

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020
VIRTUAL via ZOOM

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. Anthony Cannon, Mr. Derek Cathell, Mr. Scott Collins, Dr. Leo Darmstadter, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Collins, to go into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

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

Approval of Agenda – December 21, 2020

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

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2020.

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2020.

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

Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2020.

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

Public Comments

No public comments.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2020-2021 (December 2020)

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

2020-2021 Organizational Chart

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Collins, to accept the 200-2021 IRSD Organizational Chart as presented by Dr. Owens. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Indian River School District Boys Basketball Uniforms

It was moved by Dr. Darmstadter, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to approve Indian River High School Boys Basketball alternate uniforms option #1 for use in 3 games per season. The motion passed (7-3-0).

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

Against the motion: Mr. Collins, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Peden.

Sussex Central High School Baseball Uniforms

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to approve Sussex Central High School Baseball uniforms as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

New Howard T. Ennis School Geotechnical Services Quote

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to accept the new Howard T. Ennis School Geotechnical Services quote in the amount of \$80,000.00 as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Armory Road Property Asbestos Removal

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to accept the asbestos removal proposal for the Armory Road property as presented by Mr. Booth in the amount of \$6,832.00. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

John M. Clayton Playground Sign

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the John M. Clayton playground sign as presented by Mr. Booth, paid from PTO funds. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Tax Relief Request #1

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the tax relief request as presented. The motion passed (9-1-0).

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

Against the motion: Mrs. Pryor.

Tax Relief Request #2

It was moved by Mr. Peden, seconded by Dr. Statler, to approve the tax relief request as presented. The motion passed (9-1-0).

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

Against the motion: Dr. Darmstadter, Mr. Layfield, Mrs. Pryor.

Old Business

Major Capital Planning

Dr. Owens updated the Board on the new Sussex Central High School. The district is currently participating in content/programming schedules with architects and district/school staff for planning ideas.

Howard T. Ennis

Dr. Owens updated the board on Howard T. Ennis. Site work has begun.

GW Carver Consent Update

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

Committee Reports

Buildings & Grounds

Dr. Hattier reviewed the minutes from the December 14, 2020 Buildings & Grounds committee meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

There was no report.

Finance

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial reports.

Curriculum

No report.

DSBA Board of Directors

No report.

DSBA Legislative

There was no report.

Mary Bailey Scholarship

There was no report.

Special Education Task Force

There was no report.

Policy

Second Reading: JO Student Records

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the second reading of: JO Student Records. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

IREA Representative

No report.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Owens shared his monthly activities with the Board.

Use of Facility Request

Use of Howard T. Ennis pool by Delmarva Christian School from December 7, 2020 to February 26, 2021 – Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 3:30 -5:30 pm.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the use of facility request as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending November 30, 2020

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

FY 2021 Final Give Back Plan

No action taken.

Personnel

Personnel Agenda for December 21, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, to approve the Personnel Agenda for December 21, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Addendum for December 21, 2020

It was moved by Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the Personnel Addendum for December 21, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Contractual Agenda for December 21, 2020

It was moved by Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Cannon, to approve the Personnel Contractual Agenda for December 21, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Public Comments

Mr. Layfield congratulated both the Indian River High School Soccer team and Sussex Central High School Football team on their state championships. Under all the adversity associated with the pandemic both schools prevailed with teams consisting of students who reside within our district.

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 7:52 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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