

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2022  
INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Executive Session

Dr. Hattier, 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 6:58 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Student Government

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

Approval of Agenda- September 26, 2022

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to approve the agenda for August 22, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2022

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2022

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

Recognition

- Mountaire Farms, Inc, - Generous donation of a basketball court at Phillip C. Showell Elementary
- Warrens Restaurant – Generous donation of school supplies to both Lord Baltimore Elementary and Phillip C. Showell Elementary.

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, Ken Fearn, Shawn Tidwell, Jen Lovellette, Mark Dufendach, Jason Pilgrim, Mark Steele, Shelia Warrington, Brooke Darmstadter, Ronald Lewis, Saylor Congleton, Scott Mumford, Stephen Cobb, Zach Evans .

#### Public Comments

Brooke Darmstadter, Sussex Central Alumni and district parent spoke to the Board regarding bullying. She read the district's policy on bullying.

#### New Business

##### School Choice Applications 2022-2023 (September 2022)

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to accept 2022-2023 school choice applicants (September 2022) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (9-0)

##### National School Lunch Week Resolution: October 10-14, 2022

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the National School Lunch week Resolution: October 10-14, 2022 as presented by Dr. Owens. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

##### National School Bus Safety Week Resolution: October 17-21, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the National School Bus Safety week Resolution: October 17-21, 2022 as presented by Mr. Tidwell. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

##### Indian River School District Assessment Date and Action Steps

Dr. Jerns and Ms. Dorman shared with the Board 2018-2022 Smarter ELA and Math Proficiency Data for both elementary and middle school students, and High School SAT/Graduation Rate Data.

##### Kitchen Services Equipment Repair Bid

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Kitchen Services Equipment Bid to Electric Motor Repair as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

##### New Citizens Budget Oversight Committee Member

Mrs. Smith shared with the Board the name of the newest member of the Citizens Budget Oversight Committee is Gina Jennings.

##### School Resource Officer (SRO) Contract

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the School Resource Officer Contract with the Town of Ocean View for an SRO officer at Lord Baltimore Elementary in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

##### New Sussex Central High School Consideration of bids for Bid Pac "A"

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Fritz, moved to approve the moving forward with the New Sussex Central High School Consideration of bids for Bid Pac "A" as presented by Mr. Booth and RY Johnson Controls Inc. representatives. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### New Sussex Central High School Construction Design for Bid Pac “B”

Ms. Moses, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the construction design documents for the New Sussex Central High School Construction Design documents for Bid Pac “B” as presented by Mr. Booth and RY Johnson Controls Inc. representatives. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Kristina Perfetti Memoriam

Mr. Booth, Mrs. Kansak, and Mrs. Timmons shared with the Board possible artwork designs for display in the new Howard T. Ennis building in memoriam of Kristina Perfetti.

#### North Georgetown Elementary Request for SNAC Garden Mural

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve a mural for display at the SNAC Garden at North Georgetown Elementary as presented by Mr. Booth and Mrs. Green. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Sussex Central High School Advertising Gymnasium Banner Template

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve a Sussex Central High School Advertising Gymnasium Banner Template as presented by Mr. Booth and Dr. Layfield. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Howard T. Ennis Change Order Request for Outdoor Classroom

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the Howard t. Ennis Change Order Request for Outdoor Classroom for \$43,716.00 as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Allowance Notifications: Kent Construction

Mr. Booth shared with the Board allowance notifications in the amounts of \$1,557.00, \$810.21, \$3,804.00, \$4,509.00, \$3,385.00 regarding Howard T. Ennis.

#### Old Business

##### Major Capital Planning

Dr. Owens gave a brief update on the new Sussex Central High School construction project.

#### 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 next IRSD Community Advisory Board is October 6, 2022.

#### Committee Reports

##### Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Fritz reviewed the minutes from the September 12, 2022 meeting.

#### Comprehensive School Safety

Mr. Cathell shared with the Board all the trainings the IRSD Constables have received in the past months.

#### Finance

Dr. Hattier reviewed meeting minutes from September 12, 2022 meeting.

### Curriculum

Dr. Statler shared with the Board the minutes from the September 12, 2022 meeting.

### DSBA Board of Directors

No report.

### DSBA Legislative

No report.

### Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler shared with the Board the upcoming Special Education week in October.

### Policy

#### First Readings

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

Mr. Collins presented the following polices for first readings: DA – Written Code of Standard Conduct, BBB – School Board Election. He requested that any changes can be reported to the Policy Committee.

#### Second Reading

#### JHFB – Constables Use of Deadly Force

Mr. Collins presented the following policy for a second reading: JHFB – Constables Use of Deadly Force. Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to accept the policy for a second reading. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### IREA Representative

Mr. JR Emanuele requested the monthly committee meetings be live-streamed. He also shared safety concerns with traffic at East Millsboro Elementary and the importance of an installed traffic light.

### Superintendents Report

Dr. Owens shared with the Board his monthly activities.

### District Calendar Changes

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to change Sussex Central High School Homecoming Dance from October 22, 2022 to October 15, 2022; change Howard T. Ennis regular school day for staff and students to a no school for student's day on December 21, 2022, change Indian River High School Homecoming Dance from October 15, 2022 to October 14, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Financial Summaries for month ending in August 31, 2022

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial summaries, major and minor capital improvement financials for the month ending August 31, 2022. Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to accept the financial summaries for the month ending August 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Detail Information for month ending August 31, 2022

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Detail Information for the month ending August 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Major Capital Improvements for month ending August 31, 2022

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending August 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Minor Capital Improvements for month ending August 31, 2022

Dr. Statler, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending August 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

FY 2023 Preliminary Budget: Howard T. Ennis

Dr. Statler, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the FY 2023 Preliminary Budget for Howard T. Ennis for \$14,624,000.00 million as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

FY 2023 Preliminary Budget: Indian River School District

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the FY 2023 Preliminary Budget for Indian River School District for \$281,421,916.00 million as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Field Trip Requests

- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School FFA on September 29-30, 2022 to CAMP Barnes, Frankford, DE.
- Overnight trip by Indian River High School FFA on September 29-30, 2022 to CAMP Barnes, Frankford, DE.
- Sunday trip by Sussex Central High School French IV Class on October 9, 2022 to Rehoboth Beach, DE

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the overnight/Sunday trips as presented by Dr. Owens. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Agenda for September 26, 2022

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Personnel Agenda for September 26, 2022 excluding personnel item #103, item #137, and item #145. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Dr. Statler, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve personnel item #103 on the Personnel Agenda for September 26, 2022. The motion passed (8-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mr. Cathell

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve personnel item #137 on the Personnel Agenda for September 26, 2022. The motion passed (8-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mr. Peden

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve personnel item #145 on the Personnel Agenda for September 26, 2022. The motion passed (8-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mrs. Wright

Personnel Addendum for September 26, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the Personnel Addendum for September 26, 2022 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Contractual Agenda for September 26, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the Contractual Agenda for September 26, 2022 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Student Hearing

Student No. #23-05

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the Special Education Coordinator recommendation for Student No. 23-05. The motion passed (8-1-0).

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

Against the motion: Ms. Moses

Public Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jay F. Owens  
Superintendent  
Board of Education  
Indian River School District

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