

The District School Board of Indian River County met on September 7, 2017, at 5:01 p.m. The Special Business 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.

### Special Business Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Searcy at 5:01 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG by Mrs. Zorc

III. PURPOSE OF MEETING – Dr. Rendell

Dr. Rendell explained the Purpose of the Meeting was two-fold. The first part of the meeting was to approve the final 2016/2017 budget amendments contained within Consent Agenda A. These included: General Operating Fund, Debt Service Fun, Capital Projects Fund, Food Services Fund, Federal Funds, Internal Service Fund, and finally the Enterprise Fund – Extended Day Program. These amendments were based on the final results of operations and activities in those various funds. In addition, the Board had in front of them for approval the Superintendent’s Annual Financial Report and Cost Report in substantially completed form for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 contained within Consent Agenda B. In addition, on the Action Agenda for the Board’s approval, is a Categorical Flexible Spending Resolution as authorized by Florida Statutes 1011.62(6)(b).

Dr. Rendell continued with explaining the second part of the meeting is for the Board to adopt millage rates and a budget for the 2017/2018 fiscal year after receiving Public Input on the budget.

He asked that after the Consent Agenda and Action Agendas are approved, that Mr. Morrison have the opportunity to review the proposed 2017/2018 millage and budget, followed by input from the public. Dr. Rendell then explained to the Board that they would then adopt the appropriate motions with roll call votes.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY

Dr. Rendell informed the Board Members he was going to request the September 12, 2017 Business Meeting be moved due to Hurricane Irma. He said he is going to ask it be postponed to September 19, 2017, after the last Agenda items.

Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION to Adopt the Orders of the Day. Mr. Frost moved to approve the Adoption of the orders of the Day as published. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

Liz Cannon spoke to the Board and Dr. Rendell on behalf of the staff and thanked them for the time that was given to the employees to prepare for the hurricane along with preparing payroll to be issued early.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION on the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Justice Seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**A. Approval of Budget Amendments – Mr. Morrison**

Budget Amendments:

Enterprise Fund	-	Extended Day Program	Amendment #2
Internal Service	-	Insurance Fund	Amendment #1
Debt Service	-		Amendment #2
Special Revenue	-	Food Service	Amendment #2
Special Revenue	-	Federal Funds	Amendment #3
Capital Fund			Amendment #4
General Fund			Amendment #3

Explanation of the amendments accompanies the attached Budget Amendments. Superintendent recommended approval.

**B. Approval of Annual Financial and Cost Reports for 2016-2017 – Mr. Morrison**

District School Board approval is recommended for Form ESE 145-Annual Financial Report, Form ESE 348-Report of Financial Data in substantially completed form, and the Annual Cost Report submission to the Commissioner of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Superintendent recommends approval.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

**A. Approval of Resolution #2018-03 to Exercise Flexibility Authority over Categorical Funds Pursuant to Florida Statute 1011.62(6)(b) – Mr. Morrison**

During the fiscal 2012/13 Special Legislative Session, the Legislature amended Florida Statute 1011.62(6)(b) to grant to School Districts the authority to exercise flexibility to expend funds allocated to the School District from the State of Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) in the areas of Student Transportation, Safe Schools, Supplemental Academic Instruction, Research-based Reading Instruction, and Instructional Materials. The purpose of this Resolution is to exercise flexibility over Instructional Materials funding for a total amount of \$1,141,064,59. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy asked Dr. Rendell to speak on this after he read the header. Dr. Rendell briefly reviewed the purpose of the Resolution and asked Mr. Morrison, if he had anything else he would like to add. Mr. Morrison had nothing to add. Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Mr. Frosted moved approval for Resolution #2018-03. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. Mrs. Zorc asked for an explanation in the area of student transportation and the flexibility. Mr. Morrison explained how this category became more flexible back from the recession and being able to redirect funds, if needed. Mrs. Justice also wanted to make clear that this was strictly for instructional material.

Chairman Searcy called for a Roll Call to be done by Mrs. Esplen as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Justice	Yes
Mrs. Simchick	Yes
Mr. Frost	Yes
Mrs. Zorc	Yes
Chairman Searcy	Yes

Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

**B. Discussion of Rollback Rate and proposed 2017-2018 Millage Rates – Mr. Morrison**

Dr. Rendell explained to the Board, they were going to discuss the 2017-2018 Millage Rates and Rollback Rate. He turned the floor over to Mr. Morrison. Mr. Morrison took this time to review the proposed 2017-2018 Millage with the inserted document and displayed this overhead. He went through each slide. Chairman Searcy asked Dr. Rendell, if this was properly advertised and Dr. Rendell confirmed.

