

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020  
SUSSEX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
MINUTES

Call to Order

President Rodney Layfield called the Special Meeting of the Indian River School District Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Mr. Anthony Cannon, Mr. Derek Cathell, Mr. Scott Collins, Dr. Leo Darmstadter, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Board Member Absent: Mr. Gerald Peden

Board Member Late: Dr. Donald Hattier (7:02 p.m.)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda – August 19, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

New Business

Reopening of Schools

Superintendent Owens shared with the Board the district's Reopening Plan that provides information about instructional schedules, transportation, nutrition services, safety protocols and other important topics. The twenty page document can be found on the district's website [irsd.net](http://irsd.net). It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, to accept the superintendent's recommendation for the reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

The motion passed (8-1-0).

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

Against the motion: Dr. Darmstadter

Public Comments

- Linda Teplica addressed the Board about the August 3, 2020 Organizational Board meeting. She feels using secret ballots for the election of officers is not transparent to the public.
- JR Emanuele addressed the Board about IRSD employee child care during the current reopening plan (hybrid and remote learning). What types of accommodations are in place for the safety of employees during the reopening plan. He would like the district to conduct a staff survey about the reopening plan.

Adjournment

President Rodney Layfield adjourned the meeting at 8:25 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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