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00:00:00 Speaker 5

We'll call the regular meeting of the Indian River School District Board of Education meeting to order. At this time Mrs. Troublefield, will you do roll call.

00:00:10 Speaker 6

Please, Mr. Cathell, here. Mr. Fritz, here. Doctor Hattier, here. Ms Moses.

00:00:17 Speaker 6

Mr. Neal.

00:00:19 Speaker 6

Mr. Peden, here Mrs. Pryor, here.

00:00:23 Speaker 6

Doctor Statler, here. Mrs. Taylor, here. Mrs. Wright, here.

00:00:31 Speaker 5

That does constitute a quorum

00:00:34 Speaker 5

For this meeting, and now I would entertain a motion for 1.03 to go into executive session, motion, have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

00:00:40 Speaker 4

So moved.

00:00:49 Speaker 5

We're now in the executive session.

00:00:54 Speaker 5

We will reconvene our Board of Education.

00:00:57 Speaker 5

Meeting for November the 27th, 2023.

00:01:03 Speaker 5

We would like to ask Mrs. Troublefield if you would redo roll call please.

00:01:09 Speaker 6

Mr. Cathell, here, Mr. Fritz, here. Doctor Hattier, here. Ms Moses.

00:01:16 Speaker 6

Mr. Neal, here. Mr. Peden, here. Mrs. Pryor, here.

00:01:21 Speaker 6

Doctor Statler here.

00:01:23 Speaker 6

Mrs. Taylor here, Mrs. Wright, here.

00:01:28 Speaker 5

We do have a quorum.

00:01:31 Speaker 5

3.0 approval of the agenda for tonight's meeting, November 27th, 2023. I would entertain a motion.

00:01:41 Speaker 5

Have a motion to have a second. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous.

00:01:51 Speaker 5

Now, if we could please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

00:02:00 Speaker 5

I pledge allegiance to the flag.

00:02:03 Speaker 2

Of the United States.

00:02:05 Speaker 2

America and to the Republic for which it stands , one nation, under God, indivisible.

00:02:05 Speaker 4

Of America, which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and.

00:02:13 Speaker 4

Justice for all.

00:02:14 Speaker 5

You may be seated.

00:02:24 Speaker 5

3.04 student government.

00:02:38 Speaker 10

Good evening to introduce myself. My name is Stella, Yanek, and I am representing the Indian River Student Council as their official secretary. As we move forward into the year, Indian River has constantly been pushing towards success over the last few weeks. In the month of November, school activity has been at an all time high. Academically, students just finished their first marking period of the school year.

00:02:58 Speaker 10

And report cards came out on Friday, November 17. Students taking fall, AP classes officially paid for their fall tests, securing that spot to take the exam, and.

00:03:07 Speaker 10

Another exciting academic accomplishment for our seniors has been college application week. Since the beginning of the school year, the seniors have been working tirelessly on their applications and have now submitted college isn't the only subject to be brought up in these.

00:03:19 Speaker 10

Last few weeks.

00:03:21 Speaker 10

Indian River High School set up a career week that was set up during lunches. Career week, showcased a variety of different paths one could take. This chance opened up many different fields to students and opened their minds.

00:03:32 Speaker 10

Following all academic achievements in sports as the month of November grew into its later days, the sports teams went into playoff season. Each sports teams such as volleyball, soccer and field hockey went into the first round of the playoffs and proved to have had a great run. Football advanced into the semifinals and fought a hard game. All of their hard work shined through in their final game.

00:03:53 Speaker 10

Bordering the success of those teams, our Indian River Cross country team ran at the DIA State Tournament where one LED all to victory.

00:04:00 Speaker 10

Brynn Crandall has claimed the title of three time state champion and recently ran for the Nike Southwest Cross Country Regionals to say her dedication to the sport and her team had been phenomenal would be an understatement. All of the fall sports and the winter sports have completed

tryouts and teams starting to form the staff and student body can already tell what amazing talent and dedication.

00:04:23 Speaker 10

To further Indian River success this school year, the clubs are at an all time high with activity. Numerous amount of clubs have been meeting since the beginning of the year and have been working.

00:04:32 Speaker 10

Such as student Council, Environmental Act, FFA, FCA, Leo Club and many more. Band dedication has really shown throughout the year so far, with incredible performances during football games. Now they are gearing up for the holiday season and parades following that. The Environmental Act recently had a successful beach cleanup when roughly 20 to 25 students showed up at the North Inlet.

00:04:53 Speaker 10

To clean up beaches for about two hours, the student council has officially begun this year's Toy Drive. This year, there are eight families to provide for it, but the expectation has been crushed so far with an overwhelming amount of toys and commitment to this.

00:05:05 Speaker 10

The National Honor Society had a successful induction ceremony. Family and friends came to show their support and well over 30 outstanding academic students officially came apart at this exceptional club. As the year goes on, we can expect the same amount of excellence throughout the school and are excited to see where it takes us.

00:05:29 Speaker 5

Thank you.

00:05:31 Speaker 5

3.05 approval of the regular meeting minutes of October the 23rd, as well as the approval of the executive session minutes of October 23rd.

00:05:44 Speaker 5

Have a motion and second motion. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous.

00:05:54 Speaker 11

Recognition. Yes, Mrs. Wright, could you please join?

00:05:57 Speaker 11

Me at the podium.

00:06:12 Speaker 11

OK. Good evening everyone. Our first recognition this evening goes to Mr. Scott Collins, longtime board member. Mr. Collins was with us from 2011 to 2023.

00:06:26 Speaker 11

During that entire period of time that he was a board member, he was our Policy Committee chairperson. He worked with the district regarding our SRO programs at all.

00:06:38 Speaker 11

Of our schools, but.

00:06:38 Speaker 11

Specifically, he worked with Philip Showell, Selbyville Middle and Southern Delaware School of the Arts, and personally as I've worked with Mr. Collins.

