

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, June 22, 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, Gerald Peden Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs .Leolga Wright.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to go into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Reconvene

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

Approval of Agenda – June 22, 2020

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

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2020.

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2020.

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

New Business

Land Acquisition #2020-01

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to proceed with negotiations on land acquisition #2020-01 discussion with sellers about the appraisal value. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Agenda for June 22, 2020

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Personnel Agenda for June 22, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Addendum for June 22, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Personnel Addendum for June 22, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Addendum II for June 22, 2020

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Personnel Addendum for June 22, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Contractual Agenda for June 22, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Contractual Agenda for June 22, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

School Choice Applications 2020-2021 – June 2020

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to accept school choice applicants 2020-2021 (June 2020). The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

It was requested by Mr. Layfield to add School Choice Applications 2020-2021(April-2020) to next month's board agenda.

IRSD Return to Workplace Plan

Superintendent Steele reviewed with the Board the Department of Education Guidelines along with the State of Delaware Phase III guideline. All administrators will return for full days, all custodians will work full days, secretaries will rotate every other day.

Mr. Collins left the Virtual ZOOM meeting

2020 Summer Hours

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Summer Hours as presented. The motion passed (8-1-0).

For the motion: Mr. Bireley, Mr. Cathell, Mr. Fritz, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Layfield, Mr. Peden, Dr. Statler.

Against the motion: Mrs. Wright.

Beginning on June 29th, work hours will be Monday through Wednesday 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Thursday from 7:00 a.m-4:30 p.m. at all district sites. The regular five-day work week and 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. schedule will resume on August 24th.

Mr. Collins returned to the Virtual ZOOM meeting

2020 Annual Leave Carryover

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to accept the carryover days from 2019-2020 for 12 month employees for use within the next six months of 2020 (approval pending with Delaware legislation). The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

2020-2021 DSBA Dues

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to renew the 2020-2021 DSBA Dues. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Science Curriculum

It was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the purchase of the Amplify K-8 curriculum package as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Indian River High School – Request for outside concrete pad expansion

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the IRHS concrete pad expansion in front of the cafeteria as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Sussex Central High School – Request for additional office space in library

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the request for additional office space in the library as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Southern DE School of the Arts – Request for wall separation

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the request for wall separation for the CAMP room located at Southern DE School of the Arts. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Millsboro Middle School – Request for classroom division wall

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to approve the request for a classroom division wall at Millsboro Middle School as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Sussex Central High School Cheer Uniforms

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Sussex Central High School Cheer Uniforms as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Architectural /Engineering Services Proposals

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to move forward with interviews with the top 2 candidates for the Architectural/Engineering Services for the new High School. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Steele shared with the Board the COVID-19 updates as it relates to the district.

Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending May 31, 2020

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending May 31, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Finance Committee

Mrs. Smith reviewed with the financial summaries, major and minor cap improvement financials for the months ending May 31, 2020.

FY 2021 Tax Rates

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to accept the FY 2021 Tax Rates as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion failed (5-5-0).

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

Policy

First Reading: DBH – Budget Adoption

Second Readings: GBEA – Staff Protection, GBF – Staff/Student Participation in Community Activities. First and Second Readings: IND – School Prayer at Graduation and Baccalaureate. JG.1- School Bullying, JECC.A – School Choice, GA – Personnel Policies Goals, D – Fiscal Management.

Mr. Collins presented the following policy for a first reading: First Reading: DBH – Budget Adoption. He requested that any changes should be reported to the Policy Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to approve the second readings on policies: GBEA – Staff Protection, GBF – Staff/Student Participation in Community Activities
The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to approve the first and second readings on policies: IND – School Prayer at Graduation and Baccalaureate. JG.1- School Bullying, JECC.A – School Choice, GA – Personnel Policies Goals, D – Fiscal Management.

The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Tax Relief Request

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the tax relief request. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Public Comments

Mr. Keith Johnson thanked the Board for allowing an in person graduation. As a bus contractor, he asked the Board to consider possible changes to the transportation policy to allow for changes to bus routes: additions, deletions, adjustments, He would like more discussion with the bus contractors and how this affects the contractors.

Adjournment

President Bireley adjourned the meeting at 8:32 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

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