

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 24, 2022
SUSSEX CENTRAL 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, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Ms. Madeline Moses, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, and Mrs. Leolga Wright.
Board Member Late: Dr. Donald Hattier 6:15 p.m.

Executive Session

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, 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 (9-0).

Reconvene- Regular Session at 7:20 p.m.

Approval of Agenda- October 24, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to approve the agenda for October 24, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Pledge of Allegiance/Presentation of Colors

Student Government

No updates.

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2022

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2022

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

Recognition

- 2022-2023 Special Education Ambassadors: Amy Andress, Amanda Lingo, Neil Stong, Lenny Brittingham, Briana Shuman, Lori Ann Sentman, Jaclyn Johnson, Meiasha Harris, Kristie Van Zee, Conor Casey, Carol Oxbrough, Krsytal Bush, Nicole Cope, Stephanie Fair, Jackie Johnson, Cheryl Carey.

Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Jay Owens, Karen Blannard, Jennifer Troublefield, Celeste Bunting, Kelly Dorman, Judi Brittingham, Renee Jerns, Tammy Smith, Charley Ruggiero, Preston Lewis, Alissa Booth, Christy Kerr, Sarah Green,

David Hudson , Rick Evans, Brad Breasure, Mike Williams, Bradley Layfield, Monica McCurry, Jason Macrides, Janet Hickman, Maria Hazzard, Travis Bower, Neil Stong, JR Emanuele, Linda Hockman, Cassie Queen, Suzanne Timmons, Melissa Kansak, Brad Cowen, Walter Smith, Dominique Harris, Dawn Melsen, Terri Lingo, Kathy Scott, Krsyal Bush, Kera Jones, Briana Shuman, Haley Mrim, Jason Pilgrim, Tracy Marvel, Amy Mooney, Michael Oxbrough, Amy Andress, Bob Blyman, Brad Cowen, Steve Carey, Cheryl Carey, Mike Smith, Desiree Pilgrim, David Carter, Shawn Tidwell.

Public Comments

Tim Clausen, teacher at Selbyville Middle School, spoke to the Board regarding program video used as a teaching resource for the past 5 years. He is asking why he is no longer able to use this resource in his classroom.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2022-2023 (October 2022)

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

American Education Week Resolution: November 14-18, 2022

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to approve the American Education Week Resolution: November 14-18, 2022 as presented by Dr. Owens. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

2022-2023 Unit Count

Mrs. Smith shared with the Board the enrollment for the 2022 -2023 school year is 10,799 students. The total units are 850.52.

Title IX Coordinator Responsibilities, 504 Coordinator Responsibilities,

ADA Coordinator Responsibilities

Dr. Owens noted that districts are required to publicly name the persons who are responsible for Title IX, 504, and ADA matters. For the 2022-2023 school year, Celeste Bunting is responsible for Title IX matters, P. Renee Jerns is responsible for 504 matters, and Joe Booth is responsible for ADA matters. Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Title IX, 504, and ADA responsibility appointments as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Town of Millsboro Reclaimed Water Agreement for Ingram Pond

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, move to approve the Town of Millsboro Reclaimed Water agreement for Ingram Pond as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

New Howard T. Ennis Equipment Purchase

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to approve the equipment purchases for the New Howard T. Ennis School totaling \$88,004.97 as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Millsboro Middle School and Sussex Central High School Baseball/Softball Fencing Proposal

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the baseball/softball fencing proposal for Millsboro Middle and Sussex Central High School totaling \$49,168.00 as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

New Sussex Central High School Consideration of bids for Bid Pac “B”

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the moving forward with the New Sussex Central High School Consideration of bids for Bid Pac “B” as presented by Mr. Booth and RY Johnson Controls Inc. representatives. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Sussex Central High School Pavilion Move Request

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fritz, moved to approve the Sussex Central High School pavilion move request as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

New Sussex Central High School Board Notification of Change Order Approval

Mr. Booth notified the Board of a change order for the New Sussex Central High School in the amount of \$34,765.05.

Sussex Central High School Wrestling Uniforms

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve a Sussex Central High School Wrestling Uniforms as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Millsboro Middle School Competition Cheerleading Squad Proposal

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the Millsboro Middle School Competition Cheerleading Squad Proposal as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Athletic and Non-Athletic EPER

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Fritz, moved to approve the athletic and non-athletic EPER salary increases totaling \$535,000.00. The motion passed (6-1-3).

For the motion: Mr. Cathell, Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Layfield

Against the motion: Dr. Statler

Abstained: Ms. Moses, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor.

