

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023
INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MINUTES

Call to Order

President Mr. Layfield called the Regular Meeting of the Indian River School District Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Mr. Derek Cathell, Mr. Scott Collins, Mr. Jim Fritz, Dr. Donald Hattier, Rodney Layfield, Ms. Madeline Moses, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, and Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Executive Session

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fritz, moved to go into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, litigation. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Reconvene - Regular Session at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – January 23, 2023

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to approve the agenda for January 23, 2023. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Pledge of Allegiance

Student Government

Sydney Deery, Indian River High School's student government representative reported on events occurring at Indian River High School.

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2022

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2022

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Recognition

- First Place State of Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Fire Prevention Poster Contest (EM) Liliana Hazzard.
- All-County Honors Choir (SDSA): Noelia Ballesteros, Zoey Pia, Denesha Purnell Smith, Alondra Sibaja, Brynn Simon, Wynter Derickson, Summer Everngam, Logan Keenan, Enrique Nunez, Gavin Swartzlose, Logan Phillips, Jencarlo Victor, Alexander Zambrano
- All-State Choir (SDSA): Zoey Pla, Taylor Mack, Wynter Derickson, Jencarlo Victor, Alexander Zambrano, Enrique Nunez
- Junior All-State Honor Choir (SM): Olivia Boyle, Michaela Furman
- All County Choir (IR): Ryan Bunting, Jackson Chamdler, Maxwell Fadden, Davy Lopez, Gabriel Young, Sean Coldeira, Madison King, Cassidy Landis, Abrianna Delaney, Sra Labarias Veguilaas, Jasmine Schaeffer
- All State Choir (IR): Davy Lopez, Jasmine Schaeffer, Sean Coldiera, Sara Labarias Veguillas, Cassidy Landis, Nicole Carter, Madison King, Maxwell Fadden

Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Jay Owens, Karen Blannard, Jennifer Troublefield, Celeste Bunting, Kelly Dorman, Renee Jerns, Kelly Dorman, Tammy Smith, Judi Brittingham, Charley Ruggiero, Preston Lewis, Allisa Booth, Christy Kerr, Sarah Green, David Hudson, Rick Evans, Brad Breasure, Mike Williams, Bradley Layfield, Monica McCurry, Jason Macrides, Kathleen Wilson, Pam Webb, Janet Hickman, Maria Hazzard, Brad Breasure, Neil Stong, Nika Reid, Linda Hockman, JR Emanuele, Blair Catlin Brown, Cassie Queen, Suzanne Timmons, Melissa Kansak, Brad Cowen, Walter Smith, Cliff Toomey, Shawn Tidwell, Mark Dufendach, Georgeann White, Lisa O'Neal, Stephen Lovellette, Glen Rolfe, Allisa Manelski, Christina Wright, Melissa Abbott.

Public Comments

- Allisa Manelski, parent of Sussex Central student, spoke to the Board regarding school choice. She is asking the board to choose her daughter Pixy to Indian River High School. Her daughter feels unsafe due to the drugs, weapons, vaping, and alcohol in the school.
- Melissa Abbott, IREA representative, reminded the Board of the IREA Scholarship fundraiser on March 10, 2023 at the Millsboro Senior Center.
- Christina Wright, parent of a John M. Clayton elementary student, spoke to the Board regarding an assault on her son by a Highroads student. She is uncomfortable sending her son back to school.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2022-2023 (January 2023)

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to accept 2022-2023 school choice applicants (January 2023) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (10-0)

Donations

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to accept the donations of \$5,000 from Cordrey Charities as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

2022-2023 Organizational Chart

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to accept the 2022-2023 Indian River School District organizational chart as presented by Dr. Owens. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Local Reserve Balance Analysis

Mr. Mark Dufendach presented the local reserve balance analysis for the district.

Long Neck Elementary Drainage

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to accept the Long Neck Elementary Drainage proposal of \$44,144.00 as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

New Howard T. Ennis Board Allowance Notifications, Allowances

Mr. Booth notified the Board of change allowances totaling \$134,721 and an allowance for \$43,555.03 for the new Howard T. Ennis building and an allowance for \$43,555.03 as presented by Mr. Booth. Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve these allowance notifications. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Old Business

Major Capital Planning

Dr. Owens gave an update on the new Sussex Central High School construction project.

Howard T. Ennis

Howard T. Ennis opened for students on January 3, 2023. The pool is expected to be complete in early March.

G.W. Carver Consent Update

Dr. Brittingham shared with the board the following highlights:

- It is almost time for the end of the second marking period report to Dr. Rhen for the Former Carver Students. This report is in progress by the school special education coordinators and will be submitted on February 15, 2023.

- The Indian River School District will hold the next Community Advisory Board meeting on February 9, 2023 via Zoom from 4-6PM.
- Georgetown Elementary School is going to share a brief update on parts of their Equity Plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Fritz reviewed the minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

Mr. Cathell reported to the Board that ALERT training was completed at Millsboro Middle School on December 22, 2022.

Finance

Dr. Hattier reviewed meeting minutes from January 9, 2023 meeting.

Curriculum

Dr. Statler shared with the Board the minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting.

DSBA Board of Directors

Mrs. Wright shared with the Board the DSBA Board of Directors meeting was held on January 11, 2023. Some highlights included discussion on HB#198, HB#33, and lead water testing in schools.

