

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.  
SUSSEX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM

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. Gerald Peden Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Board Member Late: Mr. Rodney Layfield (8:10 p.m.)

Presentation of Colors

The Presentation of Colors was performed by the Sussex Central High School Army JROTC.

Student Government

Sussex Central High School's student government representative, Taron Coursey, reported on events occurring at Sussex Central High School.

Approval of Agenda – February 24, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2020.

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

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

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

Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Mark Steele, Jay Owens, Jennifer Troublefield, Celeste Bunting, Pep Lewis, Joe Booth, Renee Jerns, Kelly Dorman, Judi Brittingham, Tammy Smith, Pam Webb, Karen Clausen, Janet Hickman, Bradley Layfield, Neil Stong, Brad Breasure, Allisa Booth, Jeff Forjan, Travis Bower, Mike Williams, Clara Conn, Christy Kerr, David Hudson, Melissa Kansak, Amanda Wroten, Tara Thoroughgood, Walter Smith, Sarah Green, Corey Dietrich, Cliff Toomey, Harold Walters, Shawn Tidwell, Dave Maull, Audrey Carey, Laura Walter, Glenn Rolfe, Linda Hockman, Ray Callaway, JR Emanuele, Tyler Dickerson, Joseph Anastasio, Pat Carroll, Kim Carroll, Chad

Carpenter, Kathy Dulis, Bobby Bull Jr., Dave Rementer Jr., Jonathan Hastings, Jessica Hastings, Chris Shockley, Trent Hoffer, Desiree Pilgrim, Jason Pilgrim, David Bohenic, Marisa Walmsley, Sebastian Klmitchev, Anthony Mills, Jalissa Cannon, Elva Allen, Novie Truitt, Morgan Burton, Krista Wisseman, Timothy Hanzer, Clay Herald, Traci Youse, Kaylyn Schaefer, Sarah Davis, Wendy Mears, Elean Roblero Perez, Luisa Cadeza, Tyler Bunting, Gemma Cabrea, Delmar Cathell .

### Special Recognition

- **National Youth Leadership Forum (NG):** Elean Roblero Perez.
- **Above & Beyond (NG):** Raymond Callaway.
- **All State Band (SC):** Devon Lutz, Kimberly Diaz Hanzer
- **Sussex County Honors Band (SC):** Eleanor Alban, Liberty Hanzer, Kimberly Diaz Hanzer, Trent Hoffer, Sebastian Klmitchev, Devon Lutz, Asher Timmons, Novie Truitt, Kelvin Ventura, Marisa Walmsley, Kylie Youse.
- **Academic All-Conference (SC):** Jackson Dutton, Ronan Dutton, Breyden Wright, Madelynn McTeer, Megan Smith, Lillian Taylor, Emma Walker, Joseph Guerin, Alan Hernandez Romero, Blake Huffman, Jaden McTeer, Thomas Santay Salazar, Penn Smith, Tatiana Kelsic, Kyleigh McGee, Austin King, Hiram Lasher.

### Public Comments

- Roland Scott offered a short prayer.
- Kim & Pat Carroll asked the Board to consider their school choice application to Indian River High School. As parents they feel the smaller class size would be a more conducive learning environment for their son who is on a 504 plan.
- Jessica Hastings asked the Board to consider her school choice application to Indian River High School for her son. The family currently resides in the Laurel School District and her son currently attends Southern DE School of the Arts.

### New Business

#### School Choice Applications 2019-2020 – February 2020

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the School Choice Applications 2019-2020 – February 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

#### School Choice Applications 2020-2021 – February 2020

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to place school choice applicants 2020-2021 (February 2020) on a wait list and bring priority numbers #1-4 to the March 23, 2020 Board meeting. The motion passed (8-0-1).

For the motion: Mr. Bireley, Mr. Cathell, Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Peden, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

Abstained: Dr. Hattier

#### Sussex Central High School Sidewalk Request

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the Sussex Central High School Sidewalk request as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Water Treatment and Consulting Services

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to approve the water treatment and consulting services contract to Condor Tech. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Ingrams Pond Requests

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Ingrams Pond requests for various projects at Ingrams Pond. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Georgetown Middle School Compressor Quotes

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Georgetown Middle School compressor quote from Seiberlich Trane as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### North Georgetown Playground Request

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to approve the PTO funded North Georgetown playground request as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Ingrams Pond Farm Proposal

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Ingrams Pond Farm proposal as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### East Millsboro Elementary Sign Request

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the PTO funded East Millsboro Elementary school sign request as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### CO2/Propane Detector Proposal

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the CO2/Propane detector proposal by Anaconda Protective Services. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Selbyville Middle School Field Hockey Uniforms

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Selbyville Middle School Field Hockey Uniforms as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Selbyville Middle School Cheerleading Uniforms

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Selbyville Middle School Cheerleading Uniforms as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Sussex Central High School Baseball Uniform Design

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

#### Tax Relief Request

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to table the Tax Relief Request until executive session. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Referendum Results

Mr. Steele shared the Major Capital Referendum results. The public supported the February 13, 2020 referendum with a total of 12,093 votes for the authority to issue bonds for capital improvements. There were 7,556 votes (for) and 4,537 votes (against). Mr. Steele thanked everyone who assisted with getting the referendum passed by 3,019 votes.

