

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023
INDIAN RIVER 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. Jim Fritz, 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. Derek Cathell.

Board Member Late: Mr. Scott Collins (6:24 p.m.)

Executive Session

Mrs. Pryor, 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 7:19 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – June 26, 2023

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to approve the agenda for June 26, 2023. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2023

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2023

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

Recognition

- Board President Mr. Rodney Layfield.
- Seed and Sapling – Certificate of Appreciation

Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Jay Owens, Jennifer Troublefield, Celeste Bunting, Renee Jerns, Kelly Dorman, Tammy Smith, Judi Brittingham, Cliff Toomey, Daniel Mann, Preston Lewis, Bennett Murray, Christy Kerr, Sarah Green, Rick Evans, Brad Breasure, Mike Williams, Nik Fair, Monica McCurry, Jason Macrides, Kathleen Wilson, Pam Webb, Janet Hickman, Melissa Kansak, Neil Stong, Nika Reid, JR Emanuele, Blair Catlin Brown, Jason Pilgrim, Desiree Pilgrim, Cassie Queen, Brad Cowen, Shawn Tidwell, Glen Rolfe, Ivan Neal, Michelle Benton, Alexis Vickers, Sandra Jung.

Public Comments

No comments.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2023-2024 (June 2023)

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

DHSS Request for a fence at Howard T. Ennis

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to table the DHSS request for a fence at Howard T. Ennis. The motion failed (4-5-0).

For the motion: Mr. Collins, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Layfield, Mr. Peden

Against the motion: Mr. Fritz, Ms. Moses, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

John M. Clayton Elementary Concrete Pad Request

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to accept the concrete pad request for John M. Clayton Elementary (concrete donated and funding by PTO) as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Sussex Central High School Change Order

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to accept the Sussex Central High School Change Order credit for \$470,770 as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Seed and Sapling Request

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to accept the five year contract partnership with Seed and Sapling. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

FY 24 Locally Funded Salary Scales

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, moved to approve the Student Advisors FY 24 Locally Funded Salary Scale as presented. The motion failed (3-6-0).

For the motion: Mr. Collins, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Layfield.

Against the motion: Mr. Fritz, Ms. Moses, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, moved to approve the District Investigators FY 24 Locally Funded Salary Scales as presented. The motion failed (2-7-0).

For the motion: Dr. Hattier, Mr. Layfield

Against the motion: Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Ms. Moses, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, moved to approve the Constables FY 24 Locally Funded Salary Scales as presented. The motion failed (2-7-0).

For the motion: Dr. Hattier, Mr. Layfield.

Against the motion: Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Ms. Moses, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

FY 24 Administrative Salary Scales

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the FY 24 Administrative Salary Scales as presented. The motion passed (7-0-2)

For the motion: Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright

Abstained: Mr. Layfield, Ms. Moses

EPER Schedules – Athletic and Non-Athletic

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the EPER Schedules – Athletic and Non-Athletic as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Town of Georgetown School Resource Officer

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to table discussion of the Town of Georgetown School Resource Officer. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Out of State School Choice

Request for out of state school choice was rescinded.

Old Business

Major Capital Planning

Dr. Owens gave an update on the new Sussex Central High School construction project. The project is projected to have a September 2025 completion date.

Howard T. Ennis

Howard T. Ennis therapy pool and greenhouse pool continue to be delayed in completion, with possible ribbon cutting ceremony moved to the Fall of 2023.

G.W. Carver Consent Update

District leadership hosted by Dr. Rhen on June 13, 2023 to plan for the upcoming school year.

Our internal Equity Steering Committee Summer Retreat was today. We had a very successful day planning for the upcoming school year. We are looking forward to seeing each individual school plan as they finalize it throughout the summer. This work will be embedded in the School Success Plans that are currently in progress.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Fritz reviewed the minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

No report.

Finance

Dr. Hattier reviewed meeting minutes from May 8, 2023 meeting.

Curriculum

No report.

DSBA Board of Directors

Mrs. Wright shared with the Board that Mr. Tull will be replacing Dr. Marinucci.

DSBA Legislative

No meeting.

Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler shared with the Board the Special Education Ambassador nominations have begun.

Policy

First Readings

Mr. Collins presented the following policies for first readings: JG – Student Discipline, KJA – Distribution/Posting of Promotional Literature, KNAJ Interrogations, Searches, and Seizures. He requested that any changes can be reported to the Policy Committee.

Second Readings

Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve the following policies as second readings: IGDJ Band and Interscholastic Uniforms, JFF.1 Babies/Small Children. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

IREA Representative

Ms. Blair Caitlin Brown thanked Mr. Layfield for his years of service. She also spoke of the district's revamped website. IREA is looking forward to upcoming negotiations.

Superintendents Report

Dr. Owens shared with the Board his monthly activities.

Financial Summaries for month ending May 31, 2023

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial summaries, major and minor capital improvement financials for the month ending May 31, 2023.

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to accept the financial summaries for the month ending May 31, 2023. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Detail Information for month ending May 31, 2023

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

Major Capital Improvements for month ending May 31, 2023

Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending May 31, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Minor Capital Improvements for month ending May 31, 2023

Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending May 31, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

FY '24 Tax Rates

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to accept FY '24 Tax Rates Option #2 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion failed (3-6-0).

For the motion: Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Dr. Hattier.

Against the motion: Mr. Layfield, Ms. Moses, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Ms. Moses, to accept option FY '24 Tax Rates Option #1 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Option #1

Tax Category	Real Estate Rate	Capitation Rate	Change from FY 2023	Estimated Collections	Additional Cost to Average Taxpayer
Current Expense	\$ 2.3500	\$ 7.00	\$ -	\$ 44,744,576	\$ -
Debt Service	0.2993	5.00	(0.0957)	5,912,226	(22.53)
Tuition	0.5514	-	0.0469	10,414,659	11.06
Minor Cap	0.0333	-	(0.0001)	629,436	(0.02)
Other Match Taxes:					
Technology	-	-	-	-	-
Extra Time	-	-	-	-	-
Reading Resource	-	-	-	-	-
Math Resource	-	-	-	-	-
Reading Interventionists	-	-	-	-	-
Opportunity Grant	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 3.2340	\$ 12.00	\$ (0.0489)	\$ 61,700,897	\$ (11.49)

Personnel Agenda for June 26, 2023

Ms. Moses, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to approve the Personnel Agenda for June 26, 2023 excluding personnel agenda item #79 and #120 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to approve Personnel Agenda item #79 on the Personnel Agenda for June 26, 2023. The motion passed (8-0-1).

For the motion: Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Layfield, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright. Abstained: Ms. Moses.

Ms. Moses, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to approve Personnel Agenda item #120 on the Personnel Agenda for June 26, 2023. The motion passed (8-0-1).

For the motion: Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Dr. Hattier, Ms. Moses, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright. Abstained: Mr. Layfield.

Personnel Addendum for June 26, 2023

Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve the Personnel Addendum for June 26, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Student Hearing No. 23-182

Ms. Moses, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to accept the hearing officer's recommendation for Student Hearing No. 23-182. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Student Hearing No. 23-183

Dr. Statler, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to accept the hearing officer's recommendation for Student Hearing No. 23-183. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Student Hearing No. 23-186

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to accept the hearing officer's recommendation for Student Hearing No. 23-186. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Public Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 8:51 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