00:06:47 Speaker 11

Over the years, I just want to thank him for his knowledge of our policies, which is quite fast.

00:06:55 Speaker 11

And his willingness to always take a phone call come see me meet before or after the Policy Committee to make sure we fully understood our policies before we entered into a change. And really, a lot of the phone calls were just general interpretation of a policy a given a certain situation. So certainly always available.

00:07:16 Speaker 11

Kind spirited at all times and just a really, really valuable member of our board and for that we thank you and we have a little recognition here for you this evening.

00:08:13 Speaker 11

Mrs. Wright, if you could stick with us just a minute. Next is I'd like to ask Mrs. Bunting to join me at the podium for recognition of Mrs. Patricia Jennings.

00:08:31 Speaker 3

Good evening.

00:08:33 Speaker 3

Many of you might know Patricia Jennings as a dedicated educator who's worked in our district for over 37 years. What you may not know is if you're a new educator in our district. Patricia is one of the first friendly faces. You'll say she has for the last several years.

00:08:53 Speaker 3

Volunteered her time during new educator week to be there to welcome our new educators. She comes early in the morning, stays late at night, make sure that everything is proper for the educators, makes them feel welcome.

00:09:10 Speaker 3

She also has the ability to get more businesses to donate money and gift cards than any other person I've ever met. So for our new educators, Patricia is the first friendly face they see in the district. She makes them feel welcome, and I think she's one of the reasons why we have educators.

00:09:31 Speaker 3

Who stay in our district for many years to come. So if you would like to join me in recognizing Patricia Jennings.

00:09:49 Speaker 3

Thank you.

00:10:51 Speaker 11

And finally, this evening, we want to recognize some of our Selbyville middle school students who are recognized as Delaware into the Delaware Junior County Honor Choir. Joining us this evening is assistant principal Mrs. Miya Jackson, Mrs. Jackson.

00:11:23 Speaker 12

Good evening.

00:11:28 Speaker 12

We are excited to have students in our Music department recognized this evening for their talents, SMS choir director Mr. Eric Tsavdar will provide an overview of this recognition and will call the students to the stage to be recognized.

00:11:44 Speaker 12

Mr. Tsavdar.

00:11:52 Speaker 13

These students were selected for this advanced ensemble based upon their talents and dedication to their school choir, and took part in a series of rigorous rehearsals all the way in Woodbridge of Advanced choral repertoire, culminating in a public performance under the direction of Mr. Vince Peterson from New York City, one of the most renowned choral directors in the country.

00:12:13 Speaker 13

Selbyville Middle School was well represented by this group of students, and I'm going to.

00:12:17 Speaker 13

Read off the names now.

00:12:23 Speaker 13

Want to call your name? Please come to the stage.

00:12:26 Speaker 13

Madeline Clattenburg.

00:12:32 Speaker 13

Cordelia Hatcher.

00:12:37 Speaker 13

Niko Ulrich.

00:12:42 Speaker 13

Rylee Beckwith.

00:12:48 Speaker 13

Eleanor Harrison.

00:12:53 Speaker 13

Skyelar Kibler.

00:12:58 Speaker 13

Samantha Mason.

00:13:01 Speaker 13

Aiden Parker.

00:13:07 Speaker 13

Victoria Parks.

00:13:11 Speaker 13

Kaelyn Rogers.

00:13:17 Speaker 13

Morgan Schrock.

00:13:21 Speaker 13

Shayne Van Zee.

00:13:25 Speaker 13

In Analiese Werner.

00:13:32 Speaker 13

It feels like graduation.

00:15:08 Speaker 5

5.01 is public comments.

00:15:13 Speaker 5

The Board school Board welcomes the opportunity to hear from the public during our public comment session at the beginning and end of each public session.

00:15:23 Speaker 5

Members of the public, speaking as individuals or a member who represents an organization.

00:15:29 Speaker 5

Will be allotted up to 3 minutes as per our board policy BDH speakers may offer objective feedback or criticism. Criticism of school operations and programs, but the board will not hear complaints about school personnel or other persons.

00:15:50 Speaker 5

At a public session, we thank you for adhering to this policy. When you share your comments.

00:15:57 Speaker 11

Thank you, Mrs. Wright once signed up this evening, Jan.

00:16:14 Speaker 7

I'm here to tell you about SOAH. Speak out against Hate, a new group that formed of nonpartisan.

00:16:23 Speaker 7

Concerned citizens who will bring awareness to the normalization and rising tide of hate in Delaware and actually.

00:16:30 Speaker 7

The country.

00:16:31 Speaker 7

Will confront and counter and counter acts of hate and direct, focused and ongoing manner whenever and wherever these events occur. So we will engage with all people regardless of age, color, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, or religion, including community leaders.

00:16:52 Speaker 7

Businesses, elected officials, clergy and law enforcement.

00:16:57 Speaker 7

So we will also speak out early and often and follow up on the rising incidents and expressions of hate by joining forces in this effort with all similarly motivated individuals and organizations, we've had two meetings at the Lewis Library which were over 100 people joined us and we wanted to find out.

00:17:17 Speaker 7



From you, which I won't this minute find out whether in fact you have anti bullying going on in your schools and programs to discourage people from hateful thoughts and actions.

00:17:29 Speaker 7

And so we invite you all to come to our next meeting, which is January 11th at the Lewis Library from 5:00 to 6:30. And if you're interested, you just have to, you have to send an e-mail to info for soa@gmail.com. Thank you.

00:17:47 Speaker 11

Thank you.

00:17:56 Speaker 5

New business 6.01 school choice applications for 2023-2024.

00:18:09 Speaker 9

Good evening.

00:18:10 Speaker 9

On board docs this evening you will see a total of 11 school choice applications. We are asking to accept eight of those and decline 3 due to attendance and or discipline.

