

The District School Board of Indian River County met on June 13, 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 Rev. Randy Bryant from Ryanwood Fellowship Freewill Baptist Church.

Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Searcy.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mrs. Zorc
- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY
Chairman to announce that Action C was deleted and Consent J was added to the Agenda. He asked Board Members if they had any items they wanted to move from Consent. Hearing no requests, Chairman Searcy requested to move Consent E. He called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the Orders of the Day deleting Action C, adding Consent J, and moving Consent E. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
A. Short Video on School Initiatives
The video was on the “Standards Institute” for teachers in grades 3-12 and on the Step into Kindergarten, six-week program.
- V. CITIZEN INPUT
Steve Navarro requested to speak on acknowledgment of Board Member, Zorc, and Dr. Rendell.
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA
Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Consent Agenda adding Consent J and moving Consent E. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell

1. Superintendent's Workshop held 5/23/2017
2. Special Meeting for Pending Litigation held 5/23/2017
3. Business Meeting held 5/23/2017 (added on 6/9/2017)

Minutes were available prior to the meeting. 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 the Educational Facilities Supplementary Plant Survey Number 5, Version 6 for the School District of Indian River County – Mr. Morrison

Approval was recommended for the Educational Facilities Supplementary Plant Survey for the School District of Indian River County. On June 25, 2013, the School Board approved the Educational Facilities Plant Five-Year Survey Report for 2013-2018. A Supplemental Survey was recently conducted to update the 2013-2018 survey information and to make the necessary survey changes in association with the relocation of eight (8) concrete classroom buildings from Beachland Elementary to Glendale Elementary (4 buildings) and Pelican Island Elementary (4 buildings). The recommendations for Survey Amendment Number 5, Version 6 requested permission from the Florida Department of Education to remove the existing eight (8) concrete classroom buildings from the Beachland campus and to increase the number of permanent classrooms at Glendale and Pelican Island by four (4) classrooms at each site. The Superintendent recommended approval.

D. Approval of Donations – Mr. Morrison

1. Osceola Magnet School received a donation in the amount of \$4,000 from the Osceola Magnet School PTA. The donation would be used by the Osceola Magnet School staff and students for classroom supplies and curriculum materials.
2. Vero Beach High School received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Elissa Rosenblatt Wedemeyer. The funds would be deposited in to the William H. McClure, Jr., Memorial Fund. The funds would be distributed to a Vero Beach High School graduating senior.
3. Liberty Magnet School received a donation in the amount of \$4,000 from the Cowan Family Foundation. The funds would be used for student stations in the Liberty Magnet School Library and IB training materials for the 2017-2018 school year.

Superintendent recommended approval.

E. Approval of Osceola Magnet School Security Residence Mobile Home Bill of Sale – Mr. Morrison

Moved

F. 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. Included in this item was the declaration, as a surplus item, the mobile home at Osceola Magnet that was demolished as part of the Osceola Magnet Parking Improvements project. Superintendent recommended approval.

G. Approval of Vero Beach High School's Math Team Out of State Trip to New York – Mrs. Dampier

The Vero Beach High School Math Team had been invited to participate in the National Mu Alpha Theta Convention. During the convention, students would compete in many areas of mathematics at various grade levels. The competition was scheduled for July 15–July 21, in Buffalo, New York. The coach for the math team was Ms. Paula Hoekzema, who would escort the students to the competition. The team would travel by airplane. There was no cost to the District for this event. Superintendent recommended approval.

H. Approval of Education Foundation of Indian River County (EFIRC) Memorandum of Understanding – Dr. Rendell

The Memorandum of Understanding attempts to define the relationship between SDIRC and the mission of EFIRC, as it related to private fundraising and private grants management, support for school projects, programs, community engagement, partnership development, and targeted program administration. Superintendent recommended approval.

I. Approval of Salary Schedule for the 2017-2018 School Year – Dr. Fritz

Approval was requested for the Salary Schedule for the 2017-2018 School Year. Superintendent recommended approval.

Added on 6/9/2017

J. Approval of Sebastian River High School's Future Business Leaders of America to Travel to National Leadership Conference in California – Mrs. Dampier

The Future Business Leaders of America at Sebastian River High School would attend the 2017 National Leadership Conference, June 27–July 3, 2017, in Anaheim, California. This week-long conference would include leadership training; as well as, knowledge and skill competitions. All costs associated with the trip would be covered by fundraising efforts of the students. Insurance requirements had been fulfilled through Risk Management. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy recognized Dr. Rendell's request to speak. Dr. Rendell introduced the new Public Information Officer, Cristen McMillan; and Vero Beach High School Freshman Learning Center Assistant Principal, Megan Kendrick.

