

The District School Board of Indian River County met on March 19, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. The special 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. Suzanne D'Agresta, School Board Attorney, was not present. Mrs. Amy Pitsch, Esq., attended as Board Attorney in Mrs. D'Agresta's absence. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools, was not present.

Special Meeting for Selection of Finalist for Superintendent of Schools Position Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman McCain.
Chairman McCain announced that the meeting was being televised.

- II. Purpose of the Meeting – Chairman McCain
Chairman McCain stated that the purpose of the meeting was to select a finalist/finalists for the Superintendent of School for the School District of Indian River County, Florida. He said that the Board could decide to start the process over again, the Board could also request a second interview. The following candidates were interviewed:
 - Dr. Mark Rendell
 - Dr. David Christiansen
 - Dr. Helen Wild
 - Mr. Bruce Green

- III. ACTION AGENDA
 - A. **Approval of Finalist(s) for the Position of Superintendent of Schools – Chairman McCain**
Chairman McCain said that this action would not be naming of the Superintendent because the next step would be to negotiate a contract with the finalist. He stated that the voted would be done as a straw vote starting with the top 3, then the top two, etc. Chairman McCain said that the Board would then be open to a motion/vote. Chairman McCain stated for the record that he had received a telephone call from Dr. Blanton from the Florida School Boards Association. The call was in reference to a news article about a candidate being accused of misbehavior. Dr. Blanton explained that it was not the behavior of the candidate but the behavior of an employee working under the candidate. The issue had since been dismissed because there was nothing to it.

Mrs. Simchick started out by stating that her top two candidates were: Dr. Rendell and Mr. Green. Ms. Jiménez's top two were Dr. Rendell and Dr. Wild. Mr. Frost's top two were: Dr. Rendell and Dr. Christiansen. Mr. Searcy's top two were: Mr. Green and Dr. Rendell. Chairman McCain said that his top candidates were: Dr. Rendell, Dr. Christensen, and Dr. Wild. At that point, Chairman McCain said that it was appropriate to have a formal, straw vote or someone could make a motion right now.

Ms. Jiménez moved approval to begin contract negotiations with Dr. Rendell. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Board Members were given an opportunity to discuss the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion with a 5-0 vote.

V. Next Steps – Chairman McCain

Chairman McCain said that the Board did not have a new Superintendent. He said that the Board would move forward with contract negotiations. He said that the Board was scheduled to meet on Tuesday to discuss any issues needed regarding the contract, if needed.

VI. Adjournment – Chairman McCain

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.