### Old Business

#### Howard T. Ennis

Mr. Steele shared with the Board that the district hopes to begin construction on the Howard T. Ennis facility between Sept 1 -15, 2020.

### Administrative Positions

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to table Administrative Positions until executive session. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Administrative Salaries

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to table Administrative Salaries until executive session. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Committee Reports

#### Athletic Fields Oversight/Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Fritz reviewed the minutes from the February 10, 2020 Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting.

#### Comprehensive School Safety Committee

No report.

#### Curriculum Committee

Mr. Hudson reviewed the minutes from the February 10, 2020 Curriculum Committee meeting.

#### DSBA Board of Directors

No report.

#### DSBA Legislative

No report.

#### Mary Bailey Scholarship

No report.

#### Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler shared with the Board upcoming events. "Spread the Word to end the Word" will be in early March. Unified basketball game in March.

## Policy Committee

### 1<sup>st</sup> Readings

#### GBEA – Staff Protection

#### GBF – Staff/Student Participation in Community Activities

Mr. Collins presented the following policies for first readings: GBEA – Staff Protection and GBF – Staff/Student Participation in Community Activities. He requested that any changes should be reported to the Policy Committee.

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings

#### DA – Written Code of Standards of Conduct

#### JG.3 – Responding to Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault

Mr. Collins presented the following policy for first and second readings: DA - Written Code of Standards of Conduct and JG.3–Responding to Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault. It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to approve policies: DA - Written Code of Standards of Conduct and JG.3–Responding to Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings

#### KG – Community Use of School Facilities

#### IGAJ – Driver Education

Mr. Collins presented the following policy for first and second readings: KG – Community Use of School Facilities and IGAJ – Driver Education. It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve policies: KG – Community Use of School Facilities and IGAJ – Driver Education as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Deletion

#### JHCC – Communicable Diseases Aids/HIV Infection

Mr. Collins presented the following policy for deletion: JHCC – Communicable Diseases Aids/HIV Infection. It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to approve deletion of policy: JHCC – Communicable Diseases Aids/HIV Infection as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### IREA Representative

JR Emauele thanked everyone involved with getting the Referendum approved. He also reminded the public of the IREA Scholarship Fundraiser on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center in Millsboro, DE. He also asked what the district will be doing with overcrowding until the new school is built.

### Superintendent's Report

#### School Visits, Special Activities and Upcoming Events

2/1/2020	Referendum Presentation @ South Coastal Library – Bethany Beach
2/4/2020	Plantation Lakes Referendum Presentation – Millsboro
2/5/2020	Stonewater Creek Ladies Club Referendum Presentation – Long Neck
2/6/2020	DCSOA Meeting – Polytech
2/7/2020	Sussex Board of Realtors Referendum Presentation - Georgetown
2/10/2020	WGMD Interview – Referendum - IREC

2/10/2020 Frankford VFD Referendum Presentation – Frankford  
2/11/2020 Governor Carney Visit – GM and GE  
2/11/2020 North Georgetown PTO Referendum Presentation – NG  
2/12/2020 Long Neck PTO Referendum Presentation – LN  
2/13/2020 WGMD Interview – Referendum – IREC  
2/13/2020 Post Referendum Interviews – IREC  
2/20/2020 SRO Agency Reviews – IREC  
2/21/2020 Principals Meeting – IREC  
2/21/2020 Mid-Year Review w/ Dr. Bunting

#### District Calendar Change

- Change Southern DE School of the Arts STEAM Saturday from March 14, 2020 to May 30, 2020.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to accept the district calendar changes as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Financial Reports

##### Regular Invoices for month ending January 31, 2020

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending January 31, 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 January 31, 2020.

#### Field Trip Requests

- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Mock Trial team on February 20-22, 2020 to Wilmington, DE.

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

#### Use of Facility Request

- Use of Sussex Central High School track on March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 22, 20, May 6, 2020 by Lighthouse Christian School.
- Use of Sussex Central High School gymnasium with wrestling mats on May 16, 2020 by Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- Use of Sussex Central High School track and restrooms on May 2-3, 2020 by Cystinosis research Network.

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

Public Comments

Mr. Collins thanked everyone for all their time and effort to help pass the Referendum.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to go into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation.

The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

*Mr. Layfield arrived late ~ 8:10 p.m.*

Reconvene

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to reconvene in Regular Session at 9:02 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Student Hearings Student No. 20-56

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Hearing Officers' recommendations on Student No. 20-56. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Student No. 20-60

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to approve the Hearing Officers' recommendations on Student No. 20-60. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Tax Relief Request

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to waive the interest on the tax relief request. The motion passed unanimously (10-0)

Personnel Agenda for February 24, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Personnel Agenda for February 24, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Addendum for February 24, 2020

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Cathell, to approve the Personnel Addendum for February 24, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Adjournment

President Bireley adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles M. Bireley  
President  
Board of Education  
Indian River School District

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

CMB/MLS:jmt