

The District School Board of Indian River County met on September 13, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Teacher Education Center located in the School District Office at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center located at 6500 – 57th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32967. District School Board Members attending were: Chairman Dale Simchick, Vice Chairman Shawn R. Frost, and Board Members: Matthew McCain, Claudia Jiménez, and Charles G. Searcy. Dr. Mark J. Rendell, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D’Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present. Prior to the meeting, an invocation was given by Rev. Dan Holloway from Unity Spiritual Center of Vero Beach.

### **Business Meeting Minutes**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Simchick.  
Chairman Simchick called for a Moment of Silence for Families of: Larry Brown, Esq., prior Board Attorney for the District; Deacon Jerry Cummings; and Ed Simchick
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY: Sebastian River High School’s Navy Junior ROTC under the Direction of (Lieutenant Commander) LCDR James Landis USN (Retired) and (Master Sergeant) MSgt. Michael Hussey USMC (Retired)
- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY  
Chairman Simchick asked Board Members if they had any items they wanted to move from Consent Agenda for discussion. Ms. Jiménez requested to move Consent C. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved to adopt the Orders of the Day, moving Consent C. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Rendell introduced Mr. Jon Teske, Principal of Citrus Elementary School. He stated that Mr. Teske was also in the Active Reserves a/k/a Major Jon Teske serving in the Armed Forces that included a couple tours and was just promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Dr. Rendell said that Lt. Col. Teske would be attending the Military Appreciation Night at Vero Beach High School Football Game on Friday night. All military personnel would be recognized at the game. Lt. Col. Teske commended the Sebastian River High School ROTC Students for the Presentation of Colors. He said that was how it all started for him.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

**A. Proclamation, Designating the Month of September 2016 as Attendance Awareness Month**

Sania Smith, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Oslo Middle School, read the Proclamation for the record. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Proclamation. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**B. Elementary Student Recognition of Florida State Assessment (FSA) Perfect Scores**

Elementary students were recognized by the District School Board and Superintendent of Schools for perfect scores in at least one area of the test. Each student was presented with a Certificate of Achievement from the Governor's Office.

**C. Florida Healthy School District, Silver Status Recognition was moved to September 27, 2016, Business Meeting**

**Official Recognition of the Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year - Dr. Rendell**

District School Board and Superintendent of Schools recognized Kelly Baysura, Principal at Treasure Coast Elementary School; and Kimberly Garcia, Assistant Principal at Fellsmere Elementary School.

**D. Musical Rendition by Beachland Elementary School**

Beachland Sharks performed under the direction of Mrs. Reiser.

**E. Short Video on School Initiatives – Dr. Rendell**

Fifth grade innovation initiative video from Citrus Elementary Schools on the use of the new Labdiscs and Tablets.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

Beverly Raiford requested to speak on School Secretaries.

Connie Peterson requested to speak on Annual Equity Report.

Valarie Brant-Wilson requested to speak on Equity Report.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval to adopt the Consent Agenda, moving Consent C. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell**

1. Superintendent Board Workshop held 8/23/2016

2. Business Meeting held 8/23/2016

Superintendent recommended approval.

**B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Dr. Fritz**

Attached was a list of personnel recommendations that included personnel additions, terminations, and/or changes. Superintendent recommended approval.

**C. Approval of *Annual Equity Report* for 2015-2016 – Dr. Fritz**

Moved

**D. Approval of Donations – Mr. Morrison**

1. A donation in the amount of \$2,500 was received from the Community Credit Union. The funds were to be utilized for professional development trainings and meetings for District teachers.
2. A donation in the amount of \$2,400 was received from the Beachland Elementary PTA. The funds were to be awarded to teachers for materials/supplies upon approval of the Principal. Beachland Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$1,339.25 from the Beachland Elementary PTA. The funds were to be used to purchase a floor mat and two runners for Media Center.
3. Osceola Magnet School received two donations totaling \$6,000 from the Osceola Magnet School PTA. The funds were to be utilized as follows: \$3,000, to benefit each grade level with their curriculum, and \$3,000 to be utilized by staff for classroom supplies for the students at Osceola Magnet School.

Superintendent recommended approval.

**E. Approval of Renewal of Contracted Services with Economic Opportunity Council of Indian River/Okeechobee Counties Head Start - Mrs. Dampier**

Economic Opportunity Council of Indian River/Okeechobee Counties Head Start provides services for students with disabilities ages 3 to 5 in the local Indian River Head Start Programs. Referral services for these students were provided by the School District and Project Child Find. Renewal contract was for the 2016-2017 school year. This was an ongoing renewal contract with no cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.

**F. Approval of Multi-District Program Agreement with St. Lucie/ Indian River County 2016-2017 School Year – Mrs. Dampier**

Attached was the multi-district program agreement for the 2016-2017 School Year with St. Lucie County School District. St. Lucie County serviced our elementary hearing impaired students who may need a full time program. St. Lucie County collected the FTE for each student served. Superintendent recommended approval.