**C. Public Hearing on 2017-2018 Millage Rates - Chairman Searcy**

Chairman Searcy called for a recess of the meeting to conduct the public hearing as advertised. The public hearing was then in session. Chairman Searcy asked Dr. Rendell, if there were any written responses that need to be read at that time. Dr. Rendell responded to Chairman Searcy and advised him there were no written responses. Chairman Searcy invited the public to address the Board. No one spoke up. Chairman Searcy concluded the public hearing on September 7, 2017, and stated it had been conducted pursuant to notice and that ample opportunity to address this issue has been provided to all.

The Board meeting was reconvened.

**D. Approval of Resolution #2018-04 for Adoption of 2017-2018 Millage Rates – Mr. Morrison**

Motion for approval of Millage Rates for 2017-2018 that represent Required Local Effort, Basic Discretionary, Additional Voted, and Capital Outlay by Resolution #2018-04. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Mrs. Justice moved to approve RESOLUTION #2018-04 adopting the millage rates as advertised for 7.053 mills representing Required Local Effort, Discretionary Operating, Additional Voted Millage and Capital Outlay.” Mr. Frost seconded the motion.

Chairman Searcy called on Mrs. Esplen for a Roll Call to be done. It went as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Justice	Yes
Mrs. Simchick	Yes
Mr. Frost	Yes
Mrs. Zorc	Yes
Chairman Searcy	Yes

Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

**E. Discussion of 2017-2018 Budget – Mr. Morrison**

Chairman Searcy turned this over to Dr. Rendell. At that time, Dr. Rendell asked Mr. Morrison to speak on this topic. Mr. Morrison reviewed the Proposed Beginning Budget that was displayed on the overhead screen. He went through each of the funds and the difference from the previous year. Chairman Searcy asked Dr. Rendell, if this was properly advertised and Dr. Rendell confirmed.

**F. Public Input Hearing on Proposed 2017-2018 Budget – Chairman Searcy**

Chairman Searcy called for a recess of the meeting to conduct the public hearing as advertised. The public hearing was then in session. Chairman Searcy asked Dr. Rendell, if there were any written responses that need to be read at that time. Dr. Rendell responded to Chairman Searcy and advised him there were no written responses. Chairman Searcy invited the public to address the Board. No one spoke up. Chairman Searcy concluded the public hearing on September 7, 2017, and stated it had been conducted pursuant to notice and that ample opportunity to address this issue has been provided to all.

The Board meeting was reconvened.

**G. Approval of Resolution #2018-05 for Adoption of 2017-2018 Budget – Mr. Morrison**

Motion for approval of 2017-2018 School District of Indian River County's Budget by Resolution #2018-05. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Mr. Frost moved to approve Resolution #2018-05 adopting the fiscal year 2017-2018 beginning budget as presented at the hearing. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion. Chairman Searcy opened it up for discussion and Mrs. Zorc said she had a short statement. She said, "I feel the budget review process was flawed and lack of true transparency, does not give back-up information or rationale for line items, detailed information has not been provided and when questions are asked, it takes weeks and sometimes months to get a reply. Between the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and now, there was plenty of time to set up department supervisor meetings, to vet out budget requests with Board Members, but instead of trying to fix the process this year, the task has been shuffled off til next year. As your elected representative of the students, parents, and tax payers of Indian River County, I cannot vote yes for the use of \$287,000,000 of taxpayers money, if I do not have access to clearly know what's in it."

Chairman Searcy called on Mrs. Esplen for a Roll Call to be done. It went as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Justice	Yes
Mrs. Simchick	Yes
Mr. Frost	Yes
Mrs. Zorc	No
Chairman Searcy	Yes

Motion carried with a 4-1 vote, with Mrs. Zorc voting NO.

VII. CLOSING COMMENTS – Dr. Rendell/Mr. Morrison

Dr. Rendell reminded the Board of the scheduled meeting for next week and requested the meeting be moved from September 12, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to September 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. This being due to Hurricane Irma.

Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Mrs. Simchick moved to move the September 12, 2017 Business Meeting to September 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Zorc second the motion, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

VIII. School Board Member Matters

Mrs. Justice commented on how the roll the School District plays in preparation of a storm and preparation for the storm, and it was a powerful thing to know. Mrs. Simchick wanted to thank Dr. Rendell and staff for doing all they are doing to keep things going and how they have all been handled. Mr. Frost also reiterated about the need for volunteers in the community.

IX. Superintendent's Closing – Dr. Rendell

Dr. Rendell wanted to echo some of the comments made with regards to closing early and allowing employees to secure their homes. Also, to remind everyone that over the course of 48 hours prior to the storm, there are employees that have been working to get the schools, shelters, and much more read for the storm. Mr. Teske was the liaison between the shelters and the EOC. There are six shelters that will be opening, one for special needs, one is pet friendly, and the others for the population. Also, a shout out to Mr. Morrison and his staff to work so hard to get all the employees paid before the impending storm. Chairman Searcy thanked Mr. Morrison.

X. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Searcy

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:28 p.m.