

The District School Board of Indian River County met on March 10, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. The workshop 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.

Updated Emergency Management Plan Workshop Minutes

- I. Workshop was called to order by Chairman McCain
- II. Purpose of the Workshop – Dr. Adams
Dr. Adams said that the Emergency Management Plan had been in place for quite a number of years. She said that updating the Plan was a collaborative effort that included emergency services from the City of Vero Beach and the County of Indian River.
- III. Presentation of Updated Emergency Management Plan – Mr. Morrison
Mr. Morrison introduced his staff and Lt. John Pedersen from the Vero Beach Police Department, who attended the workshop for Sgt. Ladell Young, School Resource Officer. A hard copy of the presentation, a flip chart, and a copy of the full manual were provided to Board Members. Mr. Copeman stated that the purpose of the Plan was to provide operational direction to administrators, principals, schools, teachers, and staff in regard to emergency situations in order to be ready to respond and to recover from any disasters that may occur. The Plan would also provide direction to our outside emergency response units from the City of Vero Beach and County of Indian River. The Plan was required as per Florida Statute 1006.07(4) and School Board policy 8405.

The EMP Task Force Committee included members from staff and the emergency response units, as well as, input regarding what works and does not work at schools and from community experts. Mr. Remole presented what was new in the Plan and what was revised. He also talked about the training that would be provided for Law Enforcement, Fire Safety Officials, Principals, site Administrators, School Crisis Teams, Teachers, and Staff. Mrs. LoPresti, Indian River County Emergency Management Coordinator, and Lt. Richard Marini, Indian River County Fire Prevention, spoke to the Board in support of the Plan and the collaborative efforts. Mr. Remole talked about the training that would begin with the Crisis Team and Principals. The Plan would be updated on an annual basis with the site-based personnel names and then forwarded to Emergency Management, etc. Mr. Copeman said that Mr. Remole was the Administrator of the Plan.

Mr. Morrison said that there would be mock drills held during the summer. Mr. Copeman said that the next step was to present the unclassified Plan for Board approval. He also noted that the implementation date would be July 1, 2015.

Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions.

IV. Adjournment – Chairman McCain

With no further business, the workshop adjourned at approximately 10:08 a.m.