**G. Approval of Sebastian River High School Band Trip to Georgia 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier**

Principal Todd Racine requested approval of Sebastian River High School Marching Sharks students to perform in the “Battle on the Border” in Valdosta, Georgia on October 15-16, 2016. All necessary insurance had been provided to Risk Management. There was no cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.

**H. Approval of Student Admission to Indian River County for 2016-2017 School Year– Mrs. Dampier**

This was a request for a student to attend school in Indian River County from Brevard County. All necessary documents had been received. Superintendent recommended approval.

**Consent Item Moved for Discussion:**

**C. Approval of *Annual Equity Report* for 2015-2016 – Dr. Fritz**

Approval was requested for the *Annual Equity Report* for 2015-2016 that would be submitted to the Department of Education. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Rendell stated that the report was required by the State of Florida. He explained what was included in the report and what the School District was doing to meet the requirements of the Desegregation Order. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the *Annual Equity Report* for 2015-2016. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**VII. ACTION AGENDA**

**A. Approval to Piggyback Hillsborough County School Board ITB #12003-MTS for Epoxy Plumbing Services to Florida Pipe-Lining Solutions, LLC, for the Restoration of the Domestic Water Piping at the Freshman Learning Center and Gymnasium – Mr. Morrison**

A quote, in accordance with HCSB ITB#12003-MTS, was obtained for the restoration of the domestic water piping at the Freshman Learning Center and Gymnasium. Quote number 6885.16 included all labor and materials. The cost of this project was not to exceed \$238,117 that included the quote amount of \$216,467 and an owner added contingency of \$21,650. Please see attached backup. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Rendell stated that Action items A, B, C, and D were related projects. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval to piggyback Hillsborough County School Board ITB #12003-MTS for epoxy plumbing services to Florida Pipe-Lining Solutions, LLC, for the restoration of the domestic water piping at the Freshman Learning Center and Gymnasium. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Staff answered questions from the Board on the cost for labor, food grade safe water for children, if the project would interfere with the school day, warranty and life expectancy, and anticipated timeline. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**B. Approval of Agreement Form for Construction Contracted Services with Florida Pipe-Lining Solutions LLC, for Restoration of the Domestic Water Piping at the Vero Beach High School Freshman Learning Center and Gymnasium – Mr. Morrison**

Attached please find the associated agreement for the restoration of the domestic water piping, as outlined in the proposal/scope of work for the Vero Beach High School Freshman Learning Center main building and gymnasium. The cost of this project was not to exceed \$238,117 that included the quote amount of \$216,467 and an owner added contingency of \$21,650, as per the terms and conditions of the Hillsborough County School Board ITB #12003-MTS. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the agreement form for Construction Contracted Services with Florida Pipe-Lining Solutions LLC, for the restoration of the domestic water piping at the Vero Beach High School Freshman Learning Center and Gymnasium. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**C. Approval to Piggyback Hillsborough County School Board ITB #12003-MTS for Epoxy Plumbing Services to Florida Pipe-Lining Solutions, LLC, for the Restoration of the Domestic Water Piping at Sebastian River Middle School – Mr. Morrison**

A quote, in accordance with HCSB ITB#12003-MTS, was obtained for the restoration of the domestic water piping at Sebastian River Middle School. Quote Number 6884.16 included all labor and materials. The cost of this project was not to exceed \$216,919 that included the quote amount of \$197,199 and an owner added contingency of \$19,720. Please see attached backup. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval to piggyback Hillsborough County School Board ITB #12003-MTS for epoxy plumbing services to Florida Pipe-Lining Solutions, LLC, for the restoration of the domestic water piping at Sebastian River Middle School. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**D. Approval of Agreement Form for Construction Contracted Services with Florida Pipe-Lining Solutions LLC, for Restoration of the Domestic Water Piping at Sebastian River Middle School – Mr. Morrison**

Attached please find the associated agreement for the restoration of the domestic water piping as outlined in the proposal/scope of work for Sebastian River Middle School. The cost of this project was not to exceed \$216,919 that included the quote amount of \$197,199 and an owner added contingency of \$19,720, as per the terms and conditions of the Hillsborough County School Board ITB #12003-MTS. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the agreement form for Construction Contracted Services with Florida Pipe-Lining Solutions LLC, for Restoration of the Domestic Water Piping at Sebastian River Middle School. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. Dr. Rendell thanked Mr. Morrison and Mr. Sanders for finding a way to do these projects with a significant cost savings.