00:18:23 Speaker 1

So move.

00:18:25 Speaker 5

We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye.

00:18:32 Speaker 5

That is unanimous. Thank you, Mr. Lewis.

00:18:33 Speaker 9

Thank you.

00:18:37 Speaker 5

6.02 2023-2024 Unit Count Summary.

00:18:43 Speaker 11

Yes, within board docs is a document of the certification of our units. I I shared where we were about a month ago and the certification does signify our enrollment at 10,786.

00:18:58 Speaker 11

786 with 885 Division One units, 955 Division, 2 units and.

00:19:07 Speaker 11

We were down just as a point of information. We were down slightly from 10,800 last year. However, we had some larger classes that moved out and we will be anticipating an increase next year, but we will continue to monitor as we do each year. We will monitor throughout the.

00:19:26 Speaker 11

The school year, not just September 30th, so while our.

00:19:31 Speaker 11

Actual enrollment was down by just a handful of students. Our units were actually up, given some formula change for pre-K students and identification of students with special needs. So.

00:19:44 Speaker 11

Again, 10,786 this school year. I do have this on for an action item, but we do not need action on this. This is just for board notification.

00:19:54 Speaker 5

Thank you, 6.03. Sussex Central High School track uniforms.

00:20:00 Speaker 11

Yes, thank you. These are available within board docs. These were discussed at our recent Finance Committee meeting. You will say they do meet our color parameters and they do have the American flag.

00:20:14 Speaker 5

A motion and to accept.

00:20:17 Speaker 5

We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous 6.04.

00:20:25 Speaker 11

Yes, thank you, Mrs. Wright. Within board docs as well, you have two documents associated with Altria settlement agreement.

00:20:33 Speaker 11

Part of the Jull settlement pursuant to the global government Entity settlement agreement with Altria groups, Indian River School District is eligible to receive a gross offer of an additional 76,338.

00:20:46 Speaker 11

Of the 168.2 million fund to resolve the government entity claims against the Altria Group distribution company.

00:20:56 Speaker 11

From that amount attorney's fees, case costs and court ordering, common benefit expenses assessments will be deducted. This settlement is separate from the addition to the settlement, separate and in addition to the settlement documents executed back in February. As you were call through the jewel.

00:21:17 Speaker 11

The suit and attached, as I've mentioned, are the documents associated with this. If we do want to move forward, which I would recommend, we do need board action.

00:21:29 Speaker 5

Any questions, concerns, comments. A motion to accept?

00:21:34 Speaker 5

Have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous.

00:21:43 Speaker 5

I would entertain a motion for 6.05 to be tabled until next month.

00:21:49

So move.

00:21:50 Speaker 5

We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous.

00:21:57 Speaker 5

6.06.

00:21:59 Speaker 5

Change order for Phillip Showell Elementary and Georgetown Elementary cooling tower replacements.

00:22:05 Speaker 11

Thank you, Mr. Booth. I believe you've got the next 4.

00:22:10 Speaker 11

Good evening.

00:22:11 Speaker 14

OK, good evening. It was reported to the buildings and grounds committee that the funds have been transferred from the state regarding the enhanced minor camp allocation, fiscal year 23 of this one time funding could be available only after obligating regular.

00:22:29 Speaker 14

minor cap funding of FY23 in prior years, the district was required to submit plans for expenditure of these funds and we chose two cooling towers as a change order to our existing contract with Joseph T Richardson incorporated. The amount of the change order.

00:22:49 Speaker 14

There's one.

00:22:50 Speaker 14

\$1,137,000 the average amount of that of that money for the two cooling towers is \$10,501.00, which would be covered by the current minor cap. These documents, I believe, are on your board docs.

00:23:10 Speaker 14

And we recommend approval of this change, order it be change order number two to the HVAC replacement contract, IRD 22-35.

00:23:22 Speaker 14

Any questions?

00:23:26 Speaker 5

No questions. I would entertain a motion to accept.

00:23:29 Speaker 12

So moved.

00:23:31 Speaker 5

We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous. 6.07, Howard T and Change order.

00:23:41 Speaker 14

Thank you, Mrs. Wright. We need one more thing under.

00:23:46 Speaker 14

And it's I wasn't sure how to put this on board docs, but the other item with the approval of change order number two, we asked that the mechanical and engineering contract administration proposal of 12,400 with Gape Associates be approved to oversee the work of Joseph T Richardson.

00:24:06 Speaker 14

That cost will be covered with current minor cap.

00:24:09 Speaker 14

Funds what we'd ask for is a motion to approve the additional services of Gate Associates incorporated in the amount of 12,400, and we recommend that for approval to oversee the two cooling towers that we just approved.

00:24:25 Speaker 5

Any questions?

00:24:26 Speaker 5

I would entertain a motion.

00:24:30 Speaker 5

A motion and second.

00:24:34 Speaker 5

2nd we have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed.

00:24:41 Speaker 5

That is unanimous now 6.07 Howard T. Ennis.

00:24:46 Speaker 14

Thank you. Howard Tian has change order number 64 is on your board docs and is a request to change order to modify the lift station, pumps and notification system. This change order will replace the current 2 pumps with an anti- clogg submersible units to avoid.

00:25:06 Speaker 14

A station failure and minimize maintenance fees.

00:25:09 Speaker 14

It will also enhance system failure notification to a cellular level, to school workers. The cost of this change order will be \$26,636. This will be paid for with the remaining construction dollars at Howard to Ennis, and we recommend approval of this change order.

00:25:31 Speaker 5

Any questions?

00:25:33 Speaker 5

A motion to accept.

00:25:36 Speaker 5

Have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous. 6.08. Sussex Central High School change order.

00:25:46 Speaker 14

Thank you. And again, I'm going to apologize to you, Mrs. Wright. We have notification of change.