DSBA Legislative

No meeting.

Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler shared with the Board upcoming Spring activities for special education.

Policy

First Readings

KH – Gifts from the Public

CB – School Superintendent

CBG – Evaluation of the Superintendent

JFE – Pregnant Students

Mr. Collins presented the following policies for first readings: KH – Gifts from the Public

CB – School Superintendent, CBG – Evaluation of the Superintendent, JFE – Pregnant Students. He requested that any changes can be reported to the Policy Committee.

Second Reading

KLB – Public Complaints about the Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to approve policy KLB – Public Complaints about the Curriculum and Instructional Materials as a second reading. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

IREA Representative

Ms. Brown shared with the Board the 7th annual IREA scholarship fundraiser will be March 10, 2023 at the Millsboro Senior Center, IREA is looking forward to negotiations with secretaries, paraprofessionals, and working on the 2023-2024 calendar.

Superintendents Report

Dr. Owens shared with the Board his monthly activities.

District Calendar Changes

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to approve the following district calendar changes/additions: (1) Change North Georgetown Elementary Spring Concert from May 18, 2023 to May 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., (2) Change Georgetown Elementary Spring Book Fair from May 1-8, 2023 to May 8-15, 2023, (3) District calendar additions reminders on March 22, 2023 only Indian River High School 11th grade students report to school for SAT testing; (4) on April 26, 2023 only Indian River High School 9th and 10th grade students report for PSAT testing; (5) on March 28, 2023 only Sussex Central High School 11th grade students report to school for SAT testing (6) On April 26, 2023 only Sussex Central High School 9th and 10th grade students report to school for PSAT testing. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Financial Summaries for month ending December 31, 2022

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial summaries, major and minor capital improvement financials for the month ending December 31, 2022. Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to accept the financial summaries for the month ending December 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Detail Information for month ending December 31, 2022

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to approve the Detail Information for the month ending December 31, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Major Capital Improvements for month ending December 31, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses. Collins, moved to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending December 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Minor Capital Improvements for month ending December 31, 2022

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending December 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Financial Position Report as of December 31, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the financial position report as of December 31, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Forecast Period Q3 – 2023

District: Indian River

Description	Actual Unencumbered	Encumbered	Projected Income 1/1 to 3/31	Projected Available Income through 3/31	Projected Salary 1/1 to 3/31	Projected Non- Salary 1/1 to 3/31	Projected Expenditures 1/1 to 3/31	Projected Available Balance 3/31	Revenue Projection 4/1 to 6/30	Salary Projection 4/1 to 6/30	Non-Salary Projection 4/1 to 6/30	Projected Balance on 6/30	Projected 1 month Local Payroll
Local Expenses	\$30,732,163.93	\$2,300,709.93	\$929,000.00	\$33,961,873.86	\$9,776,571.43	\$188,704.67	\$9,965,336.17	\$23,996,537.69	\$1,424,000.00	\$12,135,725.05	\$1,656,000.00	\$11,628,812.64	\$3,200,000.00
Div II	\$315,752.78	\$981,982.40	\$1,782,334.43	\$3,080,069.61	\$0.00	\$1,808,240.79	\$1,808,240.79	\$1,271,828.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$653,236.54	\$618,592.28	
Div III	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Cash Option	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other	\$1,445,168.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,445,168.03	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$945,168.03	\$0.00	\$945,168.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Discretionary													
Fund Revenue	\$32,493,084.74	\$3,282,692.33	\$2,711,334.43	\$38,487,111.50	\$10,276,571.43	\$1,996,945.46	\$12,273,576.96	\$26,213,534.54	\$1,424,000.00	\$13,080,893.08	\$2,309,236.54	\$12,247,404.92	

Field Trip Requests

- Overnight trip by IRHS Wrestling team on February 3-4, 2023 to Philadelphia, PA
- Overnight trip by IRHS FFA on March 7-8, 2023 to Harrington State Fairgrounds
- Overnight trip by SCHS Educators Rising on March 6-8, 2023 to Wilmington, DE
- Overnight trip by SCHS Marching Band on March 31 – April 2, 2023 to Williamsburg, VA
- Overnight trip by IRHS Musician for All-Eastern Ensemble on April 13-16, 2023 to Rochester, NY
- Overnight trip by SCHS Musicians for All-Eastern Ensemble on April 13-16, 2023 to Rochester, NY

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the field trip requests as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Use of Facility Request

- Use of SCHS main gym and varsity football field by Community Inspired Actions on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to approve the use of facility request as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Agenda for January 23, 2023

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the Personnel Agenda for January 23, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Addendum for January 23, 2023

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Personnel Addendum for January 23, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Contractual Agenda for January 23, 2023

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to approve the Personnel Addendum for January 23, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Student Hearing No. 23-76

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to accept the hearing officer's recommendation for student hearing No. 23-76. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Public Comments

- Christina Wright, parent of a John M. Clayton elementary student, spoke to the Board again regarding the assault on her son by another student. What is the district going to do to keep her son safe at school?

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rodney M. Layfield
President
Board of Education
Indian River School District

Jay F. Owens
Superintendent
Board of Education
Indian River School District

RML/JFO:jmt