

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024
SUSSEX CENTRAL 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 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Mr. Derek Cathell, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mr. Ivan Neal, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Board Member Absent: Dr. Heather Statler

Executive Session

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Dr. Hattier, motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the purpose of conducting an interview for Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds position, personnel, negotiations, litigation. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Reconvene Regular Session at 7:16 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – February 26, 2024

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to approve the agenda for February 26, 2024. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Pledge of Allegiance

Student Government

Sussex Central's student government representative, Olivia Marzullo, reported on events occurring at Sussex Central High School.

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2024

Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Hattier, motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2024

Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Hattier, motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Jay Owens, Karen Blannard, Renee Jerns, Kelly Dorman, Tammy Smith, Judi Brittingham, Tara Thoroughgood, David Maull, Jennifer Troublefield, Cliff Toomey, Dan Mann, Preston Lewis, Stephen DiGirolamo, Walter Smith, Shawn Tidwell, Christy Kerr, Sarah Green, Rick Evans, Brad Breasure, Mike Williams, Monica McCurry, Jason Macrides, Kathleen Wilson, Pam Webb, David Carter, Janet Hickman, Melissa Kansak, Neil Stong, Cassie Queen, Suzanne Timmons, Blair Caitlin Brown, Lisa Hudson Briggs, L.W. Briggs, Denise Crockett, Scott Crockett, Jaime Negron, Dalia Nichols, William Thoroughgood, Katie Crockett, Amanda Hendrickson Davis, Brad Cowen, Nika Reis, Temperance Hammen Smith, Brandi Hammen Smith, Scott Smith, Bob Blyman, Jace Peden, Danielle Peden, Alexis Greenlee, Paige West, Holly West, David West, Kiersten Anderson, Justin Negron, Craig Anderson, Christine Anderson, Jennifer Negron, Malayna Blanco, Aimee Marzullo, Matt Marzullo, Olive Karr, Silvia B-Loma. Justin Revel, John Reddington, Leo Darmstadter, Lily Allen, Leo Darmstadter IV, Pam Long, Maria Carcamo, Osman Carcamo, Malik Bell, Anthony Taylor, Carmela Marzullo, Miguel Gonzalez, Brooke Darmstadter, Lucy Darmstadter, Elizabeth Pratt, Marvin Juarez, Sherri Mullen, Carol Houck.

Recognition

- Sussex County Senior Honors Choir (SC) Kassi Timmons, McKalyla Lopez, Olunifemi Anawo, Wynter Derickson, Ashley Cifuentes Gurierrez, Samantha Buckley, Gabi Miguel Gonzalez, Leo Jake Darmstadter, Giovanni Tiano, Nicholas Ables, Marvin Carpio Juarez.
- All-State Mixed Choir (SC) Maria Guterrez Carcamo, Leo Jake Darmstadter, Giovanni Tiano, Nicholas Ables.
- All-State Treble Choir (SC) Kassi Timmons.
- Sussex County Senior Honors Band (SC) Melissa Velasquez Zunun, Leo Jake Darmstadter, Maria Gutierrez Carcamo, Klaire Casale, Nicholas Ables, Jonah Klimitchev, Kelsey Lopez Cotoc, Emily Saxton.
- All-State Band (SC) Leo Jake Darmstadter.
- First Team All-State (SC) - Yersin Velasquez Lopez, Kevon Moore Briddell, Malik Bell, Justin Negron.
- First Team All-Conference (SC) – Yersin Velasquez Lopez, Wilder Ramirez Sandoval, Justin Glasco
- Henlopen Conference Northern Division Coach of the Year (SC)- Kevin Cash
- First Team All-District (SC) – Kevon Moore Briddell, Malik Bell, Anthony Taylor, Joaquin Rodriguez Costa, Justin Negron, William Harmon
- District Co-Defensive Football Player of the Year (SC) – Kevon Moore Briddell .
- Academic All-Conference (SC) Kiersten Anderson, Takyla Davis, Carmela Marzullo, Malayna Blanco, Temperance Hammen Smith, Elizabeth Hicks, Sydney Tongue, Paige West, William Abbott, Chet Mariner, Justin Negron, Jaden Nock, Jace Peden, Gavin Pratt, Austin welson, Lily Allen, Deisy Perez Velasquez, Sonja Winger, Leilani Carrera, Katie Crockett, Emma Moyer, Addison Ricker, Hadligh Schwartz, Brooklyn Steele.

