

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020
INDIAN RIVER 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 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: 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.

Board Member Absent: Mr. Anthony Cannon

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to go into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda – November 23, 2020

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2020.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2020.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Recognition

- Years of Services as an Indian River School District Board Member & Past Board President – Mr. Charles Bireley
- Years of Services as an Indian River School District Board Member – Mr. Jim Fritz, Mr. James Hudson.
- Years of Service – Mr. Mark Steele.

Public Comments

No public comments.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2020-2021 (November 2020)

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to accept school choice applicants 2020-2021 (November 2020) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

2020-2021 Final Unit Count

Dr. Owens reviewed with the Board the latest October 30, 2020 Unit Count. Current enrollment is 10,592 students with units totaling 804.04. It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to accept the Final FY '21 Unit Count as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Class Size Waiver FY '21

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the class size waivers for FY '21 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

East Millsboro Elementary

2nd grade section 2 has 27 students.

Georgetown Elementary

1st grade section 2 has 25 students
KN section 1 has 27 students
KN section 2 has 23 students

Long Neck Elementary

KN section 2 has 39 students.
1st grade section 2 has 23 students.
2nd grade section 2 has 38 students.
3rd grade section 2 has 24 students.

Southern Delaware School of Arts

3rd grade section 2 has 23 students.

School Reopening

Dr. Owens shared with the Board that as of today (11/23/20) 7,695 students are participating in hybrid learning (71%) and 3,084 students are choosing remote learning (29%).

Uniforms – Sussex Central High School Boys Basketball

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Sussex Central High School Boys basketball uniforms as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Uniforms – Sussex Central High School Boys Lacrosse

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Sussex Central High School Boys Lacrosse uniforms as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Uniforms – Sussex Central High School Golf

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Sussex Central High School Golf uniforms as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Armory Road Property Demolition Proposal

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to accept the demolition proposal for the Armory Road property as presented by Mr. Booth in the amount of \$12,500.00. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Impact Fees

Mrs. Smith shared with the Board the collection of impact fees for the district would require legislative approval.

Old Business

Major Capital Planning

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

Howard T. Ennis

Dr. Owens updated the board on Howard T. Ennis. The groundbreaking ceremony was held on November 20, 2020.

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 November 9, 2020 Buildings & Grounds committee meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

Mr. Cathell shared with the Board:

- All safety and security personnel completed the Navigation 360 on November 18, 2020.

Finance

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial reports.

Curriculum

Dr. Statler reviewed the minutes from the November 9, 2020 Curriculum committee meeting.

DSBA Board of Directors

Mrs. Wright shared with the Board updates from DSBA (Delaware State Board of Education).

DSBA Legislative

There was no report.

Mary Bailey Scholarship

There was no report.

Special Education Task Force

There was no report.

Policy

First Reading:

JO – Student Records

Mr. Collins presented JO – Student Records for a first reading. He requested that any changes should be reported to the Policy Committee.

Second Readings:

BD – School Board Meetings, DI – Internal Controls for Financial Accounting, DID – Inventory and Fixed Asset, LBD – Home Schooling, JG – Student Discipline

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the second readings of: BD: School Board Meetings, DI: Internal Controls for Financial Accounting, DID: Inventory and Fixed Asset, LBD: Home Schooling, JG: Student Discipline.

Second Reading: JECC-A School Choice Program

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Statler, to approve the second reading of JECC-A School Choice Program as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

IREA Representative

JR Emanuele shared with the Board the annual fundraiser will be held virtually in March. He would like to thank the staff for meeting with IREA on a regular basis to discuss the district.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Owens shared his monthly activities with the Board.

Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending October 30, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending October 30, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Finance Committee

Mrs. Smith reviewed with the financial summaries, major and minor cap improvement financials for the month ending October 30, 2020.

2020-2021 EPER

Mrs. Smith shared with the Board dispersing the 2020-2021 Fall/Winter EPER pay. It was moved by Mr. Darmstadter, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the disbursement of the 2020-2021 Fall/Winter EPER pay. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel

Personnel Agenda for November 23, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Agenda for November 23, 2020 excluding candidate No.37. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve candidate No. 37 on the Personnel Agenda for November 23, 2020. The motion passed (8-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mr. Peden.

Personnel Addendum for November 23, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Addendum for November 23, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Contractual Agenda for November 23, 2020

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Personnel Contractual Agenda for November 23, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Public Comments

No public comments.

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 8:02 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