

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020
SUSSEX CENTRAL 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 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Mr. Anthony Cannon, 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 Late: Dr. Donald Hattier (6:38 p.m.)

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, 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 (9-0).

Reconvene

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to reconvene in Regular Session at 6:52 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda – August 24, 2020

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

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2020.

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 – July 27, 2020.

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 Organizational Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2020.

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

Personnel

Personnel Agenda for August 24, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Darmstadter, to approve the Personnel Agenda for August 24, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2020-2021 (August 2020)

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to accept school choice applicants 2020-2021 (August 2020) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

2020-2021 District Calendar

It was moved by Dr. Darmstadter, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the amendments to the 2020-2021 District calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Organizational Board Meeting Election of Officers (08-03-20)

President Rodney Layfield opened the floor for nominations for President. It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to nominate Mr. Layfield for the office of President.

It was moved by Dr. Statler, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to nominate Mrs. Leolga Wright for the office of President.

Mrs. Wright asked for her name to be withdrawn for the nomination of President.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to elect Rodney Layfield for the office of President. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

School Reopening Update

Superintendent Owens shared with the Board the latest updates from the Governor regarding the COVID-19 guidelines.

Georgetown Elementary Playground Fencing Expansion Proposal

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the Georgetown Elementary fencing expansion proposal as presented by Mr. Booth. The estimated cost is \$4530.00. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Millsboro Middle School New Compressor Proposal

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Millsboro Middle School new compressor proposal as presented by Mr. Booth. The estimated cost is \$29,550.00. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Tax Relief Request

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve tax relief request #1. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve tax relief request #2. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Old Business

Major Capital Planning/Howard T. Ennis

Superintendent Owens updated the Board on the most recent updates:

- A meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2020 to discuss the contract between the district and the architects.
- Invitation to bidders is at the office of OMB. The district is still hoping to have the ceremonial ground breaking for the new Howard T. Ennis School on November 9, 2020.

GW Carver Consent Update

Dr. Brittingham shared with the Board the most recent updates on GW Carver Academy.

Salaries

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the administrative salaries for the month of August 2020. The motion passed (9-0-1)

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

Abstained: Mr. Layfield

Committee Reports

Policy

Second Reading: IGDF– Student Fundraising

Mr. Collins presented the following policy for a second reading: IGDF - Student Fundraising. It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve policy IGDF– Student Fundraising as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

First & Second Reading: GBCB.7 – Indian River School District Title IX Policy

Mr. Collins presented the following policy for a first and second reading: GBCB.7 Indian River School District Title IX Policy. It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve policy GBCB.7 – Indian River School District Title IX Policy as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler shared with the Board the date of the next Special Education Task Force meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2020. Dr. Brittingham's team has been reaching out to our special education families regarding the upcoming school year. The Special Education hotline has received 500 calls from families.

IREA Representative

JR Emanuele thanked Superintendent Owens and his team for the open communications regarding the reopening plan for the district. His concerns were employee child care, limited involvement by IREA regarding changes made to the district calendar. Looking forward to negotiations/contract discussions.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Owens shared his monthly activities with the Board.

Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending July 31, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending July 31, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Finance Committee

Mrs. Smith reviewed with the financial summaries, major and minor cap improvement financials for the months ending July 31, 2020.

Financial Position Report

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the financial position report as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Financial Position Report as of July 1, 2020 Forecast Period Q1-2020

Description	Actual Unencumbered	Encumbered	Projected Income 7/1 to 10/15	Projected Available Income through 10/15	Projected Salary 7/1 to 10/15	Projected Non- Salary 7/1 to 10/15	Projected Expenditures through 10/15	Projected Available Balance 10/15	Projected 1 month Local Payroll
Local Expenses	\$14,426,252.90	\$435,685.73	\$9,007,000.00	\$23,868,938.63	\$10,080,000.00	\$2,026,000.00	\$12,106,000.00	\$11,762,938.63	\$2,750,000.00
Div II	\$2,240,164.91	\$446,701.70	\$0.00	\$2,686,866.61	\$0.00	\$1,308,895.61	\$1,308,895.61	\$1,377,971.00	
Div III	\$1,120,146.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,120,146.00	\$1,100,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,100,000.00	\$20,146.00	
Cash Option	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other	\$2,019,077.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,019,077.00	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00	\$1,844,077.00	
Total Discretionary Fund Revenue	\$19,805,640.81	\$882,387.43	\$9,007,000.00	\$29,695,028.24	\$11,355,000.00	\$3,334,895.61	\$14,689,895.61	\$15,005,132.63	

Public Comments


There were no public comments.

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 7:55 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