

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023  
INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Call to Order

President Mrs. Leolga T. Wright called the Board Meeting of the Indian River School District Board of Education to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Mr. Derek Cathell, Mr. Jim Fritz, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mr. Ivan Neal, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Board Member Absent: Ms. Madeline Moses.

Approval of Agenda – July 27, 2023

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, motioned to approve the agenda for July 27, 2023. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Executive Session

Mrs. Wright motioned the start of executive session at 5:02 p.m. to conduct principal interviews for Georgetown Middle School and to review a personnel agenda.

Public Comments

Dr. Rhen thanked the board and the administration for the GW Carver Consent Order collaboration with the district.

Reconvene Regular Session at 6:00 p.m.

"Making Connections" with Dr. Brown

Dr. Brown shared a presentation with the Board regarding diversity and equity in the district.

Freedom of Information Act

School Training – School Board Liability, School Board Member Roles, Responsibilities, Powers & Duties, and Best Practices

Mr. James F. McMackin, attorney from Morris James LLP, provided board training for Indian River School District board members. Mr. McMackin addressed the following topics:

- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- School Board Liability, roles, responsibilities, powers, duties, and best practices

2023-2024 District Calendar Change

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, approved the district calendar change of moving the primary election day from April 23, 2024 to April 2, 2024. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Personnel Agenda for July 27, 2023

Dr. Statler, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the Personnel Agenda for July 27, 2023 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Georgetown Middle School Principal Hire Recommendation

Dr. Statler, seconded by Dr. Hatter, moved to approve candidate #2 for the Georgetown Middle School Principal Hire Recommendation. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Adjournment

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Dr. Statler, motioned to adjourn the board meeting at 8:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay F. Owens, Ed.D  
Secretary  
Indian River School District  
Board of Education

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

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