

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
SUSSEX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Vice President Rodney Layfield called the Organizational Meeting of the Indian River School District Board of Education to order at 6:15 p.m.

First Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mr. Derek Cathell, Mr. Scott Collins, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Approval of Agenda – August 3, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Oath of Office for Board Members

Vice President Rodney Layfield administered the Oath of Office to the following Board members:

- Dr. Leo J. Darmstadter, III – District No. 1 – Five Year Term
- Mr. Anthony Cannon – District No. 1 – Five Year Term
- Mr. Gerald Peden – District No. 2 – Five Year Term
- Mrs. Constance Pryor – District No. 4 – Five Year Term

Second Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mr. Anthony Cannon, Mr. Derek Cathell, Mr. Scott Collins, Dr. Leo Darmstadter III, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Constance Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Election of Officers for 2020-21

It was motioned by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to vote by paper ballot. The motion passed (9-1-0).

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

Against the motion: Mr. Peden

President

Vice President Rodney Layfield opened the floor for nominations for the office of president. It was moved by Dr. Hattier to nominate Mrs. Leolga Wright for the office of president. It was moved by Mr. Collins to nominate Mr. Rodney Layfield for the office of president. Ballots were distributed, and the vote was (5-5).

It was moved by Dr. Statler, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, for a second vote for President. Ballots were distributed, the vote was (5-4-1). (5) Layfield, (4) Wright 1 (Blank paper ballot).

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Collins, for a third vote for office of President. Ballots were distributed, and the vote was (6-4) in favor of Mr. Layfield for the office of Vice President.

Vice President

President Layfield opened the floor for nominations for the office of vice president. It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to nominate Mrs. Leolga Wright for the office of vice president. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Designate Superintendent as Executive Secretary of the Board

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to designate the superintendent as Executive Secretary of the Indian River School District Board of Education. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Resolution

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the resolution authorizing the Chief School Officer of the Indian River School District to open and close bank accounts when approved by the State Treasurer as necessary to conduct the business of the Indian River School District and to authorize designated personnel to sign checks and the official documents of the Indian River School District. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

New Business

Architect/Engineering Firms

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to accept the committee recommendation choice of ABHA /BSA+A as the architectural/engineering firm for Indian River School District's new Sussex Central High School building. The motion passed (6-0-4).

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

Abstained: Dr. Darmstadter, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor.

IRSD Reopening Plan Update

Superintendent Owens updated the Board regarding the parent hybrid vs. remote learning survey responses. It was moved by Dr. Statler, seconded by Mr. Collins, to accept the Superintendent's reopening plan in accordance with the Governor's most recent COVID-19 guidelines. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

District Calendar

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to change the start date of school from September 8, 2020 to September 17, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rodney Layfield
President
Board of Education
Indian River School District

Jay F. Owens, Jr. Ed.D.
Secretary and Superintendent
Board of Education
Indian River School District

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