

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREAT MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024  
INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Call to Order

President Mrs. Leolga T. Wright called the Board Retreat Meeting of the Indian River School District Board of Education to order at 8:12 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Kline, Mr. Ivan Neal, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Mr. Mark Steele, Mrs. Kim Taylor, Mrs. Leolga Wright.  
Board Member Absent: Mr. Derek Cathell, Mrs. Anita West Werner.

Approval of Agenda – August 5, 2024

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Neal, motioned to approve the agenda for August 5, 2024. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Public Comments

No comments

New Business

Dr. Owens and Mrs. Blannard shared with the Board the Indian River School District's Strategic plan 2023-2028. Dr. Owens and Mrs. Daisey shared with the Board the Futures Committee data Items discussed were enrollment history and projections, building capacities, enrollment changes – unit count vs. mid-year unit count, future determination of the current Millsboro Middle School and boundary determinations.

Delaware State Boards Association School Board Review - School Board Liability, School Board Member Roles, Responsibilities, Powers & Duties, and Best Practices

DSBA Director Mr. David Tull, discussed board training for Indian River School District board members. He addressed the following topics:

- School Board Liability, roles, responsibilities, powers, duties, and best practices.

*Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Peden, motioned for a break at 10:03 a.m. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).*

*Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Peden, motioned to return from break at 10:12 a.m. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).*

New Business

Mrs. Tammy Smith shared with the Board an overview of the Delaware's Public Education Funding System which included discussion of the budget process, local funds overview, state funds overview, capital funding, referendum process, operating budget, capital budget, grants-in-aid bill, one time supplemental bills, mini bond bill. Mrs. Smith also reviewed Delaware's budget

timetable, school district funding: local funding, state funding, division I units, division II unit funding, division III equalization, reassessment, academic excellence, opportunity grant, mental health services. She also reviewed other state funding, budget reduction, and capital funding.

Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Blannard reviewed with the Board School Choice. They shared the Delaware Code – Title 14 Chapter 4/School District Enrollment Choice Program. Mr. Lewis reviewed the district School Choice Program Policy, School Choice Application Process/Open enrollment, Active Building Count by grade as of 6/5/2024.

#### Executive Session

Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, motioned the start of executive session at 12:11 p.m. to review a personnel agenda. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

#### Reconvene Regular Session at 12:42 p.m.

#### Personnel Agenda for August 5, 2024

Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to approve the Personnel Agenda for August 5, 2024 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

#### Public Comments

No comments.

#### Adjournment

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mrs. Briggs, motioned to adjourn the board meeting at 12:46 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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