

The District School Board of Indian River County met on March 28, 2017, 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 Charles G. Searcy, Vice Chairman Shawn R. Frost, and Board Members: Dale Simchick, Laura Zorc, and Tiffany M. Justice. 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 Deacon Don Battista from St. Helen Catholic Church.

Business Meeting Minutes

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Searcy called for a moment of silence for the family of Alteria Woods. Ms. Woods’ Mother is employed by the School District’s Transportation Department.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Mrs. Simchick

III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Chairman Searcy asked Board Members if they had any items they wished to move from the Consent Agenda. Hearing no requests, Chairman Searcy called for a motion to adopt the Orders of the Day. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the Orders of the Day. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Musical Rendition by Sebastian Elementary School

Students performed under the direction of Alexis Astrop.

B. Short Video on School Initiatives

Video on Highwayman Artist Ray McLendon’s visit to Beachland Elementary School for a lesson on Black History Month

V. CITIZEN INPUT

No requests were received.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Searcy called for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell

Minutes of Business Meeting held 3/14/2017 were attached. 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 to Dispose of Surplus Property – Mr. Morrison

This request was for approval to dispose of surplus property in accordance with Florida Statutes 274.05 and 274.06. The attached lists represented property to be deleted from various inventories and/or for items that had been declared surplus. After Board approval, property would be recycled and/or auctioned. Superintendent recommended approval.

D. Approval of Donation – Mr. Morrison

Vero Beach High School received a donation in the amount of \$4,000 from the Vero Beach Chamber Orchestra, Inc. The funds would be used to help finance the Vero Beach High School Orchestra's trip to Austria. Superintendent recommended approval.

E. Approval of Budget Amendment – Mr. Morrison

This request was for approval of the following budget amendment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017:

Amendment #1 – Debt Service

Superintendent recommended approval.

F. Approval of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 TRIM Planning Calendar – Mr. Morrison

Florida Statute 200.065 required School Districts to adopt their budgets within prescribed time schedules. To meet those requirements, the attached dates, times, and locations for the two, required public hearings were provided for Board approval. Superintendent recommended approval.

G. Approval of 2017-2018 Employee Work Calendars – Dr. Fritz

The 2017-2018 Employee Work Calendars were recommended to the School Board for approval. They were based on the work days denoted on employee job descriptions, within the respective Collective Bargaining Agreements, and the structure of the Instructional Calendar. In the past, these had been recommended as part of the Salary Schedule. This year we requested an earlier approval so that employees may reasonably know their upcoming work obligations. Superintendent recommended approval.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval of 2016-2017 Confidential Managerial Salary Schedule – Dr. Fritz

Attached was an updated salary schedule for confidential managerial employees to be implemented prospectively, starting on March 29, 2017. This amendment was designed to bring this group of employees to near the market wage. The estimated cost for the 2016-2017 fiscal year was an increase of \$29,404.53 from the General Fund and \$28,283.74 from the Food Nutrition Services Fund. The full annual cost (next year) of this schedule would be an additional \$117,622.11 and \$113,134.97 from the Food Nutrition Services Budget that included benefits. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the 2016-2017 Confidential Managerial Salary Schedule. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion. Board Members spoke to the motion and asked questions on the topics of retroactive pay and if other groups had not been addressed. With no further discussion, the Board voted in favor of the motion, with a 4-1 vote. Mrs. Justice, Mrs. Simchick, Mrs. Zorc, and Mr. Frost voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Searcy voted against the motion.

B. Approval of Appointment to District School Board's Land Use and Acquisition Committee – Chairman Searcy

Each Board Member shall appoint a member of the community to serve as a volunteer for a four-year term that begins and ends with the Board Member's term. The Board, as an elected body, shall approve the appointments. Mrs. Justice does, hereby, recommend Carl Sciara for the remainder of her term. After this appointment was made, there would be one vacant seat. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Zorc moved approval of the appointment of Carl Sciara to the District School Board's Land Use and Acquisition Committee. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of Appointments to District School Board's Audit Committee – Chairman Searcy

Each Board Member shall appoint a member of the community to serve as a volunteer for a four-year term that begins and ends with the Board Members' terms. The Board, as an elected body, shall approve the appointments. Mr. Frost recommended Robert Auwaerter, Mrs. Zorc recommended Glenn Heran, Mrs. Simchick recommended Jeffrey R. Smith, and Chairman Searcy recommended Gayle Phillips Gilmore. After these appointments were made, there would be one vacant seat. Superintendent recommended approval.

Citizen Input

Robert Auwaerter requested to speak on this topic.

Board Member spoke to the topic of Committee Members receiving requested documents. Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval of the appointments to the District School Board's Audit Committee. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion. Dr. Rendell said that Mr. Morrison would be the contact person for the Committee. Chairman Searcy requested that a copy of School Board Policy 6840 was given to Committee Members at their initial meeting and that minutes were taken. Board Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No report.

IX. DISCUSSION

Chairman Searcy asked Board Members if they had any items they wished to discuss. Mrs. Justice asked Board Members if they were interested in participating in a Board Visioning Session to become a highly-effective Board. Board Members discussed the topic and the process of goal setting.

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Chairman Searcy asked Board Members if they had any Board Member Matters. Mr. Frost gave an update on legislative action and the newly formed Constitution Committee. Mrs. Zorc gave an update on the train safety Bill and the unemployment rates in Indian River County. She also talked about her meetings with Principals. Mrs. Justice talked about upcoming student/community events.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

A. Fiscal Year 2017-2018 TRIM Planning Calendar and Budget Workshop Schedule – Mr. Morrison

Florida Statute 200.065 required School Districts to adopt their budgets within prescribed time schedules. To meet those requirements the attached dates, times, and locations for the Board workshops; and the two public hearings were being provided for public viewing.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Searcy

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:09 p.m.