00:25:50 Speaker 14

Orders for Howard T Ennis there are. There are also should be two change orders that require notification to the board per board approved procedure. The 1st is a change order, the number of 43 which is \$2645 for repairs to the pumps that we just approved to replace.

00:26:12 Speaker 14

That removed debris and fixed the controls. This work was actually completed back in September, but it just found its way through the.

00:26:19 Speaker 14

Their work to the night actually was reported in committee. The second change order notification is #44 is for \$1958 and this is a district request to install walk off mat in at the cafeteria outside door. This will help.

00:26:39 Speaker 14

Eliminate damage to the floor from tracking in water, etc. Those would be paid for with construction dollars as well, and those are notifications and we just need a motion to accept for audit purposes.

00:26:55 Speaker 5

We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous.

00:27:03 Speaker 5

6.08.

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Excuse me, 6.09.

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because we're 6.08 Sussex Central.

00:27:12 Speaker 5

High school change.

00:27:13 Speaker 14

Order. Yeah, I think we're back on track now on your board docs should be such a central change order B11-03. And it's tri-state carpet. The district Construction Working Group met to discuss the budget and change.

00:27:31 Speaker 14

The one need agreed upon was to change the drywall to a 5 foot ceramic Waincot in common hallways and corridors. This change order is for \$806,415. The board approval was required to move this.

00:27:50 Speaker 14

Forward, we recommend approval if there are any questions, so be glad to answer. If not, we ask for a.

00:27:58 Speaker 14

Motion to approve.

00:28:00 Speaker 5

Any questions?

00:28:02 Speaker 1

Yeah. What's the purpose?

00:28:03 Speaker 14

Think that this ceramic Wainscot will hold up much better than drywall in the high school.

00:28:12 Speaker 14

Bob Blyman is here to speak on RYJ's behalf if need be, but we didn't think that the drywall was going to hold up with over 2000 students.

00:28:23 Speaker 14

Going in the common areas.

00:28:25 Speaker 11

Doc, if I may, this was the one that we talked about in the trailer when we had our meeting and this was so we had we reduced cost for the base bid by removing the original ceramic around the tiling for the wainscot to make sure we came in at base bid knowing that it would be an alternate that would need to come back in.

00:28:46 Speaker 11

Very early on, once we had funding available, the team from RYJ researched the tiles that was available, had some major cost cuts. I can't remember Bob the exact cost.

00:29:00 Speaker 11

Over \$1,000,000 to add back in the new tile that we decided on to bring back the wainscot we just we don't want bear drywall there. We definitely want something and this is a much more cost acceptable version so it's an alternate that comes back but not as high as what we had originally anticipated.

00:29:20 Speaker 11

And the durability, which was one of the main things was is still in place. So we don't lose any durability according to our friends at RYJ.

00:29:30 Speaker 1

Thank you.

00:29:34 Speaker 11

Bob did. I'm sorry. Did I miss anything there?

00:29:37 Speaker 14

Now we're just looking for a motion to approve.

00:29:41 Speaker 5

We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous. 6.09 Sussex Central High School change order notifications.

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OK.

00:29:53 Speaker 14

Thank you. In your packets are 12 change orders that according to board approved procedures require notification.

00:30:00 Speaker 14

The board notification.

00:30:01 Speaker 14

These change orders were within the spending guidelines of the approval of either by myself or Doctor Owens. The total of these change orders will be a negative \$491,939.38 that's close to a half million dollars that are to.

00:30:21 Speaker 14

Be put back into the budget for other proposed change orders.

00:30:27 Speaker 14

There were eleven of these were presented to buildings and grounds, and one came in after the committee, so all 12 of them are on there for notification purposes and if there are no questions then they ask for a motion to accept these notifications for audit.

00:30:48 Speaker 5

Any questions?

00:30:50 Speaker 5

A motion to accept.

00:30:52 Speaker 5

Have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

00:30:58 Speaker 5

Opposed that is unanimous. Thank you. 7.01 major cap planning.

00:31:00 Speaker 14



All right. Thank you.

00:31:05 Speaker 11

Yes. Thank you, Mrs. Wright. So I do want to thank those who facilitated the beam signing and those that were able to attend as well. On November 9th. It was a wonderful ceremony, weather cooperated and just really, really well.

00:31:18 Speaker 11

So thank you to our architects, our building team and especially our team from Sussex Central that was able to help organize that event and participate.

00:31:28 Speaker 11

I'm happy to report that the project remains on schedule, the structural steel and the decking is now being completed. The mechanical and electrical rough and progress continues and the hope is to have the building closed and with wetter weather and excuse me, water and ice shield in place by the end of Jan.

00:31:49 Speaker 11

The final metal gym roof is expected to be installed pending weather within the next two weeks and we continue to evaluate as we just talked briefly about the alternate list to explore opportunities to apply cost saving measures without impacting the aesthetics of the building or the durability of the building. And I I'm sure, Mr.

00:32:09 Speaker 11

And Mr. Fritz has some additional information when he gets to his report.

00:32:16 Speaker 5

7.02.

00:32:18 Speaker 11

Yes, at long last, the greenhouse material has been delivered to Howard T Ennis and we expect construction to be completed soon. The pool area demo was completed and finishes are being applied now. We are expecting the pool to be filled in December.

00:32:33 Speaker 11

Providing there are no additional setbacks.

00:32:36 Speaker 11

Meetings regarding multiple punch list items were conducted over the last couple of weeks, and subcontractors are expected to be in the building to complete any remaining items. Training was conducted on the lighting and electrical with the lighting and electrical contractors outside. Lights are on a timer system with connections to an astronomical.

00:32:56 Speaker 11

Plot program which should assist to ensure that the lights are adjusted during our time changes and finally the district is currently conducting weekly certified construction reviews with reports from Generac and that concludes our tennis report.

