

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022
INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MINUTES

Call to Order

President Layfield called the Regular Meeting of the Indian River School District Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Board Members Late: Ms. Madeline Moses (5:36 p.m.), Dr. Donald Hattier (5:48 p.m.)

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to go into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Reconvene - Regular Session at 7:23 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 – May 23, 2022

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

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2022

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2022

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

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2022

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, 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, Brad Cowen, Glenn Rolfe, Kathy Dulis, JR Emanuele, Michelle Snyder, Amanda Schaeffer, Barry McGee, Maria Lopez, William Chandler, Ingrid Balarezo, Ana Sanchez, Jan Jestice, Laura Hattier, Chris Parker, Paul Pahren, Marilyn Jackson, Katie Owens, Jan Bomhardt, Amber Schaffer, Karen Faber, Emily Quillen, Zachary Quillen, Charli Quillen, Sylvester Quillen, Michelle Snyder, Curt Snyder, Kaitlyn Kopf, Jeff Bunting, Larry Paterson, Alana Patterson, Susan Jones, Audrey Carey, Jordy Estrada, Lanaya Haynes, Kristopher Meister, Jack Jestice, Ronald Lewis, Melanie Marshall.

Recognition

- VEX Robotics Teams (Southern De School of the Arts, Lord Baltimore Elementary, John M. Clayton Elementary)
- Business Professionals of America (Selbyville Middle School)
- Business Professionals of America (Georgetown Middle School)
- Business Professionals of America (Indian River High School)
- Donation Recognitions (John M Clayton Elementary)

Public Comments

- Michelle Snyder, parent, spoke about her concerns with Indian River High School block scheduling.
- Amber Schaffer, former student, spoke regarding the difficulties with the Indian River High School block scheduling.
- William Chandler spoke to the Board regarding the equity survey sent to parents and students. We should educate in a neutral non bias setting.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2021-2023 (April 2022)

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

Board notification New Howard T. Ennis Change Order

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the notification of change order at the new Howard T. Ennis for \$13,800.00 camera licensing needed for installation and updated care as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

2022-2023 DSBA Dues

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to approve the DSBA Due for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$ 12,436.00. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

North Georgetown Elementary Pergola Request

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Ms. Moses, to approve the North Georgetown Elementary Pergola request in the amount of \$900.00 as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Sussex Central High School Nurse Wall Request

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, to approve the Sussex Central High School School nurse wall request in the amount of \$8,625.15 as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

World Language Curriculum Purchase

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the seven year contract for the purchase of World Language Curriculum for grades 6-12 in the amount of \$297,297.45 as presented by Dr. Renee Jerns. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Indian River High School Replacement Speakers

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to approve the Indian River High School replacement speakers purchase in the amount of \$10,952.70 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Selbyville Middle School Uniforms, Indian River High School Color Guard Uniforms, Indian River High School Cheerleading Uniforms

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Selbyville Middle School Uniforms, Indian River High School Color Guard Uniforms, and Indian River High School Cheerleading Uniforms as presented by Ms. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Course Reimbursement for Administrators

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Course reimbursement for Administrators at University of Delaware graduate course rate of 2 courses per year as presented by Mrs. Bunting. 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 May 9, 2022 Buildings & Grounds committee meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

No report

Finance

Dr. Hattier reviewed the minutes from the May 9, 2022 Finance Committee meeting.

Curriculum

Dr. Statler reviewed the minutes from the May 9, 2022 Curriculum Committee meeting.

DSBA Board of Directors

Mrs. Wright shared with the Board updates from the DSBA Board of Directors meeting.

DSBA Legislative

Dr. Hattier shared with the Board updates from the DSBA legislative meeting.

Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler shared with the Board the nominations for the special education ambassadors are available.

Policy

First Readings

IGDF.1 – Affiliate Account Information

KBG – Social Media Monitoring

Mr. Collins presented the following policies for first readings: IGDF.1 – Affiliate Account Information and KBG – Social Media Monitoring. He requested that any changes should be reported to the Policy Committee.

Second Reading

IKF.1 – Dual Credit Enrollment

Mr. Collins presented the following policies for a second reading: IKF.1 – Dual Credit Enrollment. It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve policy IKF.1 – Dual Credit Enrollment as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Deletion

EF – Nutrition

Mr. Collins presented the following policy for deletion: EF – Nutrition. It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve deleting policy EF - Nutrition as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

IREA Representative

JR Emanuele, IREA representative, spoke to the board regarding the negotiations. He also shared that there were two IREA scholarships awarded to both Indian River and Sussex Central students.

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 To change the professional development day (no school for students) from October 7, 2022 to October 14, 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 April 30, 2022.

Financial Summaries for month ending April 30, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Statler, to approve the Financial Summaries for the month ending April 30, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Detail Information for month ending April 30, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Detail Information for the month ending April 30, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Major Capital Improvements for month ending April 30, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending April 30, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Minor Capital Improvements for month ending April 30, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending April 30, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

FY 2023 – 27th Pay Dates

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to keep the pays the same with no increase on local funding of the 27th pay, which is a one-time 3.8% increase on local funding. The motion failed (3-4-3)

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

Against the motion: Ms. Moses, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.
Abstained: Mr. Cathell, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Peden.

Use of Facility Requests

- Use of Sussex Central High School soccer fields, stadium field, field hockey field, competition field, two football practice fields and concession stand on May 28-29, 2022 by Cindy Cruz C & M Construction Company, LLC on May 26, 2022 and May 29, 2022 (Sunday).

It was moved by Layfield, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the use of facility requests as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Agenda for May 23, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the Personnel Agenda for May 23, 2022, excluding candidate #170. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve candidate #170 on the Personnel Agenda for May 23, 2022. The motion passed (9-0-1).

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

Abstained: Dr. Hattier

Personnel Addendum for May 23, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the Personnel Addendum for May 23, 2022, excluding candidates #23, 111, 118. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve candidate #23 on the Personnel Agenda for May 23, 2022. The motion passed (9-0-1).

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

Abstained: Ms. Moses

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve candidate #111 on the Personnel Agenda for May 23, 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

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve candidate #118 on the Personnel Agenda for May 23, 2022. The motion passed (9-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mr. Collins

Contractual Agenda for May 23, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the Contractual Agenda for May 23, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Contract Ratifications: Chief Custodians, Nutrition Services Managers, Nutrition Service Workers

It was moved by Ms. Moses, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to approve the contract ratifications for chief custodians, nutrition service managers, nutrition service workers as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Administration Contract

No action taken

Principal Position

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve candidate No. 3 for the principal position. The motion passed (7-3-0).

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

Against the motion: Ms. Moses, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler.

Student Hearing

Student No. 22-128

It was moved by Mr. Cathell, seconded by Ms. Moses, to accept the hearing officer's recommendation for student no. 22-128. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Public Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 9:18 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

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