

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023  
INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MINUTES

Call to Order

President Mrs. Wright called the Regular Meeting of the Indian River School District Board of Education to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Mr. Scott Collins, Mr. James Fritz, Dr. Donald Hattier, 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. Ivan Neal (6:04 p.m.)

Executive Session

Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to go into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, litigation. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Reconvene - Regular Session at 7:12 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – July 24, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2023

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2023

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

Board of Education Organizational Meeting Minutes – July 3, 2023

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – July 3, 2023

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

Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Jay Owens, Jennifer Troublefield, Celeste Bunting, Renee Jerns, Kelly Dorman, Tammy Smith, Judi Brittingham, Cliff Toomey, David Clark, Preston Lewis, Allisa Booth, Christy Kerr, Sarah Green, Rick Evans, Brad Breasure, Mike Williams, Nik Fair, Monica McCurry, Jason Macrides, Steve Lovellette, Pam Webb, Katelyn Fanaris, Janet Hickman, Melissa Kansak, Neil Stong, Nika Reid, Blair Catlin Brown, Cassie Queen, Suzanne Timmons, Brad Cowen, Shawn Tidwell, Tammy Townsend, Al Townsend, Lori Brittingham, Patti Griffith, Doug Griffith, Sean Malloy, Lt. Joe; Diaz, Lt. Matt Barlow, Alexis Vickers.

## Public Comments

Mr. Al Townsend spoke to the board regarding the rear entrance to Indian River High School. He is concerned about the increased traffic in the rear entrance during non-school hours. Vehicles are using the entrance at all hours of the night and driving the vehicles on the grass instead of the paved road.

## New Business

### School Choice Applications 2023-2024 (July 2023)

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

### 2022-2023 Field Trip Summary Report

Dr. Owens shared with the board the field trip summary report for the 2022-2023 school year. The report indicated how many day field trips and overnight field trips were taken.

### 2023-2024 School Resource Officers Contracts

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to accept the School Resource Officers Contracts for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Long Neck Elementary Outdoor Classroom Request

Ms. Moses, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the Long Neck Elementary Outdoor Classroom request for approximately \$30,185.00 (funded by PTO fundraising events and donations) as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Indian River High School Science Lab Tables Removal Request

Dr. Statler, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to accept the Indian River High School Science Lab tables removal in the amount of \$4,946.00 as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Indian River High School Weight Rom Renovations

Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to accept the Indian River High School Weight Room renovations for a total cost of \$158,673.00 (\$32,500 from minor cap, \$126,173 from student activity fund) as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Sussex Central High School Change Orders

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to accept the Sussex Central High School Change Order for \$6,475,166.33 as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Sussex Central High School Change Order Notifications

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to accept the Sussex Central High School Change Order Notifications (27 under the amount of \$100,000 which totaled \$719,520.00) as presented by Mr. Joe Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Town of Selbyville Leased Land Proposal

The Town of Selbyville Leased Land Proposal was tabled for discussion at a later date.

### Discussion and possible action upon legal matter

Dr. Statler, seconded by Ms. Moses, motioned that we accept the recommendation of the administration in the potential legal matter 2023-001. 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. The second floor steel is in place and is projected to have a September 2025 completion date.

### Howard T. Ennis

Howard T. Ennis greenhouse is scheduled to begin in August, the pool continues to be delayed and the district is looking for a new pool contractor.

### G.W. Carver Consent Update

Dr. Rhen and the district administration overseeing implementation of the Carver Consent Order are busy planning for the 2023-2024 School Year.

During the IRSD Summer Administrative Institute, building teams analyzed their academic and discipline data and worked to develop improvement goals for the upcoming school year.

### Committee Reports

#### Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Fritz reviewed the minutes from the July 10, 2023 meeting.

#### Comprehensive School Safety

No report.

#### Finance

No report.

#### Curriculum

No report.

#### DSBA Board of Directors

No report.

#### DSBA Legislative

No report.

#### Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler shared with the Board the Special Education Ambassador Nominations totaled 200 applicants.

### Policy

#### First Readings

Mr. Collins presented the following policies for first readings: GCD.1 – Fingerprinting of New Employment Applicants, J – Indian River School District Athletics. 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: G – Student Discipline, KJA – Distribution/Posting of Promotional Literature, KNAJ Interrogations, Searches, and Seizures. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### IREA Representative

Ms. Blair Caitlin Brown welcomed Mr. Ivan Neal to the Board. IREA is looking forward to upcoming school year.

#### Superintendents Report

Dr. Owens shared with the Board his monthly activities.

#### Financial Summaries for month ending June 30, 2023

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial summaries, major and minor capital improvement financials for the month ending June 30, 2023.

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to accept the financial summaries for the month ending June 30, 2023. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Detail Information for month ending June 30, 2023

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the Detail Information for the month ending June 30, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Major Capital Improvements for month ending June 30, 2023

Ms. Moses, seconded by Dr. Statler, moved to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending June 30, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Minor Capital Improvements for month ending June 30, 2023

Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending June 30, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Agenda for July 24, 2023

Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the Personnel Agenda for July 24, 2023 excluding personnel agenda item #66 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to approve Personnel Agenda item #66 on the Personnel Agenda for July 24, 2023. The motion passed (8-0-1).

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

Personnel Addendum for July 24, 2023

Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve the Personnel Addendum for July 24, 2023 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Contractual Agenda for July 24, 2023

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

Public Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leolga T. Wright  
President  
Board of Education  
Indian River School District

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

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