00:33:14 Speaker 5

7.03 GW Carver consent update.

00:33:18 Speaker 11

Thank you, Dr. Thoroughgood.

00:33:19 Speaker 15

Hi, good evening Doctor Rhen filed her 8th interim report on Monday, November 6th at reviewing that the district felt that we needed to request an addendum to be provided and it was submitted on Monday November 20th to that report and the next Community Advisory Board meeting is this Thursday zoom.

00:33:40 Speaker 15

See you there at 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. And the discussion is going to focus on college and career readiness initiatives and a review of hiring data and updates from Mrs. Celeste Bunting. Thank you. Any questions?

00:33:54 Speaker 5

Thanks. Thank you.

00:33:58 Speaker 5

Moving on to committee, reports 8.01 buildings and grounds.

00:34:04 Speaker 8

As always, a lot of things have already been discussed this evening, but buildings and grounds met November the 18th. At that meeting, Howard, Tennis and the major capital improvements. Excuse me, major capital improvement projects for both Howard Tennis and Sussex Central were discussed.

00:34:23 Speaker 8

Has already been reported. The greenhouse was delivered. Construction has started, the pool is still currently on being reconstructed. Water line tile prep work complete and waiting for Fearn and Clendaniel and RY Johnson to sign off for tile to be reinstalled.

00:34:38 Speaker 8

As Doctor Owens mentioned, punch list items would be being discussed at a later November on site meeting. Change orders were submitted, of which we've already voted on this evening, new Sussex Central High School.

00:34:53 Speaker 8

Brad Cowen presented on the buildings progress including steel stud completion spray foam insulation has started elevated deck pores are underway. Block and brick work underway and the continuation of gym, gym, roofing and roofing. Moving to classroom wing to be late.

00:35:13 Speaker 8

In November, that should already be started. Change orders again have been presented this evening and discussed and voted old business building and Ground Support Center in the last 30 days it was reported there were 84 new tickets opened, 99 work order tickets closed.

00:35:30 Speaker 8

And 46 tickets currently still active. We've already discussed this evening the HVAC ESSERF cooling tower replacement.

00:35:41 Speaker 8

And the excuse me and the recommendation for that, the lead testing update is reported that the new triple sink at Millsboro Middle School was tested and failed. The district however will retest again and ensure that proper flushing of the fixture is done first.

00:35:56 Speaker 8

Artesian report, the district and artesian are still investigating alternatives to the installation of a meter, pit and connection costs for the new Sussex Central High School. Once costs are determined, there will be a discussion on the district level regarding funding sources and responsibilities.

00:36:14 Speaker 8

Selbyville easement requests that request has been finalized per board decision and will be signed then sent back to the town of Selbyville. The town will then provide to the district a certificate of liability to the lease property be covered under the town's insurance.

00:36:31 Speaker 8

Under new business, school safety funds grant a presentation was made on a safety grant in which buildings and grounds will receive \$277,420.00. Some of this safety money we use to replace age doors throughout the district. More details to follow.

00:36:51 Speaker 8

Once quotes and proposals are provided and the next Billings and grounds meeting is at 6:30 PM on December the 11th.

00:37:03 Speaker 5

Thank you.

00:37:04 Speaker 5

2 or 8.02 comprehensive school safety.

00:37:09 Speaker 16

Thank you. On November 15th, we had a safety meeting at District Office. The meeting was in regards to potentially bringing in the safety film to our schools that the glass windows and glass doors. There was an outside vendor that came in and did a presentation and showed the project. There's some different levels of it and we had some discussion about the feasibility and practicality.

00:37:30 Speaker 16

This product. So right now we're still in discussions and have these haven't made any decisions waiting on some more information.

00:37:38 Speaker 5

Thank you.

00:37:40 Speaker 5

8.03 finance Doctor Hattier.

00:37:42 Speaker 1

Thank you.

00:37:43 Speaker 1

A lot of the discussion would happen in finance has already been covered. I want to thank Mr. Fritz for covering for me because I was unable to make the meeting. There is a proposal right now for raising substitute rates. Mr. Fritz did ask about the cost on those and Mrs. Bunting is going to be there.

00:38:00 Speaker 1

The rest of that information, and it will come back in December. That's the short version, Mrs. Bunning also explained that a review of translator hourly rates found that IRS is paying below other districts. It doesn't list how much below we are recommending increasing the translator rates for non- employees to 3465.

00:38:20 Speaker 1

And that's also going to be brought back to the Finance Committee next time.

00:38:25 Speaker 1

Mrs. Dorman presented a proposal to add an additional odyssey of the mind coach to the non- sports EPER schedule. Currently the schedule allows for three, one for each of the three district teams. The 4th would be used support the teams and cover one. When a coach is absent, that's coming back. Also the financial reports will be covered near the end of this board meeting.

00:38:46 Speaker 1

No point in covering them twice. Thank you.

00:38:49 Speaker 5

Thank you. 8.04 curriculum. Dr. Statler.

00:38:52 Speaker 17

Thank you. We were provided a presentation by Melissa Bleile in regards to the NASA.

00:39:00 Speaker 17

Wallops Island Robotics Project Grant in September of 2023, the NASA Grant was awarded to the school district in the amount of \$9000. We are the only school district in the state of Delaware to be awarded this grant for drone competitions. We currently have four teams at Selbyville.

00:39:20 Speaker 17

Middle school and we have four teams at Indian River High School. They will compete in a variety of competitions that will occur throughout the school year leading into the late spring. For next year. We hope to be able to grow these teams, hopefully adding.

00:39:37 Speaker 17

Teams at Hillsborough Middle School, Georgetown Middle School and Sussex Central High School.

00:39:43 Speaker 17

Our special education updates provided a recap of our Special Education Week and we debriefed on those activities and also had a general overview of the professional learning opportunities that will be provided to our elementary and secondary settings. And then our Carver consent order updates were already covered by Doctor Thoroughgood.

