

The District School Board of Indian River County met on February 24, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Teacher Education Center located in the School District Office at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center located at 1990 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. District School Board Members attending were: Chairman Matthew McCain, Vice Chairman Charles G. Searcy, and Board Members: Claudia Jiménez, Dale Simchick, and Shawn R. Frost. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D'Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present. Prior to the meeting, an invocation was given by Pastor Jack Diehl, from Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman McCain
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS by Sebastian River High School's Naval Junior ROTC under the Command of James R. O'Neal (MGS USMC Ret.)
- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY
Chairman McCain called for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the Orders of the Day, with a change to page 11 of 12 of the Business Meeting minutes held 2/10/2015, changing the word "payee" to "additional insured". Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
Recognition of 2016 Indian River County Teacher of the Year and the 2015 Employee of the Year – Mrs. Hofer
Kelli Mejia, 3rd Grade Teacher at Fellsmere Elementary School, was recognized by the District School Board as the 2016 Indian River County School District Teacher of the Year. Barbara Musselwhite, Extended Day program Supervisor at the Technical Center for Career and Adult Education, was recognized by the Board as the 2015 Indian River County School District School-Related Employee of the year.
- V. CITIZEN INPUT
No requests.
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA
Chairman McCain called for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as previously amended. Mr. Searcy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as previously amended. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Adams

1. Student Code of Conduct held 2/10/2015
2. Discussion Session held 2/10/2015
3. Business Meeting held 2/10/2015 (Amended page 6 of 7, changing the word “payee” to “additional insured”).

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 Student Leaving Indian River County for 2015-2016 School Year – Mr. Rynberg

This was a request to continue to attend school in Brevard for the 2015-2016 school year. Superintendent recommended approval.

D. Approval of Donation – Mr. Morrison

1. Sebastian River High School received a donation of a storage container from the Florida Safety Council. The storage container would be used by the Sebastian River High School Band. A donation in the amount of \$1,350 was received from the Sebastian Clambake Foundation. The funds would be utilized by the Sebastian River High School Boys Lacrosse team.
2. A donation in the amount of \$1,000 was received by Storm Grove Middle School from Seacoast National Bank. The funds would be used to support the Storm Grove Middle School 7th grade students End of Year Celebration.

Superintendent recommended approval.

Added on 2/20/2015:

E. Approval of Hearing Officer’s Recommendations – Dr. Adams

It was recommended that the District School Board accept the Hearing Officer’s recommendations in regard to Student Hearing Number #14-65. Superintendent recommended approval.

Ms. Jiménez requested to place on the March 10 Discussion Session, the subject of the kinds of services that the District should provide to students while students were not permitted to attend school; i.e., Homebound.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval of Approval of Budget Amendments – Mr. Morrison

This request was for approval of the following budget amendments for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015:

Amendment # 1 – General Fund BA – July 2014 through January 2015

Amendment # 1 – Special Revenue – Other

Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman McCain called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the budget amendments. Mr. Frost Seconded the motion. Board Members spoke to the motion and asked questions. In regard to the federal migrant funds, it was stated that there should be a plan in place to use all available funds for students, rather than rolling over the balance each year. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of 2014-2015 Student Progression Plan – Mr. Rynberg

The State Board of Education required each School District to maintain a Student Progression Plan that outlined policies and procedures related to promotion and retention. The District Student Progression Plan helped to ensure that the required program of study, placement, promotion, reporting, retention, and assessment procedures were equitable and comprehensive; thereby, providing accountability for all students. The School District of Indian River County's Student Progression Plan had been revised to reflect legislative changes and had been edited for clarification. The Student Progression Plan was available prior to the meeting. Superintendent recommended approval.

Minor, last minute, changes were made and available for the Board to review.

Citizen Input:

Diane Parentela requested to speak to this item.

Chairman McCain called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the 2014-2015 Student Progression Plan. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion. Board Members discussed the retention policy for kindergarten through third grade, adopting the Plan half-way through the year, and services beyond the aged-out special needs group. Dr. Adams responded to the questions. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Adams congratulated Adam Foust, Principal of Glendale Elementary School, for being recognized in Orlando at the Principals Summit. She said that Mr. Foust took the school from an "F" to an "A" in one year. Dr. Adams announced that the Commissioner of Education, through an Executive Order, stated that the student assessments for 11th Grade ELA (English Language Arts) would not take place this school year. It was taken out of the Student Assessment Schedule. Dr. Adams talked about the John's Island Breakfast Series, with the Learning Alliance, that focused on the community and the work they were doing in regard to the Moonshot Moment. She also attended the Community Literacy Leaders Meeting with Ms. Jiménez that included community activity groups that were going to incorporate the Moonshot Moment reading opportunities with their student activities.

IX. DISCUSSION

Ms. Jiménez gave an update on Superintendent Search. The current list had about 66 resumes. On March 3 the Board would meet with the search firm from Florida School Boards Association to decide on the list of finalists and to establish a list of questions for the interviews. Ms. Jiménez said that the process would ensure that the Board did its due diligence in order to contract with the best person for Superintendent of Schools.

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS – Chairman McCain

Mr. Frost reported on his attendance at the Economic Development Council Meeting, Moon Shot Moment Breakfast, and his involvement with the Florida Coalition of School Board Members that included support for school choice and effective council for School Board Members. Mr. Frost mentioned that it may be clearer if he withdrew his alternate position on the Florida School Boards Association, since he ~~would be testifying against the lawsuit started by the Florida School Boards Association that was against School Vouchers~~ **would be testifying before various legislative bodies and committees this session.**

Mrs. Simchick reported on her attendance at the Sebastian Planning and Zoning Committee, the Lunch and Learn sponsored by the Learning Alliance, and the Superintendent search.

Ms. Jiménez reported on her attendance at the Literacy Leaders Committee Meeting and her upcoming travel to Jacksonville with the Early Literacy Group to look at best practices. Upcoming was her intent to travel to Tallahassee for the Day in the Legislature to represent all 17,000 children in front of our Legislators, with accountability for each student. Ms. Jiménez talked about a change that was made to weighting policy to better represent the rigor of those classes.

Mr. Searcy reported on his attendance at the Arts in the Mall Show. He asked about the fine received by Vero Beach High School from the Florida High School Association. Dr. Adams addressed his questions.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

A. Financial Report for Month ending December 2014 -- Mr. Morrison

Attached were the Financial Reports for the month ending December 31, 2014.

B. Monthly Facilities Report – Mr. Morrison

See attached report.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

Short video from Mr. Green regarding a mobile app available for students and parents to increase communication in real time.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman McCain

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.