

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023
SUSSEX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MINUTES

Call to Order

President Mr. 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. Donald Hattier, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Ms. Madeline Moses, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, and Mrs. Leolga Wright.
Board Member Absent: Mr. Jim Fritz.

Executive Session

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to go into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, litigation. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Reconvene - Regular Session at 7:15 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – April 24, 2023

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to approve the agenda for April 24, 2023. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Pledge of Allegiance/Presentation of Colors

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2023

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2023

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

Recognition

- First Place State of Delaware Fire Prevention Award (JC, HTE): Hunter Greenstreet
- Above & Beyond (SC): School Resource Officer Cpl. Jermaine Cannon, Assistant Principal Tyler Dickerson
- First Team All-Conference (SC): Andrew Long, Malachi Stratton, Chet Mariner, Breyden Wright, Tin Wright, Will Harrison, Brayden Elliott, Thomas Williams, Tatiana Kelsic, Essence Moore-Briddell, Destini Harmon, Domonice White
- First Team All-State/Individual State Champions (SC): Malachi Stratton, Breyden Wright, Tim Wright
- Academic All-Conference (SC): Garrett Statler, Tyler Buttridge, Blair Darmstadter, Takyla Davis, Gebriel Cannon, Evan Cordrey, Cody Layfield, Ryder Robinson, Avery Savage, Keelie Grez, Gary Layfield, Amelia Meyer, Breyden Wright, Destini Harmon, Jandra Manson, Hadleigh Schwartz, Zaigeya Sheppard-Tunnell, Sydney Tonge, Mary Villareal, Duncan Winger
- Henlopen Conference Wrestling Coach of the Year (SC): Shane Miller

Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Jay Owens, Jennifer Troublefield, Celeste Bunting, Renee Jerns, Kelly Dorman, Tammy Smith, Judi Brittingham, Cliff Toomey, Charley Ruggiero, David Clark, Preston Lewis, Allisa Booth, Christy Kerr, Sarah Green, David Hudson, Rick Evans, Brad Breasure, Matt Keller, Bradley Layfield, Monica McCurry, Jason Macrides, Stephen Lovellette, Pam Webb, Janet Hickman, Melissa Kansak, Maria Hazzard, Neil Stong, Nika

Reid, JR Emanuele, Blair Catlin Brown, Linda Hockman, Jason Pilgrim, Cassie Queen, Suzanne Timmons, Brad Cowen, Shawn Tidwell, Glen Rolfe, Cheryl Layfield, Gary Layfield, Frank Ulissi, Sharon Ulissi, Jen Wright, Brayden Wright, Kim Layfield, Levi Layfield, Cody Layfield, Mary Villareal, Ninette Villareal, Ermol Villareal, Kamryn Cooper, Blair Darmstadter, Brooke Darmstadter, Leo Darmstadter, Cpl. Jermaine Cannon, Kit Stoeckel, Dom White, Kevin White, Jade Garza, Kayla White, Ivan Neal.

Public Comments

No comments.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2023-2024 (April 2023)

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to accept 2023-2024 school choice applicants (April 2023) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (9-0)

2023 Indian River School District Summer Hours

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to accept the 2023 Indian River School District Summer Hours – June 12, 2023 to August 18, 2023 Monday-Wednesday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Friday. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

2023-2024 Inclement Weather Days

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to accept five “built in” inclement weather days for the 2023-2024 school calendar year. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Change Orders/Allowance Notifications

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Change Orders/Allowance Notifications in the amounts of \$388,516.00 (credit) and \$318,000.00 (credit) as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Howard T. Ennis Change Orders

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to accept the Howard T. Ennis change orders in the amounts of \$41,238.80 and \$52,564.78 as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Artesian Agreement

Mr. Booth shared with the Board the Easements from Artesian Water. This is a notification only for the Board.

GW Carver Roof Proposals

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the GW Carver Roof Proposal for \$42,725.00 as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Town of Millsboro Easement Request

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the Town of Millsboro Easement Request as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed (9-0).

Boys and Girls Club Request

Ms. Moses, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to table the Boys and Girls Club request for further discussion at the May Building and Grounds Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Indian River High School Cafeteria Tables

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to accept the Indian River High Cafeteria Tables request for \$75,730.00 as presented by Mr. Toomey. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Millsboro Middle School Cafeteria: Kettle and Steamer

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to accept the kettle and steamer for \$65,762.00 (grant from DOE) as presented by Mr. Toomey. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Homebound Teacher Rates

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the change the current homebound teacher hourly rate from \$34.65 to the current hourly teacher rate as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed (8-0-1) For the motion: Mr. Cathell, Mr. Collins, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Layfield, Ms. Moses, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

Abstained: Mr. Peden

Procurement Threshold Changes

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the Procurement Threshold Changes presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Old Business

Major Capital Planning

Dr. Owens gave an update on the new Sussex Central High School construction project.

