

The District School Board of Indian River County met on April 28, 2015, at 2:47 p.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.

Grading Calculations Workshop Minutes

- I. Workshop was called to order by Chairman McCain.
Chairman McCain announced that the portion of the workshop pertaining to insurance was moved to Tuesday, May 5, at 4 p.m.

- II. Purpose of the Workshop – Dr. Adams
Dr. Adams said that the purpose of the workshop was to review compliance with legislative changes and rate changes, with the assistance of a large committee who worked on this all year. She turned the workshop over to Mr. Rynberg.

- III. Grading Calculations – Mr. Rynberg
Mr. Rynberg, with assistance from Mr. Mahon, using a PowerPoint presentation, gave a presentation on grading calculations. The background information included questions they received and the legislative mandate on grading calculations for end of course (EOC) exams. The goal was to review current grading appendices and to bring a recommendation to the Superintendent's Executive Team with a rationale for updating/changing the current grading appendices for grades 6-12. The second goal was to determine how to apply State end of course exam (EOC) scores to final grades using the 30% requirement. After presenting the information, Mr. Rynberg said that the Final Grading Calculations Committee and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council recommendations for 2015-2016 school year were:
Goal 1
 - Use GPA model, with pluses and minuses.
 - Change grades 6-12 grading appendices in Student Progression Plan.**Goal 2**
 - Continue to use semester grading for all secondary courses
 - Apply end of course exam grade as 30% of each semester grade.Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions.

IV. Next Steps – Chairman McCain

Dr. Adams said that she would bring the changes to the Board for adoption and, then, move forward to educate the community, staff, parents, and students. There was a request for more information to be emailed to all Board Members on examples of how the grade changes would affect students.

V. Adjournment – Chairman McCain

With no further discussion, the workshop adjourned at approximately 4:02 p.m.