Moved from Consent for discussion:

E. Approval of Osceola Magnet School Security Residence Mobile Home Bill of Sale – Mr. Morrison

Approval was recommended for the Mobile Home Bill of Sale in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of the Osceola Magnet School security resident trailer. The trailer was used to house a School District employee who provided afterhours security services for the Osceola campus. These security services were no longer required for this location; and, in addition, it was necessary to remove the trailer to proceed with the Osceola Parking Improvements project. The condition of the trailer was poor and was deemed to have little or no value and had since been demolished and removed from the site. Upon approval of the Mobile Home Bill of Sale, the School Board agreed to pay the seller a sum of \$500. Superintendent recommended approval.

Board Member asked why the District was paying someone for a trailer that had already been destroyed. Mr. Morrison said that the space was needed for the parking lot expansion project and that they had negotiated a price so there would be no delay in the project. He said that the trailer's owner was a current employee of the School District and had already moved out. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Osceola Magnet School Security Residence Mobile Home Bill of Sale. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval of Budget Amendment – Mr. Morrison

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

Amendment #2 – General Fund

Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Morrison reviewed the summary of items that was attached to the Amendment. Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval of the Budget Amendment. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion. Dr. Rendell answered questions from the Board. He stated that Indian River State College was contacted to see if they were interested in the computers and they were not. Dr. Rendell said that the District did receive funds from the sale. He also said that the School District did not have a course for computer repair, as there was not enough interest. Having no further questions, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval to Purchase Replacement District Wide Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) in Accordance with NJPA Contract 071212-SHC - Mr. Morrison

This request was for approval to purchase sixty-two (62) fully automatic AEDs. These AEDs would replace existing units that were at “end of life.” AEDs had a useful life span of not more than 10 years. This purchase was in accordance with NJPA Contract 071212-SHC. The total cost impact of this request was \$76,527.70. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval to purchase replacement District wide Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) in Accordance with NJPA Contract 071212-SHC. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion. Board Member asked about the prospect of recycling the AEDs. Mr. Morison said that there would be a trade in value but that the amount had not been determined at this time and date. Board asked if they were ever used. Dr. Rendell said that, to his knowledge, they were not used. Having no further questions, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of Owner/Contractor Agreement to Purchase and Install Playground Equipment at Fellsmere Elementary in Accordance with Seminole County Bid 161700030B-RC - Mr. Morrison
Deleted

D. Approval of 2016-2017 Fire Safety Reports – Mr. Morrison

Section 1013.12(2)(c) Florida Statutes, Periodic Inspections of Property by District School Boards, states *“Under the direction of the fire official appointed by the board under s. 1013.371(2), fire safety inspections of each educational and ancillary plant located on property owned or leased by the board, or other educational facilities operated by the board, must be made no sooner than 1 year after issuance of a certificate of occupancy and annually thereafter”*. A summary of the 2016/17 Inspection results were provided below for review: In accordance with this statutory requirement, the 2016-2017 School Fire Safety Reports for each school and facility were attached for approval. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval of the 2016-2017 Fire Safety Reports. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion. Board Member asked how long it would take to clear the issues. Dr. Rendell said that it depended upon how long it takes. Board Member asked about safety corrections needed for the elementary school parking lot. Dr. Rendell reported that he had gone to the site and that they were considering possible corrections with Principal Faust.

Dr. Rendell answered questions regarding other Board concerns; such as, the posting of fire evacuation plans, resolving last year's issues, doors being wedged open, and the removal of automatic door stoppers. With no further questions, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

E. Approval of Renewal of Hosting Services Agreement with Performance Matters – Mr. Green

Since 2004, Performance Matters had provided the District with an assessment and data management system for creating, delivering, and scoring local benchmark assessments, as well as analyzing student performance on local, state, and national assessments. Also included in this agreement was the Progress Testing Test Item Bank for grades 3-11. This item bank provided test items that would be used for the development of benchmark assessments in reading, math, science, social studies, and other End of Course (EOC) assessed subjects. This item bank included items specifically written for the new Florida Standards. Attached was the license and hosting agreement for the period beginning on 7/01/2017 and ending on 6/30/2018. The cost impact was \$136,334.00. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the renewal of Hosting Services Agreement with Performance Matters. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Mr. Green responded to a question on whether this system would make sure students were performing better. With no further questions, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

F. Approval to Piggyback Florida NASPO ValuePoint Cisco AR233 (14-19) FL#43220000-WSCA-14-ACS Contract to Renew Cisco SmartNet Maintenance and Support from Presidio Networked Solutions – Mr. Green

