

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022
SUSSEX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MINUTES

Call to Order

President Rodney 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, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Ms. Madeline Moses, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to go into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Reconvene - Regular Session at 7:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Student Government

Sussex Central High School's student government representative, Harley Tidwell, reported on events occurring at Sussex Central High School.

Approval of Agenda – April 25, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2022

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2022

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

Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Jay Owens, Karen Blannard, Celeste Bunting, Kelly Dorman, Judi Brittingham, Renee Jerns, Tammy Smith, Chris Delgado, Cliff Toomey, Joe Booth, Shawn Tidwell, Preston Lewis, Pamela Webb, Karen Clausen, Bradley Layfield, Travis Bower, Brad Breasure, Mike Williams, Neil Stong, Kathleen Wilson, Melissa Kansak, Janet Hickman, Allisa Booth, Jason Macrides, Christy Kerr, Sarah Green, Tara Thoroughgood, Samantha Loughheed, Walter Smith, Audrey Carey, Brad Cowen, Glenn Rolfe, Kathy Dulis, JR Emanuele, Cathy King, Herman King, Jonathan Sharp, Robin Spears, Scott Spears, Sarah Norton, Amy Goodhue, Suzanne Timmons, Geri Vota, Mike Smith, Bob Blyman, Evelyn Velasquez

Recognition

- Custodian to Chief Leadership Program Graduates (District)
- 2022 Behavioral Health Professionals of the Year (District)
- 2022 Carson Scholar (Sussex Central)
- 1st Team All Conference (Sussex Central)
- 1st Team All-State (Sussex Central)
- Academic All-Conference (Sussex Central)

Public Comments

- Jake Buchler spoke to Board concerning the board's position if the mask mandates are re-issued. He also spoke of inflation and taxes and the hidden inflation tax. He also shared his concerns with reckless spending in our state.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2021-2022 (April 2022)

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to accept school choice applicants 2021-2022 (April 2022) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

School Choice Applications 2021-2023 (April 2022)

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to accept school choice applicants 2021-2023 (April 2022) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

2022-2023 Inclement Weather Days

No action taken, further discussion at a later date.

IREA/DTGSS Memorandum of Understanding

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the IREA/DTGSS Memorandum of Understanding to receive state approval annually. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Coastal Venue LLC/Seed and Sapling Partnership Agreement

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the Coastal Venue LLC/Seed and Sapling Partnership agreement with the district as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Long Neck Elementary Drainage Improvement Proposal

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the Long Neck elementary drainage improvement proposal as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

East Millsboro Elementary Roof Proposal

It was moved by DR. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the East Millsboro elementary roof repair proposal in the amount of \$8,750.00 as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

School Audio/Video Systems Upgrade

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the school audio/video systems upgrade at a 3 year cost of \$121,941.13. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Artesian Water Agreement

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to approve the Artesian Water Agreement after a letter from district engineers is completed and reviewed with updated stipulations. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Old Business

New Sussex Central High School/Major Capital Planning

Dr. Owens reviewed with the Board the most recent updates regarding the new Sussex Central High school.

Howard T. Ennis

Dr. Owens updated the board on Howard T. Ennis construction with an anticipated completion date of January 2023.

GW Carver Consent Update

Dr. Brittingham shared with the Board the most recent updates on GW Carver Academy.

Committee Reports

Buildings & Grounds

Dr. Hattier reviewed the minutes from the April 11, 2022 Buildings & Grounds committee meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

Mr. Cathell shared with the Board that as of April 14, 2022 all schools have completed their tabletop exercises for the 2021-2022 school year.

Finance

Dr. Hattier reviewed the minutes from the April 11, 2022 Finance Committee meeting.

Curriculum

Dr. Statler reviewed the minutes from the April 11, 2022 Curriculum Committee meeting.

DSBA Board of Directors

No report.

DSBA Legislative

No report.

Special Education Task Force

No report.

Policy

First Readings

IKF.1 – Dual Credit Enrollment

Mr. Collins presented the following policies for first reading: IKF.1 – Dual Credit Enrollment. He requested that any changes should be reported to the Policy Committee.

Second Readings

JG – Student Discipline

BDDH Public Participation at Board Meetings

Mr. Collins presented the following policies for second readings: JG – Student Discipline and BDDH Public Participation at Board Meetings. It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve policies JG – Student Discipline and BDDH Public Participation at Board Meetings as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Second Readings

Mr. Collins presented the following policies for second reading: JECBA – Admission of Exchange Students. It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve policy JECBA – Admission of Exchange Students as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

IREA Representative

Bobby Bull, IREA representative, shared the status of upcoming contract negotiations and the IREA is reviewing the scholarship applications.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Owens shared his monthly activities with the Board.

District Calendar Change

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the district calendar change to cancel Southern DE School of the Arts Festival on May 20, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Financial Reports

Finance Committee

Mrs. Smith reviewed with the financial summaries, major and minor cap improvement financials for the month ending March 31, 2022.

Financial Summaries for month ending March 31, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Financial Summaries for the month ending March 31, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Detail Information for month ending March 31, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Detail Information for the month ending March 31, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Major Capital Improvements for month ending March 31, 2021

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending March 31, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Minor Capital Improvements for month ending March 31, 2022

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending March 31, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Financial Position Report

Description	Actual Unencumbered	Encumbered	Projected Income 4/1 to 6/30	Projected Available Income for Quarter 4	Projected Salary 4/1 to 6/30	Projected Non-Salary 4/1 to 6/30	Total Projected Expenditures for Quarter 4
Local Expenses	\$24,229,489.74	\$578,598.44	\$1,633,100.00	\$26,441,188.18	\$9,931,000.00	\$777,082.03	\$10,708,082.03
Div II	\$1,210,426.07	\$1,187,819.97	\$0.00	\$2,398,246.04	\$0.00	\$1,689,472.76	\$1,689,472.76
Div III	\$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
Other	\$1,574,191.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,574,191.34	\$1,574,191.34	\$0.00	\$1,574,191.34
Total Discretionary Fund Revenue	\$27,014,107.15	\$1,766,418.41	\$1,633,100.00	\$30,413,625.56	\$11,505,191.34	\$2,466,554.79	\$13,971,746.13

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

FY 2023 – 27th Pay

There was no motion made. There will be more discussion at the next board meeting.

Field Trip Requests

- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School TSA on June 25-30, 2022 to Grapevine, TX.
- Overnight trip by Indian River High School TSA on June 25-30, 2022 to Grapevine, TX.
- Overnight trip by Indian River High School HOSA on June 22-26, 2022 to Nashville, TN.
- Overnight trip by Indian River High School HOSA on June 21-26, 2022 to Nashville, TN.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the field trips as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Agenda for April 25, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, to approve the Personnel Agenda for April 25, 2022, excluding candidates #190 and #210. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve candidate #190 on the Personnel Agenda for April 25, 2022. The motion passed (9-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mr. Peden

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by DR. Hattier, to approve candidate #210 on the Personnel Agenda for April 25, 2022. The motion passed (9-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mr. Layfield

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Collins, to remove item #3 from the Personnel Agenda for April 25, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Addendum for April 25, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Addendum for April 25, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Contractual Agenda for April 25, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Cathell, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Contractual Agenda for April 25, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Student Hearings

Student No. 22-114

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Wright, to accept the hearings officer recommendation for Student No. 22-114. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Student No. 22-115

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to accept the hearings officer recommendation for Student No. 22-115. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Public Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

Vice President Wright adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

RML/JFO:jmt