**E. Approval of Release of Final Payment to Pinnacle Construction of the Treasure Coast, LLC, for the Glendale Elementary Single Point of Entry Project (SDRIC #2016-17) – Mr. Morrison**

Approval was recommended for release of final payment in the amount of \$12,910.40 to Pinnacle Construction of the Treasure Coast, LLC, for the Glendale Elementary School Single Point of Entry Project (SDRIC #2016-17). On May 10, 2016, the Board approved the Owner Contractor Construction Agreement (Lump Sum) for the Glendale Elementary School Single Point of Entry Project in the amount of \$123,800.00 (\$103,800.00 Contractors Bid Price and \$20,000.00 Owner Added Contingency); with the final construction cost for this project totaling \$118,396.59. The unused portion of the contract in the amount of \$5,403.41 was the remaining balance of the contingency. Final payment for this project was being brought to the Board for approval in accordance with Florida Statute 1013.50. The final payment to the contractor consisted of the project retainage that was held until project completion. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the release of final payment to Pinnacle Construction of the Treasure Coast, LLC, for the Glendale Elementary single point of entry project (SDRIC #2016-17). Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**F. Approval to Renew Invitation to Negotiate #2015-18 with PFM Asset Management LLC for Investment Advisory Services - Mr. Morrison**

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of ITN #2015-18, the Purchasing Department requested approval to renew this ITN for one, additional year. Based on the amount of assets under management, the estimated annual financial impact to the District was a minimum of \$15,000. The new contract period would be from October 14, 2016, through October 15, 2017. All terms and conditions would continue as stated in the investment advisory agreement. Please see attached copy of the renewal letter. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval to renew invitation to negotiate #2015-18 with PFM Asset Management LLC for investment advisory services. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**G. Approval to Process a Change Order to Purchase Order No. 01603985 to LF Staffing, Inc. – Mr. Morrison**

Invoices relative to purchase order number 01603985 exceed the total by \$27,817.81. District Physical Plant Management Staff authorized and verified that Summer Cleaning Team and Custodial Services were requested and rendered. The District was legally obligated to pay for these services. The District Finance and Purchasing Office were working with the Physical Plant Management Team to improve internal controls ensuring that blanket purchase orders and formal bid thresholds were not exceeded in the future. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval to process a Change Order to Purchase Order No. 01603985 to LF Staffing, Inc. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Board Members discussed the process. Mr. Carver explained that department heads would be educated and held accountable for overages, along with the vendor, to ensure that overages would not occur in the future. Board discussed their expectations for accountability. The Board also discussed a related situation regarding the use of outside services for custodians. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**H. Approval of 2016–2017 Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar – Mr. Green**

According to Section 1008.22(7)(c), Florida Statutes, each School District must complete the Florida Department of Education’s Uniform Assessment Calendar. The schedule of assessments that must be listed in the calendar included State mandated assessments; as well as, District required assessments that were used as diagnostic and progress monitoring tools. The Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar must be approved by the local School Board and must be submitted to the Department of Education by October 1 of each school year beginning with the 2016–2017 school year. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the 2016–2017 Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Board Members discussed the issue of testing. Dr. Rendell explained the Statewide Assessment Calendar and the benefits to students and teachers. Mr. Green explained the types of assessments within the ACT test. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion with a 5-0 vote.

**I. Approval of Agreement with Pelican Garden Assisted Living for 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier**

Certified Nursing Assistant training required that each student participate in a 20-hour clinical prior to taking the Certified Nursing Assistant Exam. This agreement between the School District of Indian River County and Pelican Garden enables students to participate in a clinical internship. The Curriculum and Instruction Department recommended approval of a contract with Pelican Garden to provide students with the opportunity to complete their clinical experience. Instruction and supervision was delivered by fully-certified Florida teachers. There was no cost to the School District for the clinical internship. The contract had been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney. The Certificate of Insurance had be reviewed and approved by Risk Management. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the agreement with Pelican Garden Assisted Living for 2016-2017. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**J. Approval of 2016-2017 School Resource Officer (SRO) Contract – Dr. Fritz**

The purpose of the agreement was to continue to provide law enforcement, counseling, and law-related education service programs to the schools of Indian River County as defined in F.S.1006.12. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Rendell stated that there were nine Resource Officers in the District. The District's cost was \$451,520. However, \$386,821 of that amount was received/paid from the State Schools Grant, leaving \$64,699 from the District's general operating fund budget. Dr. Rendell said that the School Resource Officers maintain safety and security at District schools. Chairman Simchick called for a vote. Mr. Frost moved approval of the 2016-2017 School Resource Officer (SRO) contract. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Dr. Rendell said that this was a cost sharing contract, splitting the salary cost, and with the Sheriff's Office paying for the costs of equipment and uniforms, etc. He noted that the Resource Officers also developed positive relationships with students through daily interaction and preventative activities. Dr. Rendell answered questions regarding SRO Reports and evaluations. Board Members talked about the advantages and disadvantages regarding the best utilization of funds. Dr. Rendell said that he would find out if the grant funds could be utilized for other services; i.e., school psychologists. With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Rendell asked everyone to remember all of the positive student achievements, as presented at the beginning of the meeting. He said that was why we were here today.



IX. DISCUSSION

No discussion items

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Ms. Jiménez talked about the concern for school secretaries, mental health issues, Suicide Awareness Month, available training on mental health first aide issues for individuals who interact with children to connecting students and families with services, thanking teachers of the arts throughout the year, and asked community members to find ways to support students/schools. She requested to add an item to the next Discussion Session on connecting students and families with services.

Mr. Searcy mentioned the two pretty good football teams in the School District.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

No information items

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Simchick

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 p.m.