

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022
INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Vice President Leolga Wright 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, Madeline Moses, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Leolga Wright.
Board Member Absent: Mr. Rodney Layfield.

Executive Session

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, 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 (9-0).

Reconvene - Regular Session at 7:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Student Government

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

Approval of Agenda – March 28, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2022

It was moved by Dr. Statler, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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

It was moved by Dr. Statler, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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, Nika Reed, Ron Lewis, Ken Fearn, Audrey Carey, Brad Cowen, Glenn Rolfe, Melanie Marshall, Kathy Dulis, JR Emanuele, Mark Dufendach, Suzanne Timmons, Buddy Snyder, Lauren Nuttle, Holly Blood, Ibrahim Leyva Fojaco, Regan Burton, Sandra Elliott, Leo Darmstadter, Jake Darmstadter, Jeff Gartman, Molly Gartman, Maureen Rozanski, Beth Poe Housemen, Gabino Escobar, Sierra Sabia, Desiree Pilgrim, Jason Pilgrim, Adriane Mason, Randy Mason, Cade Mason, Matthew Harmon, Duncan Winger, David Whitmer, Deanna Whitmer, Ronald Lewis, Bob Blyman, Mary Villareal, Nicholas Ables, Anthony Mills, Kylie Youse, Kassi Timmons, Brianna Wittman, Amy Wittman, Evelyn Velasquez Velasquez, Phobe Marvel, Brooke Darmstadter, Brian Youse, Traci Youse, Libby Houseman, Mike Smith, Kevon Briddell.

Recognition

- State Fire Prevention Winners (LB)
- VEX Robotics Team (LB)
- 2022 Carson Scholar (SDSA)
- Sussex County Honors Band (SDSA)
- 1st Place Extemporaneous Speech BPA (SM)
- Delmarva VEX Robotics Regional Design Award (SM)
- Sussex County Honors Band (SM)
- 2022 Carson Scholars (IRHS)
- Delaware All State Choir (IRHS)
- Senior Sussex County Honor Choir (IRHS)
- Junior County Band (IRHS)
- Junior All State Band (IRHS)
- Senior County Band (IRHS)
- Academic All-Conference (IRHS):
- BPA 1st Place State Conference Winners (IRHS)

Public Comments

- Andy Carter spoke to Board concerning the Indian River High School semester scheduling that is eliminating Band. We need to continue growing the band program at the high school.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2021-2022 (March 2022)

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to accept school choice applicants 2021-2022 (March 2022) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

School Choice Applications 2021-2023 (March 2022)

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to accept school choice applicants 2021-2023 (March 2022) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Donations from First State Pickelball, Trinity Logistics, Mountaire

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the donations in the amount of \$1,000 from First State Pickelball, \$2500.00 from Trinity Logistics, and \$1,000 from Mountaire to John M Clayton Elementary Robotics. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Geo Tech Contract

Mr. Booth discussed with the board the upcoming Geo Tech Contract with the district.

New Howard T. Ennis Technology Purchases

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the new Howard T. Ennis Technology Purchases in the amounts of \$398,500, \$131,681.92, \$329,000.00 as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (0-0).

New Howard T. Ennis Playground Change Order

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, to approve the new Howard T. Ennis playground change order in the amount of \$195,320.00 as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Middle School Fields Construction Proposal

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to approve the Middle School Fields Construction Proposal in the amount of \$45,000.00 as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Early Learning Center/GW Carver Fence Request

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to approve the Early Learning Center/GW Carver Fence request in the amount of \$23,350.00 as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Georgetown Elementary Awning/Shelter Request

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Ms. Moses, to approve the Georgetown Elementary Awning/Shelter request in the amount of \$32,708.00 as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Georgetown Middle School Cheerleading Uniforms

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, to approve the Georgetown Middle School Cheerleading Uniforms as presented by Ms. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Indian River High School Chromebook Covers Donation

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Indian River High School Chromebook donations covers as presented by Ms. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Student Activity Funding Spring 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Student Activity Funding Requests for spring 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

FY 2022 Sussex Central Bond Application

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to approve the FY 2022 Sussex Central Bond Application in the amount of \$23,000,000.00 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

2022-2023 District Calendar

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Ms. Moses, to approve the 2022-2023 District Calendar modification as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

2022 Indian River School District Summer Hours

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to accept the 2022 Indian River School District Summer Hours – June 20, 2022 to August 19, 2022 Monday-Wednesday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Friday. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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 in the Fall of 2022.