00:40:04 Speaker 17

She did. Doctor Ren did visit our Carver students at their schools on September 27th, and she also visited the High Road Georgetown placement as well.

00:40:14 Speaker 17

We will have no meeting in December, so our next meeting will be in January.

00:40:20 Speaker 5

Thank you.

00:40:21 Speaker 5

8.05 is DSBA board of directors. We did not have a meeting.

00:40:28 Speaker 5

8.06 is DSBA legislative Dr. Hattier.

00:40:32 Speaker 1

Thank you.

00:40:34 Speaker 1

OK. Couple different things that this one was only 12 pages of laws. The last time I did it up there was closer to 26. So they're being a little bit calm this time.

00:40:42 Speaker 1

OK, couple of note and I'm not going to cover them. All of them. House Bill 42. They're already talking about removing the 10% increase in property tax hikes that are going to be allowed. After reassessment. They wanted to eliminate that school.

00:40:58 Speaker 1

State School Board opposes that strongly, and currently it's tabled. All right. There's another one, HB 56, which relates to tax treatment of certain student loan repay.

00:41:10 Speaker 1

They're making student loan repayments under speech and language Path, student loan repayment program. The high needs educator loan program and the mental health Services Student loan program repayment program non- taxable for the state purposes of state income taxes. D SBA does support that.

00:41:29 Speaker 1

There's another code.

00:41:30 Speaker 1

For another one HB 63, which has passed the Senate, the House, Senate, that's on the Senate ready list. Whether it happens or not, who knows? But it's going to be relating to employment of pensioners. Right now they're allowed 40,000 before you lose a dollar for every \$2.00 above, they're talking about raising that to 50,000.

00:41:50 Speaker 1

This is supported by DSBA I think it would make it easier to get some teachers at some point that that sounds like.

00:41:56 Speaker 1

A good one, OK.

00:42:01 Speaker 1

Which is relating to pre- kindergarten special education.

00:42:06 Speaker 1

The Act increases funding for preschool children with disabilities who are not counted in either intensive or complex, and it reduces the unit count from 12.8 students per unit to 8.4. And it does come with money. It is passed the House passed Senate committee. It's on its way to be voted on.

00:42:27 Speaker 1

Which means we would be getting.

00:42:29 Speaker 1

Extra teachers, courtesy to them.

00:42:30 Speaker 1

For that, they're actually going to support it. DSBA supports that too.

00:42:36 Speaker 1

OK.

00:42:38 Speaker 1

It was an exciting meeting.

00:42:40 Speaker 1

OK, HB 96, which has come up before and that's going to allow 16 year olds to vote for school boards, D SBA is strongly opposing that for a variety of reasons, which I think we all understand. OK, now there's another one, HB 127, which is it's an act to amend.

00:43:00 Speaker 1

Title 9 and Title 25 of the Delaware Code relating to County Fire protection fees. Now this is was a new one on me. The act provides each county with the ability to improve imposed by duly enacted ordinance Fire Protection fees.

00:43:15 Speaker 1

They must do all of the following, deposit the money, separate established criteria in which it could be distributed, and after using no more than 5% of the money annually, they have to distribute the rest. It's it's basically a long item here. I don't think currently we're paying a tax on that. I think we may be exempt school board opposes.

00:43:35 Speaker 1

That one, DSB 8, just flat out, opposes it.

00:43:39 Speaker 1

OK, here's a couple of them. HB 3 and 4.

00:43:45 Speaker 1

Amendment to its amendment to Title 14 relating to school attendance. OK because of COVID nitration one in five school children now has a mental health condition and 45% may have experienced the traumatic event. We saw that tonight in another.

00:44:01 Speaker 1

Item the bill provides for excused absences for the mental health behavior of a student and requires any student taking more than two such excused absences will be referred to a mental health specialist. The D SBA opposes that because it does usurp local authority.

00:44:19 Speaker 1

OK, HB4 relates to school trauma and the purpose of the legislation is to provide more behavioral supports in school districts in the aftermath of a school connected traumatic event, and that one had to be amended and that one actually is supported by the DSB. That one actually makes sense.

00:44:40 Speaker 1

OK, here's another one. HB 5, an act direct to amend Title 31 of the Delaware Code relating to school based behavioral health services.

00:44:49 Speaker 1

Currently, states Medicaid plan diamond state limits the reimbursement of Medicaid covered school based behavioral programs to those provided under an IEP.

00:45:00 Speaker 1

Or individualized family Service plan, despite federal policy changes that allow for these services to be provided as a medical necessity without IEP or IFSP documentation.

00:45:12 Speaker 1

Basically, it would force the state plan to start getting some reimbursement. For that it is a billable item. Our people could probably Bill and recoup some of our costs underneath that D SBA supports that. OK.

00:45:26 Speaker 1

HB6 and amend act to amend Title 14 of the Delaware Code relating to school mental health services.

00:45:33 Speaker 1

OK, it requires the state to fund a mental health professional and mental health coordinator position for each district and charter school by next year again comes with money, would get US extra personnel if we can find them. OK. It's always about that. But DS BA does support that.

00:45:53 Speaker 1

And actually, let's stop with that and we'll pick the rest of them up next month because I could keep going for a while. There's a lot of them already, but again, they're not as active this time as they were.

00:45:57

OK.

00:45:58 Speaker 4

Thank you.

00:46:04 Speaker 5

8.07 Special Education Task Force Doctor Statler.

00:46:08 Speaker 17



No report.

00:46:10 Speaker 5

8.08 policy.

00:46:14 Speaker 11

Thank you, Mrs. Wright. We had first readings for Community relations, drivers, education and the second reading this evening for consideration is interviewed by agency officials. Other than police. And we did provide some updates through the committee to that policy, and it's available in board docs.