Howard T. Ennis

Howard T. Ennis pool is about 99% complete, with possible ribbon cutting ceremony moved to July.

G.W. Carver Consent Update

Nika Reid and Tyler Dickerson shared with the board the following highlights:

- At our meeting last Thursday night, the IRSD Community Advisory Board welcomed three new members: Ron Lewis, Denise Mueller, and Karen Oosterhous.
- We are in the process of scheduling our summer retreat for our internal Equity Steering Committee. The members are excited to begin working in small groups to bring some of our projects to completion as we head into the 2023-2024 SY.
- Indian River High School is hosting a Diversity Night on April 26 from 6:00-8:00 PM.
- The Georgetown Area Schools are hosting a Spring Diversity Fair on May 6 from 11:30 AM-3:00 PM.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Owens reviewed the minutes from the April 10, 2023 meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

No report.

Finance

Dr. Hattier reviewed meeting minutes from April 10, 2023 meeting.

Curriculum

Dr. Statler shared with the Board the minutes from the April 10.

DSBA Board of Directors

No meeting.

DSBA Legislative

No meeting.

Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler shared with the Board the Special Education Task Force round table meetings, discipline, expectations, consequences, enhanced communications discussed.

Policy

No report

IREA Representative

Ms. Blair Caitlin Brown hopes the board accepts the requested district calendar changes. She commended the schools with the diversity, equity events held in the district.

Superintendents Report

Dr. Owens shared with the Board his monthly activities.

District Calendar Changes

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the following district calendar changes:

- Change the last student day from June 15, 2023 to June 8, 2023
- Change the classroom breakdown day from June 20, 2023 to June 9, 2023
- Change the last paraprofessional day from June 16, 2023 to June 9, 2023
- Change the remote teacher half grades/half teacher work day from June 16, 2023 to June 12, 2023
- Change Phillip C Showell Elementary Spring Concert date from June 8, 2023 to June 6, 2023
- Change the June 2024 and August 2024 School Board meeting location from Sussex Central High School to Indian River High School
- Change the North Georgetown Elementary 5th grade Spring Concert on May 18, 2023 to a later date to be determined

The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Financial Summaries for month ending March 31, 2023

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial summaries, major and minor capital improvement financials for the month ending March 31, 2023. Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to accept the financial summaries for the month ending March 31, 2023. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Detail Information for month ending March 31, 2023

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Detail Information for the month ending March 31, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Major Capital Improvements for month ending March 31, 2023

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending March 31, 2023. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Minor Capital Improvements for month ending March 31, 2023

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending March 31, 2023. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Financial Position Report

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to accept the Financial Position Report as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Description	Actual Unencumbered	Encumbered	Projected Income 4/1 to 6/30	Projected Available Income Quarter 4	Projected Salary 4/1 to 6/30	Projected Non-Salary 4/1 to 6/30	Total Projected Expenditures Quarter 4	Projected Available Balance 6/30	Projected 1 month Local Payroll
Local Expenses	\$22,950,207.36	\$417,715.28	\$1,130,538.86	\$24,498,461.50	\$11,657,333.33	\$818,290.45	\$12,475,623.78	\$12,022,837.72	\$3,200,000.00
Div II	\$876,060.32	\$913,695.09	\$0.00	\$1,789,755.41	\$0.00	\$1,300,831.51	\$1,300,831.51	\$488,923.90	
Div III	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Cash Option	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other	\$1,248,933.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,248,933.96	\$1,248,933.96	\$0.00	\$1,248,933.96	\$0.00	
Total Discretionary									
Fund Revenue	\$25,075,201.64	\$1,331,410.37	\$1,130,538.86	\$27,537,150.87	\$12,906,267.29	\$2,119,121.96	\$15,025,389.25	\$12,511,761.62	

2023 Spring Student Activity Funds – Sussex Central High School HOSA

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve the 2023 student activity funds for Sussex Central High School HOSA for \$6,000.00 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Field Trip Requests

- Overnight trip by IRHS TSA on June 27- July 3, 2023 to Louisville, KY
- Overnight trip by SCHS TSA on June 27 – July 3, 2023 Louisville, KY

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to approve the field trip requests as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Agenda for April 24, 2023

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the Personnel Agenda for April 24, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Addendum for April 24, 2023

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the Personnel Addendum for April 24, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Contractual Agenda for April 24, 2023

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the Contractual Agenda for April 24, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Public Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rodney M. Layfield
President
Board of Education
Indian River School District

Jay F. Owens
Superintendent
Board of Education
Indian River School District

RML/JFO:jmt