

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, July 27, 2020  
(Virtual via ZOOM)

MINUTES

Call to Order

President Charles Bireley called the Regular Meeting of the Indian River School District Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Mr. Charles Bireley, Mr. Derek Cathell, Mr. Scott Collins, Mr. James Fritz, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Gerald Peden Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Approval of Agenda – July 27, 2020

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

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2020.

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2020.

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

Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes – July 1, 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 Special Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2020.

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

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Reconvene

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to reconvene in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

## Personnel

### Personnel Agenda for July 27, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Agenda for July 27, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Personnel Addendum for July 27, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the Personnel Addendum for July 27, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Contractual Agenda for July 27, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the Contractual Agenda for July 27, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### 21-01 PER

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to uphold the hearing officer's recommendation regarding 21-01 PER. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

## New Business

### School Choice Applications 2020-2021 – July 2020

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

### School Choice Applications 2020-2021 – April 2020 (Revisit)

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the 12 school choice applicants from Sussex Central High School to attend Indian River High School and the 6 applicants from Indian River High School to attend Sussex Central High School. These applicants were originally denied for school choice for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion passed (6-4-0).

For the motion: Mr. Bireley, Mr. Cathell, Mr. Fritz, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Layfield, Mr. Peden

Against the motion: Mr. Collins, Mr. Hudson, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright

### Indian River High School – ROTC Room Door Installation

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the IRHS ROTC Room Door Installation as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Ingrams Pond – Eagle Scout Project Sundial Proposal

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Ingrams Pond Eagle Scout Sundial Project as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### School Reopening Update

Superintendent Owens shared with the Board the district's survey to parents asking their preference for hybrid learning vs. remote learning, delaying the start of the 2020.2021 school year, use of transportation.

### Tax Relief Request

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

## Old Business

### Major Capital Planning/Howard T. Ennis

Superintendent Owens updated the Board on the most recent OMB meeting as well as the anticipated November 2020 groundbreaking for the new Howard T. Ennis School.

### GW Carver Consent Update

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

## Administrative Positions

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Superintendent recommendation for candidate number 3 for the Assistant Superintendent position. The motion passed (7-2-1)

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

Against the motion: Mr. Bireley, Mr. Peden

Abstained: Mr. Layfield

## Committee Reports

### Policy

#### First Reading: IGDF – Student Fundraising

Mr. Collins presented the following policy for a first reading: IGDF- Student Fundraising. He requested that any changes should be reported to the Policy Committee.

#### Second Reading: DBH – Budget Adoption

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

## Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Owens shared his monthly activities with the Board.

## Financial Reports

### Regular Invoices for month ending June 30, 2020

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending June 30, 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 June 30, 2020.

Tax Relief Request

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

Personnel

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to accept the Superintendent contract as presented. The motion passed (9-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mr. Layfield

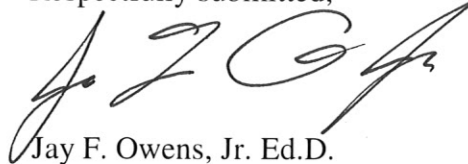
Public Comments

Mr. Mark Steele thanked Mr. Bireley for 40 years of service as a board member. He also thanked both Mr. Hudson and Mr. Fritz for their years of service as board members. He also remarked that he is enjoying his retirement from the district and knows the district with excel under the leadership of Jay Owens and his team.

Adjournment

President Bireley adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. F. Owens, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Jay F. Owens, Jr. Ed.D.

Secretary

Board of Education

Indian River School District

Charles M. Bireley  
President  
Board of Education  
Indian River School District

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