00:46:36 Speaker 5

8.0.

00:46:37 Speaker 5

Nine, I'm sorry.

00:46:37 Speaker 11

We would need to take action on that. JFG. I'm sorry, Mrs. Wright.

00:46:43 Speaker 1

Can we make a motion to support all four?

00:46:46 Speaker 11

We just need action on the on the second reading interviews by agencies, officials other than police.

00:46:47 Speaker 5

And it's ones.

00:46:51 Speaker 1

For those shall move.

00:46:53 Speaker 5

2nd we have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye.

00:46:59 Speaker 5

Opposed that is unanimous.

00:47:02 Speaker 5

8.09 IREA representative.

00:47:11 Speaker 18

Good evening, Blair Caitlin Brown, association Rep for SDSA communications chair and vice president for teachers. We are excited to share some changes to this year's IRA Scholarship fundraiser event. Mark your calendars. Expect you all to be.

00:47:25 Speaker 18

Writing March 8th.

00:47:27 Speaker 18

From 3:30 to 6:30 this year.

00:47:30 Speaker 18

We're holding it at Revelation Craft Brewing Company in Georgetown. We are extremely grateful for all the support from Indian River Senior Center over the years, but we're really excited for this partnership to let us expand our ability to fundraise and gather. The event will be both a fundraiser and a social for members, non- members and the public will come together to raise money for a scholarship for a senior at both high schools.

00:47:52 Speaker 18

Who wish to pursue a career in education? We know that there are rules around the Board of Education members gathering on mass on.

00:48:00 Speaker 18

Initially, but we ask that you talk come in shifts. We would love to see you all there at some point to bid on our 5050 auction to bid on our items to purchase some food and drink and just enjoy time together. We really do think it's going to be our best fundraising event yet and we hope we can increase our scholarship amount like we were able to last year and have our first real social event that we've had in a while.

00:48:23 Speaker 18

As we wrap up this month of gratitude, IRA is gratitude is full of gratitude for our Union. We are grateful that a group of US chooses to come together to amplify and elevate educator voices. We are grateful that our membership numbers are steadily increasing. We are grateful that 2/3 of Americans approve of Labor unions. We are grateful for our labor.

00:48:43 Speaker 18

Our Union brothers and sisters, those in the entertainment industry, food service industry and manufacturing sector, who have used their strike power to earn livable wages and contracts for safer working conditions. We are grateful for education unions like the Portland Association for Teachers who use their strike power.

00:49:00 Speaker 18

To ensure student mental health support, reduce class sizes, protected planning time, building health and safety protections, and cost of living increases, we are grateful that by focusing on improving

working conditions, we are also improving student learning conditions. We are grateful for our students, for our coworkers, for our families, and for our community.

00:49:20 Speaker 18

Indian River Educational Association is grateful that in Union we find strength. Thank you.

00:49:31 Speaker 5

Thank you.

00:49:32 Speaker 5

9.01 superintendents.

00:49:37 Speaker 11

Yes. Thank you, Mrs. Wright. Just a couple of highlights. The full rundown of the monthly activities is available in board docs. But as I mentioned earlier, one of the highlights certainly was our beam signing associated with our new Sussex Central High School.

00:49:51 Speaker 11

And also earlier this month I was able to join members of our.

00:49:56 Speaker 11

Instructional director Team Mrs. Blanchard and our building principals, assistant principals, as we conducted learning walks in each of our schools to learn about more of what's happening in our classrooms and celebrate our teachers. We had many exciting visits and got into a lot of classrooms. Some amazing things are happening.

00:50:16 Speaker 11

And in our schools, through our teachers, so very, very happy with those visits. And that concludes my monthly activities.

00:50:25 Speaker 5

Thank you 9.02 calendar changes.

00:50:28 Speaker 11

Yeah. So three calendar changes this evening for consideration. The 1st is to change Indian River High School's musical performance from March 8th and 9th to March 15th at 6:30 PM, March 6th at 6:00 PM.

00:50:45 Speaker 11

And March 17th, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

00:50:56 Speaker 11

I think we can.

00:50:57 Speaker 11

Vote on it we can.

00:50:58 Speaker 5

OK.

00:51:01 Speaker 5

You want do more together? You want do one?

00:51:03 Speaker 11

Let's do each one of those individually, OK?

00:51:08 Speaker 5

Any questions on the calendar change for the Indian River High School's musical performance?

00:51:15 Speaker 5

I would entertain a motion to accept.

00:51:17 Speaker 5

2nd I have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous #2, yes.

00:51:27 Speaker 11

To add E Millsboro Elementary Spanish immersion concert at.

00:51:31 Speaker 11

Sussex Central High School.

00:51:32 Speaker 11

On December 8th, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

00:51:37 Speaker 1

So moved.

00:51:39 Speaker 11

To December 6. Excuse me.

00:51:41 Speaker 11

It's a little dark up here.

00:51:45 Speaker 5

Any questions?

00:51:46 Speaker 5

Motion to accept we have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous. #3. And the last one we were notified.

00:51:59 Speaker 11

Just before our Thanksgiving break regarding the need for a December 21st, 2023 election to support Department of Elections, special election for the vacated 37th Representative seat. So we need to.

00:52:17 Speaker 11

Consider the cancellation of school on that day for students and staff. What we learned earlier today was schools need to be completely vacated, with the exception of our custodial staff. So we need to make that consideration. This evening we typically would give a 30 days-notice, but we weren't made aware until.

00:52:37 Speaker 11

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00:52:38 Speaker 11

Very recently. So we do want to consider that this evening we do need to be aware that custodial staff will need to be available in those four schools. The polling places will be North Georgetown, Georgetown Elementary, Sussex Central and the new Howard Tennis. And those are determined by the Department of Elections.

