

The District School Board of Indian River County met on May 12, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. The discussion 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: 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, and Mark J. Rendell, Ed.D. (Superintendent elect) were also present.

### **Charter School Discussion Minutes**

- I. Discussion was called to order by Chairman McCain  
Chairman McCain explained that in order to hear all of the presentations, each charter school would be given 15-minutes to speak, including the District’s presentation. At the end of the presentations, there would be dialog with the charter schools.
  
- II. PRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE BY CHARTER SCHOOLS – Chairman McCain  
Mr. Waddell, Chairman of the Indian River Charter High School, spoke on behalf of all of the charter schools. His presentation included information on sponsor duties, enrollment, funding, and liaison charter advocate (District representative’s position). The presentation was made utilizing a PowerPoint, with hard copies.

The following charter schools made presentations utilizing a PowerPoint, with hard copies provided to the Board.

**A. Indian River Charter High School**

1. School presentation and general information exchange
2. Five-year Capital Outlay Plan presented to the Board
3. Disclosure of State funding for Capital Outlay received previously
4. Agenda item additions, if requested by Charter School (not requested)
5. Compliance measures to conform to non-drug testing for the purpose of school admittance.

**B. Sebastian Charter Junior High School**

1. School presentation and general information exchange
2. Five-year Capital Outlay Plan presented to the Board
3. Disclosure of State funding for Capital Outlay received previously
4. Agenda item additions, if requested by Charter School (not requested)

**C. Imagine South Charter School**

1. School presentation and general information exchange
2. Five-year Capital Outlay Plan presented to the Board
3. Disclosure of State funding for Capital Outlay received previously
4. Agenda item additions, if requested by Charter School (not requested)

**D. North County Elementary Charter School**

1. School presentation and general information exchange
2. Five-year Capital Outlay Plan presented to the Board
3. Disclosure of State funding for Capital Outlay received previously
4. Agenda item additions, if requested by Charter School (not requested)

**E. St. Peter's Academy Charter School**

1. School presentation and general information exchange
2. Five-year Capital Outlay Plan presented to the Board
3. Disclosure of State funding for Capital Outlay received previously
4. Agenda item additions, if requested by Charter School (not requested)

III. SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF PRESENTATION – Dr. Adams

**A. District's Budget and Five-year Capital Outlay Plan**

A brief presentation was made utilizing a PowerPoint. Mr. Morrison presented an overview of the .6 mills, critical needs, special millage. A short video clip of the funds and what the funds were used for was presented.

Chairman McCain asked if the Board wanted to continue the discussion session past the preset allotted ending time of 11:00 a.m. It was stated by a Board Member that once they knew what the District budget was going to look like, the Board could schedule another discussion session. It was also stated that a lot of information was presented that the Board needed to take into consideration. It was stated that time was needed to discuss, not only funding but about mending bridges. Chairman McCain stated that another discussion session would provide time for dialog, without being rushed. Mr. Waddell stated that sooner would be better, rather than later. Chairman McCain stated that decisions would be budget driven. Dr. Adams stated that the District had a good relationship with the charter schools and that she honored the work that the charter schools were doing. She said that open dialog was good. Dr. Adams said that she supported letting the public know that there were choices for students.

Note: Chairman McCain left at 11:14 a.m., in order to attend another appointment.

**B. Presentation on Surrounding Counties Policies for Capital Outlay Funding to Charter Schools**  
(Due to the time, this topic was not presented.)

IV. PRESENTATION BY SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY – Mrs. D'Agresta

**A. State Statutes Governing Capital Outlay Funding Provided to Charter Schools and Legal Issues Regarding District Funding**

(Due to the time, this topic was not presented.)

IV. BOARD QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH DISCUSSION – Chairman McCain

Due to the time, the Board agreed to schedule another discussion session with the charter schools, after the budget figures were available.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chairman Searcy

Mr. Searcy, Vice Chairman, standing in for Chairman McCain, formally introduced Dr. Rendell, who would start his position on June 1, 2015, as a Consultant to the Superintendent and take the position, officially, as Superintendent starting July 1, 2015.

With no further business, the discussion adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.