

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.  
SUSSEX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mr. Scott Collins, Mr. James Fritz, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Ms. Madeline Moses, Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Board Member Late: Mr. Derek Cathell (6:10 p.m.)

Approval of Agenda – July 5, 2022

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Oath of Office for Board Members

President Layfield administered the Oath of Office to the following Board members:

Mr. James Fritz – District No. 1 – Four Year Term

Ms. Madeline Moses – District No. 1 – Four Year Term

Election of Officers for 2022-23

President

President Rodney Layfield opened the floor for nominations for the office of president. It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to nominate Mr. Rodney Layfield for the office of president. The motion failed (5-3-1).

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

Against the motion: Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright

Abstained: Mr. Peden

President Rodney Layfield opened the floor for nominations for the office of president. It was moved by Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Dr. Statler to nominate Mrs. Leolga Wright for the office of president. The motion failed (3-4-2).

For the motion: Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright

Against the motion: Mr. Collins, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Layfield, Ms. Moses.

Abstained: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Peden

It was moved by Mr. Peden, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to nominate Mrs. Leolga Wright for the office of president. The motion failed (3-4-3).

For the motion: Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

Against the motion: Mr. Cathell, Mr. Collins, Mr. Layfield, Ms. Moses.

Abstained: Mr. Fritz, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Peden

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Collins, to nominate Mr. Rodney Layfield for the office of president. The motion passed (7-2-1).

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

Against the motion: Mrs. Pryor, Mrs. Wright

Abstained: Dr. Statler

#### Vice President

President Layfield opened the floor for nominations for the office of vice president. It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to nominate Mrs. Leolga Wright for the office of vice president. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

#### Designate Superintendent as Executive Secretary of the Board

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to designate the superintendent as Executive Secretary of the Indian River School District Board of Education. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

#### Resolution

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the resolution authorizing the Chief School Officer of the Indian River School District to open and close bank accounts when approved by the State Treasurer as necessary to conduct the business of the Indian River School District and to authorize designated personnel to sign checks and the official documents of the Indian River School District. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

#### Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to go into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

#### Reconvene

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to reconvene in Regular Session at 6:46 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

#### Personnel Agenda for July 5, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Addendum for July 5, 2022 excluding Candidate No. 15. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve Candidate No. 15 on the Personnel Addendum for July 5, 2022. The motion passed (9-0-1).

For the motion: Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Layfield, Ms. Moses, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

Abstained: Mr. Cathell.

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rodney Layfield  
President  
Board of Education  
Indian River School District

Jay F. Owens, Jr. Ed.D.  
Secretary and Superintendent  
Board of Education  
Indian River School District

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