

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021
SUSSEX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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, Dr. Leo Darmstadter, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Board Member Absent: Mr. Anthony Cannon

Board Member Late: Dr. Donald Hattier (6:10 p.m.)

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to go into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Reconvene - Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – February 22, 2021

It was moved by Dr. Darmstadter, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2021.

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2021.

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

Public Comments

Ms. Hennigan, parent of two elementary school students, spoke to the Board with regards to the district transitioning to full five days “in person” instruction. The district needs to be a strong advocate to promote better learning for our students.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2020-2021 (February 2021)

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Statler, to accept school choice applicants 2020-2021 (February 2021) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

School Choice Applications 2021-2022 (February 2021)

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

Programming Updates

Dr. Owens shared with the Board current enrollment of hybrid students, remote learning students,

Howard T. Ennis Change Order

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the change order in the amount of \$10,000 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Construction Management Selection for the New Sussex Central High School

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the construction management selection of RY Johnson & Son Inc. for the new Sussex Central High School project. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Indian River High School Chiller Replacement Bid

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve Indian River High School chiller replacement bid in the amount of \$301,800.00. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

This motion was withdrawn by Dr. Hattier due to confusion of voting on the Indian River High School natural gas conversion by mistake. The Indian River High School Chiller bid was again moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve Indian River High School chiller replacement bid in the amount of \$301,800.00. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Indian River High School Natural Gas Conversion

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve Indian River High School Natural Gas Conversion with an \$80,000.00 change order with ESCO along with a negotiated rate with Chesapeake Utilities. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Playground Funding

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve district playground funding in the amount of \$395,000.00 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

2021-2022 District Calendar

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the 2021-2022 District Calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Sussex Central High School Softball Uniforms

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the Sussex Central Softball uniforms as presented. (9-0).

Old Business

Major Capital Planning

Dr. Owens updated the Board on the new Sussex Central High School. We are still in programming phase and will be wrapping that part up with Board approval for the educational specifications in March. Will be discussing some schematic concepts. With the construction management company approval, we expect to have first set of preliminary drawings in April. Meetings with DELDOT on entrances and traffic coordination are underway. Currently we are looking at one entrance on Avenue of Honor and another on Patriot's Way.

Howard T. Ennis

Dr. Owens updated the board on Howard T. Ennis. Construction has been difficult due to the wet weather. There is a meeting scheduled this week with DNREC officials to develop a new sequence of construction for critical needs to keep project on proposed time line, this includes well point (de-watering), excavating pond, topsoil stockpile, and new building access road for crane and pad construction. Submission to DELDOT for a permanent entrance permit has been made. The project is still scheduled to have substantial construction completed May 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 February 8, 2021 Buildings & Grounds committee meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

There was no report.

Finance

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial reports.

Curriculum

Dr. Statler reviewed the minutes from the February 8, 2021 Curriculum committee meeting.

DSBA Board of Directors

There was no report.

DSBA Legislative

Dr. Hattier shared with the Board upcoming House and Senate bills with regards to education.

Mary Bailey Scholarship

There was no report.

Special Education Task Force

There was no report.

Policy

First & Second Reading: EBC - Emergency Responses, ECB – IRSD Integrated Pest Management

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the first and second readings of EBC - Emergency Responses, ECB – IRSD Integrated Pest Management. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Second Readings: JFCB Care of School Property by Students, JB Foster Care, GBA.1 Disabilities in the Workplace

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the second readings: JFCB - Care of School Property by Students, JB - Foster Care, GBA.1- Disabilities in the Workplace. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Deletion: BDA.1 School Prayer at Regular Board Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the deletion of policy BDA.1 – School Prayer at Regular Board Meeting. The motion Passed unanimously (9-0).

IREA Representative

JR Emanuele thanked the district calendar committee for meeting to finalize the 2021-2022 district calendar. He would like to further discuss implementation extra time built into the calendar. He also reminded everyone of the IREA fundraiser in March. He also asked how the district is funding summer school.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Owens shared his monthly activities with the Board.

Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending January 31, 2021

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending January 31, 2021. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Finance Committee

Mrs. Smith reviewed with the financial summaries, major and minor cap improvement financials for the month ending January 31, 2021.

Final FY 2021 Budget – Indian River School District

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, approved the FY 2021 Budget – Indian River School District as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Final FY 2021 Budget – Howard T. Ennis

It was moved by Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Collins, approved the FY 2021 Budget – Howard T. Ennis as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Communications

- Use of Howard T. Ennis Pool by American Red Cross Lifeguards for lifeguard certifications on March 25, 26, 27, 28, 2021; April 11, 22, 23, 24, 25, 2021.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to approve the use of Howard T. Ennis pool by American Red Cross lifeguards for lifeguard certifications. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Agenda for February 22, 2021

It was moved by Mr. Cathell, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Agenda for February 22, 2021. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Addendum for February 22, 2021

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the Personnel Addendum for February 22, 2021 excluding candidate No. 4. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve candidate No. 4 on the Personnel Addendum for February 22, 2021. The motion passed (8-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mrs. Wright.

Negotiations

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, to accept the final contract negotiations for cafeteria managers, cafeteria workers, and chief custodians. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 8:35 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