Constable Salary Scale

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the revised 2022-2023 constable salary scale as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

2022-2023 Superintendent Strategic Plan

Tabled until the November board meeting.

Fall 2022 Student Activity Funding Requests

Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to approve the Fall 2022 student activity funding request in the amount of \$44,484.00. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Old Business

Major Capital Planning

Dr. Owens gave a brief update on the new Sussex Central High School construction project. The groundbreaking will occur on November 3, 2022.

Howard T. Ennis

Construction is proceeding with a January 3, 2023 opening date for students.

G.W. Carver Consent Update

Dr. Brittingham shared with the board the following highlights: The district held the first Equity Steering Committee meeting of the new school year on October 13, 2022. • The Community Advisory Board developed a letter outlining concerns with Consent Order implementation shared with our school board prior to the special board meeting that occurred on October 19, 2022. Dr. Rhen will submit the next official report to the court regarding the progress of consent order implementation on November 4, 2022

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Fritz reviewed the minutes from the October 10, 2022 meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

Mr. Cathell shared with the Board that John M Clayton elementary, Sussex Central High School, have completed their tabletop exercises.

Finance

Dr. Hattier reviewed meeting minutes from October 10, 2022 meeting.

Curriculum

Dr. Statler shared with the Board the minutes from the October 10, 2022 meeting.

DSBA Board of Directors

No report.

DSBA Legislative

Mr. Layfield shared with the Board the top seven priorities currently in legislation associated with education.

Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler congratulated all the Special Education Ambassadors on their recognitions tonight. "Celebrating our Abilities" theming will be during Special Education week (October 24-28, 2022). She thanked all who were involved.

Policy

First Readings

KL – Public Complaints, IKE- Promotion and Retention

Mr. Collins presented the following polices for first readings: KL – Public Complaints, IKE- Promotion and Retention. He requested that any changes can be reported to the Policy Committee.

Second Readings

DA – Written Code of Standard Conduct, BBB- School Board Election

Mr. Collins presented the following policies for second readings: DA – Written Code of Standard Conduct, BBB- School Board Election. Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to accept the policies for second readings. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

IREA Representative

Mr. Jason Pilgrim shared with the Board the Meet and Greet is November 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. He also thanked administration for the professional days on the district calendar.

Superintendents Report

Dr. Owens shared with the Board his monthly activities.

District Calendar Changes

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to change Phillip C. Showell Fall Festival on October 22, 2022 to a date to be determined in Spring of 2023. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Financial Summaries for month ending in September 30, 2022

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial summaries, major and minor capital improvement financials for the month ending September 30, 2022. Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to accept the financial summaries for the month ending September 30, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Detail Information for month ending September 30, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the Detail Information for the month ending September 30, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Major Capital Improvements for month ending September 30, 2022

Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending September 30, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Minor Capital Improvements for month ending September 30, 2022

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending September 30, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Field Trip Requests

- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling team on December 2-3, 2022 to Owings Mills, MD.
- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling team on December 9-10, 2022 to Bel-Air, MD.
- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling team on December 16-18, 2022 to Newark, DE.
- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling team on January 13-14, 2023 to Berlin, MD.
- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling team on January 20-21, 2023 to Owings Mills, MD.
- Overnight trip by Indian River High School Band on March 30 – April 2, 2023 to Orlando, FL.
- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Baseball team on March 15- March 19, 2023 to Myrtle Beach, SC.

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the overnight trips as presented by Dr. Owens. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Use of Facility Requests

- Use of Sussex Central High School Gymnasiums on Sundays beginning October 30, 2022 to July 31, 2023 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. by Southside Mavericks Baseball Team.
- Use of Indian River High School Athletic Field every Sunday from October 30, 2022 to August 27, 2023 from 8:00 am. To 12:00 p.m. by Top Tier Athletics, LLC.
- Use of Sussex Central High School Gymnasium on January 8, 2023 by State Police Camp Barnes Program.
- Use of John M. Clayton Elementary Gymnasium on December 5, 6, 8,9,12,13,15,16, 2022; January 3,5,6,9,10,12,20,23,24,26,30,31, 2023; February 2,3,6,7,9,10,13,14,16,17,21, 2023 from 3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. by Lighthouse Christian School.

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

Personnel Agenda for October 24, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the Personnel Agenda for October 24, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Addendum for October 24, 2022

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Personnel Addendum for October 24, 2022 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Contractual Agenda for October 24, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve the Contractual Agenda for October 24, 2022 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Public Comments

Mr. JR Emanuele addressed the Board concerning the use of news sources to classroom instruction. We should not ban certain news sources, but accept all news sources.

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 8:51 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