Public Comments

- Ms. Carol Houck asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns relating to the 2023-2024 contract for the Town of Ocean View SRO at Lord Baltimore Elementary School.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2023-2024 (February 2024)

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to accept 2023-2024 school choice applicants (February 2024) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

School Choice Applications 2023-2025 (February 2024)

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, motioned to accept 2024-2025 school choice applicants (February 2024) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Appointments for Indian River School Board District #1 Applicants

Dr. Hattier, seconded Mr. Cathell, motioned to appoint Mrs. Kelly Kline and Mrs. Lisa Briggs to District #1 representations to the Indian River School District Board of Education. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

2024-2025 District Calendar

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to accept the 2024-2025 District Calendar as presented by Mrs. Celeste Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Town of Ocean View SRO Contract

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, motioned to approve the 2023-2024 Town of Ocean View SRO contract as presented. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Sussex Central High School Girls Tennis Uniforms

Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, motioned to accept the Sussex Central High School Girls Tennis uniforms as presented. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

New Sussex Central High School Change Order

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to approve the New Sussex Central High School Change Order for \$1,142,723.07 as presented by Mr. DiGirolamo. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

New Sussex Central High School Change Order Notifications

Mr. DiGirolamo shared with the board 4 change order notifications for the New Sussex Central High School totaling \$48,734.43.

National School Social Work Week Proclamation – March 3-9, 2024

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to accept the National School Social Work Week Proclamation – March 3-9, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Reid. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Old Business

Major Capital Planning

Dr. Owens shared with the Board the most recent construction updates. The new Sussex Central High School construction project is on schedule.

Howard T. Ennis

Dr. Owens shared with the board the greenhouse structure is 90% complete.

G.W. Carver Consent Update

Dr. Thoroughgood shared with the board the following:

- The Community Advisory Board meeting was held on February 8th. Mr. Denn shared his background and asked the board about the district's progress in meeting the expectations of the consent order. Mrs. Nika Reid shared data on graduation rates.
- At this meeting, everyone agreed to meet at Howard T. Ennis on March 21st for the next Community Advisory Board meeting.
- On Tuesday, February 20th, the district team met with Mr. Denn for a check-in meeting. We shared updates on former Carver students. Mr. Denn expressed that he will be reaching out to speak to the former Carver students' families to introduce himself and provide an opportunity for families to open a dialogue with him.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Owens reviewed the minutes from the February 12th, 2024 meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

Mr. Cathell shared with the Board that Alert Training was conducted on February 12, 2024, Constable Worrell attended gun violence seminar that was shared with the constables.

Finance

Dr. Hattier reviewed minutes from the February 12th, 2024 meeting.

Curriculum

No report.

DSBA Board of Directors

No report.

DSBA Legislative

No report.

Special Education Task Force

No report.

Policy

First Readings

BBDH Public Participation at Board Meetings

KL Public Complaints

Dr. Owens presented the following policies for first readings: BBDH Public Participation at Board Meetings
KL Public Complaints. He requested that any changes can be reported to the Policy Committee.

Second Readings

GBCB.3 Staff Conduct Harassment or Misconduct Toward Students

GCB.1 Paid Leave for Birth or Adoption of a Child

IGDJ Band and Interscholastic Athletic Uniforms & Logos

Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Hattier, motioned to approve the following policies for second readings: GBCB.3 Staff Conduct Harassment or Misconduct Toward Students, GCB.1 Paid Leave for Birth or Adoption of a Child, IGDJ Band and Interscholastic Athletic Uniforms & Logos. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

IREA Representative

Ms. Blair Caitlin Brown shared with the Board the IREA scholarship fundraiser will be held on March 8, 2024 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Revelation Craft Brewing Company in Georgetown. Seventeen students have received IREA scholarships over the years. Please congratulate Ms. Cassie Queen on being recognized as Support Professional of the Year.

Superintendents Report

Dr. Owens shared with the Board his monthly activities.

District Calendar Changes

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, motioned to approve the following district calendar changes: Change Lord Baltimore Elementary Grades 2 and 3 music performance at Indian River High School from March 7, 2024 to March 26, 2024 at Lord Baltimore Elementary. Change the Sussex Central High School Spring Band and Choir Concert from Monday, May 13, 2024 to Wednesday, May 15, 2024. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Communications

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Neal, motioned to approve the use of facility request for the use of Indian River High School Cafeteria, Auditorium, Lobby, Band and Choir rooms on March 15, 26, 17 (Sunday), 2024 by Indian River High School Drama Club. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Financial Summaries for month ending January 31, 2024

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial summaries, major and minor capital improvement financials for the month ending January 31, 2024.

Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Hattier, motioned to accept the financial summaries for the month ending January 31, 2024. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Detail Information for month ending January 31, 2024

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Dr. Hattier, moved to approve the Detail Information for the month ending January 31, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Major Capital Improvements for month ending January 31, 2024

Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Hattier, motioned to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending January 31, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Minor Capital Improvements for month ending January 31, 2024

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending January 31, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Personnel Agenda for February 26, 2024

Dr. Statler, seconded by Mr. Fritz, motioned to approve the Personnel Agenda for February 26, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Personnel Addendum for February 26, 2024

Dr. Statler, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to approve the Personnel Addendum for February 26, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Contractual Agenda for February 26, 2024

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to approve the Contractual Agenda for February 26, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Notification of Retirements

Mrs. Bunting Shared with the Board the notification of retirements for February 26, 2024.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Adjournment

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Neal, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

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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