a motion to appoint a Board Member to the Indian River County Value Adjustment Board. Mrs. Simchick voted to appoint Mr. Searcy as the Committee Member. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

Chairman McCain called for a motion to appoint an Alternate to the Indian River County Value Adjustment Board. Mr. Frost nominated Mrs. Simchick as the Alternate. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

E. Approval of Appointment to County Commission's Value Adjustment Board (VAB), One Citizen Member

The Committee meets each year as needed. Eligibility was set forth in Florida State Statute 194.015. On January 22, 2013, Mr. Todd Heckman was appointed by the School Board. The position was for a calendar year/tax cycle. Mr. Heckman submitted his yearly report prior to the meeting and had agreed to serve for an additional term.

Chairman McCain called for a motion to appoint one Citizen Member to the Indian River County Value Adjustment Board. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of Mr. Heckman as the Citizen Member. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

F. Approval of Appointment as District School Board's Legislative Liaison

This position required extensive knowledge of local, state, and federal issues. Ms. Jiménez was appointed as the District School Board's Legislative Liaison in November 2013.

Chairman McCain called for a motion to appoint a School Board Member as the District School Board's Legislative Liaison. Mr. Frost moved to appoint Mr. Searcy as the District School Board's Legislative Liaison. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

- G. Approval of Appointment to Community Literacy Leaders Committee – Non-Voting Position**
The Committee was comprised of community leaders in support of the Moonshot Goal. Normally they meet once every month. This was a new position.

Chairman McCain called for a motion to appoint a School Board Member to the Community Literacy Leaders Committee. Mrs. Simchick moved to appoint Ms. Jiménez as a Committee Member. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

Ms. Jiménez moved approval to reconsider the motion for item VI.F. Approval of Mr. Searcy as the District School Board's Legislative Liaison. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion. Board Members discussed the motion. The motion failed unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

VII. Information

A. Staff Appointments to Indian River County Committees

Attached was a list of staff appointments to Indian River County Committees that were required by law and approved by the Superintendent for the 2015 calendar year.

B. Agnes Peebles Memorial Scholarship Committee

As per the legal Trust Agreement established in 1953, the Chairman of the School Board of Indian River County and the Principal of Vero Beach High School serve on this scholarship committee.

C. County, School Planning, Elected Officials Oversight Committee

Membership bylaws required that the Chairman of the School Board hold this position.

D. Individual Florida School Boards Association Sub Committee Assignments

Board Members had the option to individually select Committees on which to serve.

E. Treasure Coast Advocacy Coalition

The Treasure Coast Advocacy Coalition (a/k/a Treasure Coast Coordination Coalition (TC3) meetings were held periodically.

F. Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Meetings were held the third Friday of every month in Stuart. Mrs. Disney-Brombach attended when there were issues concerning the School District.

G. Treasure Coast Work Group

Meetings were held monthly on Fridays with legislative representatives from Okeechobee, West Palm Beach, Martin, Indian River, and Saint Lucie Counties. Mrs. Disney-Brombach attended.

H. Individual Board Appointments to School Board's Land Use and Acquisition Committee

The appointment corresponded to the Board Member's elected term. Board Members were to submit their appointee's name and contact information for the January 2015 business meeting agenda.

VIII. Adjournment – Chairman

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:35 p.m.