Through the Cisco SmartNet suite of applications, Presidio provided the District with support and maintenance of our phone system and network components. This was for the renewal of the yearly maintenance and support. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Rendell apologized for not including the cost in the descriptive paragraph. The cost was listed in the backup and was \$180,924.59. Mr. Green explained the critical need for the services. Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval to Piggyback Florida NASPO ValuePoint Cisco AR233 (14-19) FL#43220000-WSCA-14-ACS Contract to Renew Cisco SmartNet Maintenance and Support from Presidio Networked Solutions. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion. Mr. Green, responding to a question, said that the most expensive components were located in the Data Center and that the funding was from the General Fund. With no further questions, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

G. Approval of ACT, Inc., License and Services Agreement to Administer the ACT to Juniors – Mr. Green

License and Services Agreement between the School Board of Indian River County and ACT, Inc. The agreement provided an opportunity for juniors to take the college entrance exam for free during the regular school day of October 3, 2017. In addition to being a college entrance exam, the ACT results could be used as a concordant score to the Grade 10 English Language Arts assessment that was a graduation requirement. The cost was \$45 for each student who participated in the assessment. The estimated expenditure was \$58,000. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Rendell said that Seniors, who had not passed the FSA, were also given the opportunity to take the test to graduate with their class. Mr. Green noted that they built into the total cost enough funding to cover about 100 additional tests for Seniors. Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the ACT, Inc., License and Services Agreement to Administer the ACT to Juniors. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Board Members discussed the advantages of the ACT test in graduation rates, college entrance test, and that it was a Nationally accepted test. They also talked about the Legislators moving in the right direction. Dr. Rendell said that charter schools were included in the conversation and would have to pay for their students to take the test. With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

H. Approval to Extend the Current Delta Dental Contract Renewal – Dr. Fritz

Approval was requested to extend the current Delta Dental Contract at the existing rates until 9/30/2020. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Fritz spoke to the motion. Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval to extend the current Delta Dental Contract renewal. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

I. Approval of Agreement Renewal with Environmental Learning Center for 2017-2018 – Mrs. Dampier

The Environmental Learning Center contract was an agreement to provide environmental educational services to the students during the 2017-2018 school year. The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) will instruct third and fourth grade students during an on-site visit to the ELC. This program would service approximately, 2600 students from our schools. Instruction was guided through the *Splash* curricula for third grades and an environmental education program for the fourth-grade students entitled *Lagoon Days*.

The contract amount would be on a per class basis; \$340.00 for each 3rd grade class that attends and \$533.00 for each 4th grade class. The estimated cost was \$56,846. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the agreement renewal with Environmental Learning Center for 2017-2018. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion. Board Member spoke about the opportunity for students to learn about their environment and the change in curriculum due to the new Executive Director at the ELC. With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

J. Approval of Contract for Consultative Services with Dr. John W. Hodge – Mrs. Dampier

The African American Achievement Plan, Goal 3 - Professional Development stated, “100% of school-based instructional/technical and administrative staff will participate in professional development activities designed to improve the academic achievement of African American students.” To fulfill this portion of the plan, the African American Achievement Committee met, reviewed, and selected Dr. John W. Hodge as the consultant for the professional development of the District. Dr. John W. Hodge was President and Co-Founder of Urban Learning and Leadership Center (ULLC), an organization focused on student achievement and reduction of the achievement gap. The cost to the District was \$77,000.00. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Zorc moved approval of the contract for Consultative Services with Dr. John W. Hodge. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Mrs. Dampier responded to a concern about having multiple consultants. Mrs. Dampier explained that Curriculum would be working with the consultants to ensure that there was no overlap of direction. Dr. Rendell explained the funding. Mrs. Dampier stated that there would be no additional staff added. With no further questions, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

K. Approval of Stop Loss Insurance – Dr. Fritz

The District's Broker, Aon Hewitt, has requested quotes from Stop Loss providers to protect the District's self-insurance fund against high cost claims. Eight vendors submitted proposals and QBE was the responsible bidder that submitted the lowest premium quote. Staff recommend acceptance of the attached quote for Stop Loss insurance for the term from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The recommended structure was Option 1 in the backup materials. Based on last year's claims, this structure (\$175,000 initial deductible with a \$209,000 aggregating deductible) was the most cost-effective.