00:52:59 Speaker 11

So we need to consider that as well as 12 month employees whether they would need to be relocated from those four sites to other sites or we would allow them off that day as well. And again, December 21st, 2023.

00:53:14 Speaker 1

So move.

00:53:19 Speaker 17

So I'd like to clarify to make a motion that we allow the employees to be off that day, all employees including 12 month.

00:53:25 Speaker 11

All employees, including 12 month.

00:53:29 Speaker 11

Thank you.

00:53:30 Speaker 5

2nd we have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous.

00:53:41 Speaker 5

Financial reports.

00:53:44 Speaker 5

10.01 financial summaries for month ending October 31st, 2023.

00:53:52 Speaker 19

The reports on board docs are as of October 31st, we were 33% of the way through the fiscal year. We had received 82% of total budgeted revenue, 85% of budgeted discretionary revenue.

00:54:03 Speaker 19

91% of budgeted local tax.

00:54:05 Speaker 19

Revenue, we received \$55,000 in interest for balances as of September 30th. We spent 25% of total budgeted expenses, 32% of total discretionary expenses, 26% of budgeted tuition funded classrooms and 33% of how our TMS budgeted expenses.

00:54:26 Speaker 5

Any questions?

00:54:30 Speaker 5

Hearing none, a motion to accept.

00:54:34 Speaker 5

All those in favor signify by saying aye. Aye, opposed. That is unanimous.

00:54:40 Speaker 5

10.02.

00:54:42 Speaker 19

For Part 2, student activity funding balance was approximately 483,000. Our S3 funding that goes through September 30th of 2024. We've spent and encumbered 25,000,000 and have 6,000,000 remaining. We have 8.3 million in federal funds available in total.

00:55:00 Speaker 19

We received our 24 allocations in November, so that will show up on that report and we are holding approximately 1.2 million in donations and internal accounts.

00:55:10 Speaker 5

Any questions?

00:55:12 Speaker 5

Motion to accept.

00:55:15 Speaker 5

Have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Aye, opposed.

00:55:21 Speaker 5

That is unanimous. 10.03 major capital improvements for month ending October 31st, 2023.

00:55:29 Speaker 19

For major CAP, we paid out 3.5 million in October.

00:55:38 Speaker 5

Any questions?

00:55:40 Speaker 5

Motion to accept.

00:55:43 Speaker 5

Have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Aye, opposed. That is unanimous, 10.04.

00:55:53 Speaker 5

Major CAP improvements for month ending October 31st, 2023.

00:55:59 Speaker 19

For minor cap, we've spent or encumbered 3.4 million and have a balance remaining of approximately 1.8 million that only includes the local share of the 24 allocations because the.

00:56:10 Speaker 19

State share of the 24 allocations came in at the beginning of November.

00:56:16 Speaker 5

Any questions?

00:56:19 Speaker 5

Motion to accept have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous.

00:56:27 Speaker 19

Thank you.

00:56:28 Speaker 5

Thank you, 11.

00:56:31 Speaker 11

Communications. Yes. Thank you, Mrs. Wright. So the listing is on our board agenda this evening. As you can see, one through 5 are all overnight trips by the Sussex Central Wrestling team. Six is an overnight trip.

00:56:50 Speaker 11

By Indian Rivers wrestling team.

00:56:53 Speaker 11

Seven is an additional overnight trip by the Sussex Central Wrestling team.

00:56:59 Speaker 11

8 is a field trip by Philip C Showell Elementary 5th grade students on May 22nd through 23rd to Cape Henlopen State Park. All of those would require board action.

00:57:13 Speaker 5

We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous 11.02.

00:57:25 Speaker 11

Yes, use of Sussex Central High School Gymnasium, December 17th, 2023, followed by each Sunday during the month of January, February and in addition March 3rd and 10th, 2024 during the Hours of noon to four for Special Olympics of Delaware. Their Sussex Riptide Team.

00:57:44 Speaker 11

And again, that would require board action.

00:57:49 Speaker 5

Motion have a motion to 2nd.

00:57:53 Speaker 5

We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous.

00:58:01 Speaker 5

12 As personnel 12.01 a motion to accept the personnel agenda for November 27th, 2023.

00:58:12 Speaker 5

Have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed. That is unanimous.

00:58:20 Speaker 5

12.02 personnel addendum, #1.

00:58:24 Speaker 5

For November 27th, 2023.



00:58:30 Speaker 17

So moved.

00:58:32 Speaker 5

We have a motion. Do we have a second? We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Aye, opposed.

00:58:40 Speaker 5

That is unanimous.

00:58:43 Speaker 5

12.03 contractual agenda for November 27th, 2023.

00:58:50 Speaker 17

Motion to approve.

00:58:52 Speaker 5

Have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed.

00:58:59 Speaker 5

That is unanimous.

00:59:02 Speaker 5

We don't have to do notification of retirements here, it's not a board action item.

00:59:07 Speaker 5

OK.

00:59:10 Speaker 5

12 point.

00:59:12 Speaker 5

05 consideration of supervisor of Buildings and Grounds candidates.

00:59:19 Speaker 5

I would entertain a motion.

00:59:21 Speaker 17

I'd like to make a motion for candidate #2.

00:59:25 Speaker 5

We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye.

00:59:31 Speaker 5

Opposed that is unanimous.

00:59:34 Speaker 5

Now we come to a part in our meeting where we can have another public comment session.

00:59:40 Speaker 5

I don't believe we have anybody signed to speak, but if there's anyone in the audience that would like to make a comment, we can do it at this time.

00:59:52 Speaker 5

Seeing none, we will move on to 14, which is adjournment 14.01. I entertain a motion to adjourn. We have a motion and a second to adjourn. All those in favor signify by saying aye opposed.

01:00:09 Speaker 5

That is unanimous. The meeting is adjourned.