

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 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 7:00 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, Mr. Gerald Peden Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition, personnel, litigation, negotiations, and student hearings. The motion passed unanimously (10-0). Execution Session adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Reconvene

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

Approval of Agenda – May 18, 2020

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

Approval of Minutes Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2020.

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2020.

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

Public Comments

- Diamond Santiago conveyed her desire for seniors to participate in certain activities that are typical of graduation such as the cap toss. She would love to see IRSD allow certain group activities this year in spite of COVID 19 virus.
- Jessica Pizzaia conveyed disappointment with regard to School Choice (Priority #6-Children of Employees) and her hope that the Board would reconsider.

- JR Emmanuel shared appreciation on behalf of our teachers for Grading Policy guidelines drafted by DOI for the remaining quarter due to COVID 19 virus. He reminded the Board of contract expirations this year for all positions. He will be meeting with all groups to discuss/vote on an MOU for the next school year. He will present to Board once finalized.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2020-2021

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the 2020-2021 School Choice Applications as presented by Mr. Lewis. There were a total of 188 applicants. 57 applicants were accepted, 1 applicant was rejected due to attendance, and 130 applicants were placed on a waitlist. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

IRHS Uniforms (Field Hockey, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Tennis, and Track)

It was moved by Mr. Layfield and seconded by Mr. Fritz for the purchase of new uniforms. The motion passed unanimously (10-1).

2020 Graduation Proposals

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the graduation ceremonies outlined in option #3 (through use of virtual and drive through techniques) by both high school principals. The motion was passed unanimously (10-0).

IKA- Grading Systems Policy Waiver

It was moved by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the request for a waiver as presented by Dr. Jerns. The motion was passed unanimously (10-0).

Old Business

G.W. Carver Consent Update

Item tabled for June Meeting.

IRSD Phone System

It was moved by Dr. Hattier and seconded by Mr. Layfield to proceed with final phone system upgrade as presented. The motion was passed unanimously (10-0).

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Steele shared with the Board future needs with regard to the return of textbooks/chrome books by students and a system to return student's possessions currently housed within buildings. Administration will be developing a system to satisfy this need in the near future.

Financial Reports

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell to approve the payment of regular invoices for the month ending April 30, 2020. Mrs. Smith also reviewed the financial summaries, major capital improvements, and minor capital improvements for the month ending April 30, 2020.

Personnel Agenda for May 18, 2020

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Fritz to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Addendum for May 18, 2020

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

Contractual Agenda for May 18, 2020

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

Student Hearings

There were no student hearings presented.

Land Acquisition

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Statler to proceed with an appraisal of said property. The motion was passed unanimously (10-0).

Adjournment

President Bireley adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark L. Steele
Secretary
Board of Education
Indian River School District

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