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 March 14, 2022 Buildings & Grounds committee meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

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

Finance

Dr. Hattier reviewed the minutes from the March 14, 2022 Finance Committee meeting.

Curriculum

Dr. Statler reviewed the minutes from the March 14, 2022 Curriculum Committee meeting.

DSBA Board of Directors

No report.

DSBA Legislative

No report.

Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler shared with the Board the next Parent Coordinators Meeting will be April 12, 2022 at Millsboro Middle School. She wanted to thank everyone who participated in World Down Syndrome Day.

Policy

First Readings

BDDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings

JG – Student Discipline

Dr. Owens presented the following policies for first readings: BDDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings and JG – Student Discipline. He requested that any changes should be reported to the Policy Committee.

First and Second Readings

Mr. Collins presented the following policies for first and second reading: AC – Nondiscrimination. It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve policy AC – Nondiscrimination as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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 (9-0).

IREA Representative

Cassie Queen, IREA representative, thanked everyone for a successful scholarship fundraiser on that was held on March 11, 2022 at the Millsboro Senior Center.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Owens shared his monthly activities with the Board.

District Calendar Change

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the district calendar change: (1) Change the last student day from June 15, 2022 to June 10, 2022; (2) Change the last teacher day from June 17, 2022 to June 15, 2022; (3) Change the last paraprofessional day from June 17, 2022 to June 15, 2022; (4) Change the Millsboro Middle School National Junior Honor Society Inductions on May 12, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Financial Reports

Finance Committee

Mrs. Smith reviewed with the financial summaries, major and minor cap improvement financials for the month ending February 28, 2022.

Financial Summaries for month ending February 28, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, to approve the Financial Summaries for the month ending February 28, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Detail Information for month ending February 28, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, to approve the Detail Information for the month ending February 28, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Major Capital Improvements for month ending February 28, 2021

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending February 28, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Minor Capital Improvements for month ending February 28, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending February 28, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Field Trip Requests

- Sunday trip by Sussex Central High School FFA on July 31, 2022 to Harrington, DE.

- Sunday trip by Sussex Central High School FFA on June 5, 2022 to Harrington, DE.
- Overnight trip by SMS BPA on May 3-8, 2022 to Dallas, TX.
- Overnight trip by SCHS BPA on May 3-8, 2022 to Dallas, TX.
- Overnight trip by IRHS BPA on May 3-8, 2022 to Dallas, TX.
- Overnight trip by LB VEX Robotics on May 9-13, 2022 to Dallas, TX.
- Overnight trip by JMC VEX Robotics on May 9-13, 2022 to Dallas, TX.
- Overnight trip by SDSA VEX Robotics on May 7-11, 2022 to Dallas, TX.
- Overnight trip by SCHS Fall Cheerleading on August 23-26, 2022 to Northeast, MD.
- Overnight trip by SCHS Educators Rising on June 24-27, 2022 to Washington, DC.

It was moved by Ms. Moses, seconded by Dr. Statler, to approve the field trips as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Use of Facility Requests

- Use of SCHS auditorium on May 26, 2022 and May 29, 2022 (Sunday) by Stars on 9 Dance Center.
- Use of SMS Baseball field on Saturdays and Sundays beginning April 2, 2022 to July 3, 2022 by Mid Atlantic Shockers Walls 14U Baseball team.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the use of facility requests as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Agenda for March 28, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Agenda for March 28, 2022, excluding candidate #19. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve candidate #19 on the Personnel Agenda for March 28, 2022. The motion passed (8-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mr. Peden

Personnel Addendum for March 28, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Addendum for March 28, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Contractual Agenda for March 28, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Contractual Agenda for March 28, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Public Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

Vice President Wright adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leolga T. Wright
Vice President
Board of Education
Indian River School District

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

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