The cost of the new policy with QBE was estimated to cost the School Board's plan \$1,138,128 that was \$482 more than the current policy with Symetra. As a comparison, renewing with Symetra would cost the School Board \$1,695,013 (a 49% increase). Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Fritz said that cost for the new insurance provider would almost equal what the District was currently paying. The cost avoidance would be approximately \$556,000. Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Stop Loss Insurance to QBE. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion. Dr. Fritz reported that the gentleman who spoke at the last meeting was asked by Aon to submit a proposal for stop loss insurance and he did not respond. With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

L. Approval of Expenditure Authority and CoPays for CanaRx Prescriptions – Dr. Fritz

The District planned to allow employees to procure name brand medications via mail order from CanaRx, a Canadian Company. This new option was capable of saving the District up to \$500,000 in prescription medication costs, as compared with the current cost through Prime Therapeutics/Florida Blue. Please refer to the attachment for program details. Authorization was being requested to allow expenditure of up to \$400,000 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year to CanaRx out of the self-insurance fund. Staff also recommended the School Board waive copays for insured employees to incentivize participation. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Fritz explained how the program would work. If everyone went to this plan, the District could save approximately a half million dollars. Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Expenditure Authority and CoPays for CanaRx Prescriptions. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion. Board Members discussed the plan advantages, with no co-pay to the employees and a savings to the tax payers; HIPA laws with overseas companies; and the rebate issue with Florida Blue. Dr. Fritz spoke to the questions. He said that they would start marketing the plan to employees in August. With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell expanded on the Standards Institute video shown at the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Justice said that she saw the work they were doing and that they would take that information back to their schools to introduce to their fellow teachers. Dr. Rendell was asked when they would see the results of the Institute. He said in the Fall, when the students come back to school.

IX. DISCUSSION

A. Student Privacy – Mrs. Zorc

Mrs. Zorc asked Mrs. D'Agresta to explain for the public why the Board was unable to share information regarding students. Mrs. D'Agresta said that Board Members and Staff often find themselves in a difficult situation where the general public asks for information and you find that you cannot respond because it involves a student. Federal and Florida laws prohibit the Board and staff from sharing student information. She gave an example of how a Board Member could respond by saying that the information was confidential but we were looking into it or that the Superintendent was looking into it. Mrs. D'Agresta said that it was up to the individual Board Member as to how they responded. Dr. Rendell stated that a Press Release was crafted but did not make sense without giving specific information so he decided not to send a Press Release out. Board Member said that a Press Release needed to go out, even if it was without specifics, to acknowledge that the District was looking into the issue and thank them for their concerns.

B. Step into Kindergarten Summer Program – Mrs. Justice

Mrs. Justice handed out a flyer on the Step into Kindergarten Summer Program (summer transition enrichment program). She said that it was a fantastic opportunity for teachers and parents for student success. Mrs. Malits said that it was a six-week program. She said that the program was available due to the collaborative funding efforts of the Indian River Education Foundation matching grant with Indian River County Commissioners, District Title I, United Way, and John's Island Community Services League to ensure that students were ready for school. Mrs. Justice thanked the County Commission for the funding of Children's Services.

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Chairman Searcy recognized Mrs. D'Agresta's request to speak to the Board. Mrs. D'Agresta said that she had a need, as the Board Attorney, to meet with the Board regarding an issue of litigation. She asked the Board for a Special Meeting date and time. There was a discussion on the placement of public input at that meeting. Mrs. D'Agresta said that there would be a section for public input. After discussing the issue, the Chair announced that there would be a Special Meeting for a closed session to discuss an issue of litigation immediately following the June 27, 2017, Business Meeting. Mrs. D'Agresta said that she would work with Dr. Rendell to get that notice out.

Mrs. Zorc reported on her trip to Tallahassee to attend the Special Sessions. She personally would like to thank Governor Scott for vetoing the proposed 2017-2018 budget and for calling a Special Session last week. Mrs. Zorc said that on the third day of the Special Session, they passed the FEFP funding across the State by \$215 million. She said that of that amount the increase to Indian River County was \$1,328,000 for

total funding of \$2,054,000. Mrs. Zorc also talked about the fantastic camps going on this summer in our County.

Mrs. Justice talked about the fantastic graduations. She reported on the GED graduation that was very personal, allowing students to speak to their future and personal situations. Mrs. Justice said that she was proud to be part of the School District.

Mrs. Simchick talked about her attendance at the GED graduation in past years. She said that every one of the graduates at the GED were so deserving.

Mr. Frost reported on his attendance at several graduations. He echoed Mrs. Zorc's comments regarding the Governor's Budget. He thanked the Legislators for their hard work in bringing it in. Mr. Frost said that our focus should always be on graduations and fighting for funding for all students in Tallahassee. He said that his travel was at no cost to the taxpayers.

Chairman Searcy thanked Mrs. Zorc and Mr. Frost for going to Tallahassee to fight for all kids in the State. He was proud of the Governor for making things happen. Mrs. Zorc said that Dr. Rendell also made phone calls and contacts for our students.

- XI. INFORMATION AGENDA
No information items
- XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING
No closing.
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Searcy
Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:29 p.m.