

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021
INDIAN RIVER 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. Jim Fritz, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Ms. Madeline Moses, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Wright Member Late: Mr. Scott Collins (6:01 p.m.) Dr. Donald Hattier (6:02 p.m.)

Executive Session

It was moved by Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Cathell, 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 (8-0).

Reconvene - Regular Session at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda – July 26, 2021

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

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2021.

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2021.

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

Board of Education Organizational Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Collins, 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, Tammy Smith, David Clark, Cliff Toomey, Joe Booth, Pamela Webb, Bradley Layfield, Travis Bower, Brad Breasure, Mike Williams, Neil Stong, Melissa Kansak, Janet Hickman, Glenn Rolfe, Pamela

Webb, Allisa Booth, Jeff Forjan, Matt Keller, Karen Clausen, David Hudson, Sam Lougheed, Sara Gum, Jack Gum, Tara Thoroughgood, Cassie Queen, Linda Hockman, JR Emanuele.

Public Comments

No comments.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2021-2022 (July 2021)

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

2021-2022 School Year

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Ms. Moses, to approve the addition of 15 minutes to the school day for the 2021-2022 school year. This will allow seven (7) days to be used for inclement weather school closings. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

2021-2022 DSBA (Delaware State Boards Association) Dues

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to approve the 2021-2022 DSBA dues in the amount of \$12,402.00. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

2021-2022 School Resource Officers (SRO) Contracts

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to accept the 2021-2022 School Resource Officers Contracts as presented. The motion passed (8-0-2).

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

Abstained: Mr. Collins, Mr. Layfield

Tax Relief Request

There was no motion.

Geological Technical Firm Qualifications for the New Sussex Central High School

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Geological Technical Firm Qualifications for the New Sussex Central High School quote in the amount of \$27,745.00 as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Demolition of outside stands at John M. Clayton Elementary and Georgetown Middle School

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the demolition of outside stands at John M. Clayton Elementary and Georgetown Middle Schools in the amount of \$36,761.00 as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Sussex Central High School Uniforms (Volleyball and Cheer)

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to approve the Sussex Central High School Volleyball and Cheer uniforms as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

2020-2021 Field Trip Summary Report

Dr. Owens reviewed with the board the 2020-2021 Field Trip Summary report.

Old Business

Major Capital Planning

Dr. Owens reviewed with the Board the most recent updates regarding the new Sussex Central High school. A meeting was held to discuss shared space between the proposed new school and Millsboro Middle. There will be an architects' presentation at the next Building and Grounds Committee meeting on August 9, 2021 to discuss a time table, finance choices, and current schematic drawings.

Howard T. Ennis

Dr. Owens updated the board on Howard T. Ennis construction. Substantial completion date has been moved back from May 2022 to May 31, 2022. This change is attributed to soil conditions and receiving proper impact reports.

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 July 12, 2021 Buildings & Grounds committee meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

Mr. Cathell shared with the Board there will be two constables attending NRA training for instructor certification in August 2021.

Finance

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial reports.

Curriculum

No report.

DSBA Board of Directors

No report.

DSBA Legislative

No report.

Mary Bailey Scholarship

Mr. Peden shared with the Board the Bank will be reviewing the scholarship applicants and disbursing scholarships. The Board may want to discuss dismantling the Mary Bailey Scholarship Committee.

Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler shared with the Board school enhancements regarding Special Education.

Policy

Second Readings:

BBBB Board Member Oath of Office, BBF School Board Member Ethics, BHA New Board Member Orientation, IICA Field Trips and Excursions, JHFA Supervision of Students, KBB Freedom of Information Act; Deletion: GCN: Evaluation of Professional Staff

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve polices for second readings: BBBB Board Member Oath of Office, BBF School Board Member Ethics, BHA New Board Member Orientation, IICA Field Trips and Excursions, JHFA Supervision of Students, KBB Freedom of Information Act. Deletion: GCN: Evaluation of Professional Staff. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

IREA Representative

JR Emanuele, IREA representative, thanked the Board for the 15 minutes of additional time added to the 2021-2022 school year. He asked about plans for educating students who are quarantined from Covid-19 (single student and/or multiple students).

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Owens shared his monthly activities with the Board.

Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending June 30, 2021

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending June 30, 2021. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Finance Committee

Mrs. Smith reviewed with the financial summaries, major and minor cap improvement financials for the month ending June 30, 2021.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending June 30, 2021 and the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending June 30, 2021 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Communications

Use of Facility Request

- Use of Sussex Central High School Soccer Field and Stadium on August 7, 8, 2021 (Sunday) by C & M Construction Company LLC/Delaware United.

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

Field Trip Request

- Overnight trip by Indian River High School Band and Choir on April 11-13, 2022 to Washington, DC.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Statler, to approve the Use of Facility Request. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Agenda for July 26, 2021

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Agenda for July 26, 2021, excluding candidate No. 4. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

It was moved by Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve candidate No. 4 on the Personnel Agenda for July 26, 2021. The motion passed (9-1-0).

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

Against the motion: Dr. Statler.

Personnel Addendum for July 26, 2021

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the Personnel Addendum for July 26, 2021, excluding candidate No. 13. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to approve candidate No. 13 on the Personnel Agenda for July 26, 2021. 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 July 26, 2021

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to approve the Contractual Agenda for July 26, 2021. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Administrative Salaries

It was moved by Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to approve the administrative salaries for the month of July 2021 as presented. The motion passed (8-0-2).

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

Abstained: Mr. Layfield, Mrs. Pryor.

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 7:48 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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