

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024
INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MINUTES

Call to Order

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: Mrs. Lisa Briggs, Mr. Derek Cathell, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Mr. Mark Steele, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Anita West Werner, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Kelly Kline, Mr. Ivan Neal.

Executive Session

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, litigation. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Reconvene Regular Session at 7:20 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – July 22, 2024

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the agenda for July 22, 2024. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2024

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

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

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Board of Education Organizational Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2024

Mrs. Briggs, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Board of Education Organizational Executive Session Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2024

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Peden, motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Jay Owens, Karen Blannard, Celeste Bunting, Renee Jerns, Kelly Dorman, Tammy Smith, Melissa Whisted, Jennifer Troublefield, Dan Mann, Preston Lewis, Blair Caitlin Brown, Jason Pilgrim, Joe Dooley, Bob Blyman, Wendy Mears, Suzanne Timmons, Cassie Queen.

Public Comments

Wendy Mears, current teacher at Indian River School District, shared with the Board that she feels harassed and threatened while working in the district. We need to protect the children in our district. She doesn't feel safe in the district.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2024-2025 (July 2024)

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to accept 2024-2025 school choice applicants (July 2024) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

2023-2024 Field Trip Summary Report

Dr. Owens shared with the board the total number of field trips in the district for the 2023-2024 school year was 423, 63 of those were overnight or Sunday field trips.

Selbyville Middle School Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse Request

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to approve adding Selbyville Middle School Boys and Girls Lacrosse in order to receive DIAA approval to participate in games. There will be no added cost to the district, the school will be raising funds from the community to offset the costs. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Millsboro Middle School Boys Basketball Uniform Request and Millsboro Middle School Girls Basketball Uniform Request

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, motioned to approve the uniform requests for Millsboro Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Millsboro Middle School Boys Volleyball Uniform Request and Millsboro Middle School Girls Volleyball Uniform Request

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to approve the uniform requests for Millsboro Middle School Boys and Girls Volleyball as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Indian River High School Girls Basketball Uniforms

Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Peden, motioned to approve the Indian River High School Girls Basketball Uniforms as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

FY '25 Salary Scales for Administrators, Constables, Investigators, Student Advisors, and Bus Drivers

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to approve the FY '25 Salary Scale for Administrators as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Steele, motioned to approve the FY '25 Salary Scale for Constables and Investigators as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to approve the FY '25 Salary Scale for Student Advisors as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Peden, motioned to approve the FY '25 Salary Scale for Bus Drivers as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

New Sussex Central High School Change Orders

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to approve the 5 New Sussex Central High School Change Order Notifications as presented by Mr. Joe Dooley totaling \$1,268,152.00. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

New Sussex Central High School Change Order Notifications

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to approve the 11 New Sussex Central High School Change Order Notifications as presented by Mr. Joe Dooley totaling \$308,568.51. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Old Business

Major Capital Planning

Dr. Owens shared with the Board the most recent construction updates at the new Sussex Central High School.

Howard T. Ennis

Dr. Owens shared with the board the greenhouse structure is complete and operable. Artesian will be taking over the water operations.

G.W. Carver Consent Update

Dr. Whisted shared with the board the following:

- Professional Learning Requirements
 - District Disproportionality
 - Graduation Rate
 - Discipline
- Professional Learning Community (PLC) Plans submitted
 - June 24, 2024
 - Specialized settings B/C, Indian River Autism Program (IRAP), and Howard T. Ennis (HTE) Autism

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Dooley reviewed the minutes from the July 8, 2024 meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety

Mr. Cathell shared with the board that 4 constables attended an ALERT course.

Finance

Mrs. Smith reviewed minutes from the July 8, 2024 meeting.

Curriculum

No report.

DSBA Board of Directors

No report.

DSBA Legislative

No report.

Special Education Task Force

No report.

Policy

Dr. Owens reviewed the minutes from the July 8, 2024 meeting.

IREA Representative

Mrs. Blair Catlin Brown shared with the Board that IREA is finalizing negotiations. "WE ARE IR" festival is coming up and welcome the board to attend.

Superintendents Report

Dr. Owens shared with the Board the Superintendent monthly activities.

Financial Summaries for month ending June 30, 2024

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial summaries, major and minor capital improvement financials for the month ending June 30, 2024.

Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Peden, motioned to accept the financial summaries for the month ending June 30, 2024. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Detail Information for month ending June 30, 2024

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the Detail Information for the month ending June 30, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Major Capital Improvements for month ending June 30, 2024

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mr. Steele, motioned to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending June 30, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Minor Capital Improvements for month ending June 30, 2024

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mr. Steele, motioned to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending June 30, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Communications

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Steele, motioned to approve the overnight trip by Millsboro Middle School FFA on October 22-25, 2024 to Indianapolis, IN. The motioned passed unanimously (8-0).

Personnel Agenda for July 22, 2024

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to approve the Personnel Agenda for July 22, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Personnel Addendum for July 22, 2024

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to approve the Personnel Addendum for July 22, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Notification of Retirements

Mrs. Bunting Shared with the Board the notification of retirements for July 22, 2024.

Extension of Superintendent Contract

Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to approve the two year extension of the Superintendent Contract. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Public Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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

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