

The District School Board of Indian River County met on April 14, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. The session was held in the Teacher Education Center located in the School District Office at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center located at 1990 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. District School Board Members attending were: 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. Chairman Matthew McCain was not present.

### **Discussion Session Minutes**

- I. Discussion Session was called to order by Vice Chairman Searcy.
  
- II. ITEMS PLACED ON AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS – Vice Chairman Searcy
  - A. Dale Simchick**
    1. Work Hours for Executive Assistant to the District School Board  
Dr. Adams said that Board Secretaries work evening meetings. She said that on the weeks of evening meetings, the Secretary would be scheduled to start the day at 9 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; or the equivalent time to make up for the time worked over 8 hours on meeting days. Dr. Adams said that any required overtime would be authorized through the Superintendent.
    2. Resolution Against the Passenger Trains in Indian River County  
After discussing the issue, the Board agreed that this issue was a political issue and not a school issue.
  - B. Chairman McCain**  
Not present.
  - C. Charles Searcy**
    1. Capital Money Sharing with Charter Schools  
After discussing the issue at length, the Board direction was to set a date to sit down with the charter schools and staff prior to setting the budget for the next school year. They agreed to May 12 at 9 a.m. as their first choice. Their second choice would be May 14 at 6 p.m. Dr. Adams said that she would confirm a date with Dr. Rendell. Mrs. Simchick reviewed the “draft” agenda she prepared. Mr. Waddell, Indian River Charter High School Board Member, said that the date and time would work for the charter school.
    2. “Use it or Lose it” Policy Concerning Vacation and Sick Day Carry Over  
After discussing the issue, Board Members agreed to meet on July 28. They directed the Board Attorney to carve out each of the issues for the Board.

**D. Claudia Jiménez**

1. Goal Setting Expectations

Board Members agreed to meet on April 28, without the Superintendent and Staff, to talk about the Board's expectations for the next school year. They also agreed to meet on June 16 at 5 p.m., with Dr. Adams and Dr. Rendell, to go over District Goals.

2. Children's Assessment Presentation

Board Members agreed to set aside one hour at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Discussion Session to hear a presentation on Children's Assessment Report.

3. Update on Random Drug Testing

Mrs. D'Agresta reviewed the legal liability (Federal civil rights violation) the School District was subjected to by the Indian River Charter High School's drug screening admissions policy. She also gave steps to take to ensure that the charter's policy was in compliance, up to and including termination of the charter contract, when in violation of a federal law. It was noted that the issue was on the agenda for the charter schools discussion session set for May 12. Mr. Waddell and Ms. Aversa were invited to speak. Board direction to Mrs. D'Agresta was to obtain a legal opinion from the Florida Department of Education's General Counsel's Office. Mr. Waddell said that if the Florida Department of Education states that they were wrong, then, we were wrong. He said that the State trumped the charter school's policy. Mrs. D'Agresta said that she would submit documents from the charter school and ask the question. Mrs. Aversa said that whatever was clarified or concluded through DOE would be sufficient.

4. Living Wage Update

This item was forwarded to the next Discussion Session in May.

5. FHSAA (Florida High School Athletic Association Sanction

There was a discussion regarding the duties of the Athletic Director and the Athletic Coaches and their evaluations.

**E. Shawn Frost**

1. Recycling and Commitment to 75% Effort

The County has an unfunded mandate from the State to have 75% of the County's trash recycled by 2020. Mr. Frost said that the County was looking for the Board's support. Dr. Adams said that she was confident that the County would contact District staff. She said that she would get back to the Board regarding the District's disposal of shredded material and if the District was contracting out to have shredding done.

2. Search of Student's Backpacks

Mrs. D'Agresta, by example, explained how a school official, by law, could and could not search a student's personal property.

III. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS – Vice Chairman Searcy

Vice Chairman Searcy said that the reports would be done at the business meeting.

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

**A. Truth in Millage Calendar**

Mr. Morrison reviewed the calendar and said that it would be placed on the April 28 business meeting for Board approval. A Board Member asked to have it placed under the Action Agenda.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chairman Searcy

With no further discussion, the session adjourned at approximately 3:28 p.m.