

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 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, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mrs. Kelly Kline, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Board Members Late: Mr. Ivan Neal (6:35 pm)

Executive Session

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, litigation. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Reconvene Regular Session at 7:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Mrs. Lisa Briggs, Mr. Derek Cathell, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mrs. Kelly Kline, Mr. Ivan Neal, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, Mrs. Kim Taylor, Mrs. Leolga Wright.

Approval of Agenda – June 24, 2024

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the agenda for June 24, 2024. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2024

Mrs. Kline, seconded by Dr. Hattier, motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2024

Mrs. Kline, seconded by Dr. Hattier, motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Karen Blannard, Renee Jerns, Kelly Dorman, Tammy Smith, Tara Thoroughgood, David Maull, Jennifer Troublefield, Cliff Toomey, Dan Mann, Preston Lewis, Christy Kerr, Mike Williams, Allisa Booth, Jason Macrides, Pam Webb, Janet Hickman, Blair Caitlin Brown, Jason Pilgrim, Joe Dooley, Alexis Vickers, Brad Cowen.

Public Comments

No comments.

New Business

School Choice Applications 2024-2025 (June 2024)

Mrs. Briggs, seconded by Dr. Hattier, motioned to accept 2024-2025 school choice applicants (June 2024) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Donation

Mrs. Kline, seconded by Mr. Neal, motioned to approve the donation in the amount of \$20,000 from the Ingram family. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to approve the donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Englert family. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Nutrition Services – Community Eligibility Provision

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, motioned to approve the Nutrition Services Community Eligibility Provision as an alternative way to serve universal free breakfast and lunch to all students in high poverty local education agencies as presented by Mr. Toomey. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Indian River High School Field Hockey Uniforms

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to approve the Indian River High school field hockey uniforms as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Indian River High School Unified Flag Football Funding

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Neal, motioned to approve the funding for Indian River High School Unified Flag Football to come from fundraising not the school district budget. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Georgetown Middle School Cross Country

Mr. Neal, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to approve Georgetown Middle School Cross Country as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Indian River High School Robotics Classroom

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to approve the Indian River High School Robotics Classroom as presented by Mr. Dooley. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Indian River High School Culinary Program

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, motioned to approve the implementation of an Indian River High School Culinary Arts Program as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Architect for Certificate of Necessity

Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, motioned to approve the hire an architect to complete a Certificate of Necessity application for a commercial kitchen to implement the Year 3 Culinary Arts program as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Oil Canning

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Briggs, motioned to approve Oil Canning of single skin metal wall panels at the New Sussex Central High School as presented by Mr. Dooley and Mr. Cowen. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Sussex Central High School/Artesian Water Asset Transfer Agreement Amendment

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, motioned to approve the Sussex Central High School/Artesian Water Asset Transfer Amendment as presented by Mr. Dooley. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### John M. Clayton Elementary Walking Track

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to approve the John M. Clayton Elementary Walking Track which will be funded by PTO/Donations accounts. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### New Sussex Central High School Change Order Notifications

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Kline, motioned to approve the 11 New Sussex Central High School Change Order Notifications as presented by Mr. Joe Dooley totaling \$195,401.06. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

## Old Business

### Major Capital Planning

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

### Howard T. Ennis

Mrs. Blannard shared with the board the greenhouse structure is complete.

### G.W. Carver Consent Update

Dr. Thoroughgood shared with the board the following:

- The Community Advisory Board meeting was held in person on June 20, 2024 at Howard T. Ennis. Mr. Denn shared the 9<sup>th</sup> Interim report. Mr. Denn reviewed his recommendations for the district to implement and specific documentation to be submitted before October 1, 2024.
- The district team shared information about the IRSD Community Day on October 5, 2024. The board and district team discussed the 9<sup>th</sup> report recommendations. Our team shared information on the new district-wide Social-Emotional Learning Curriculum to be implemented this Fall.

## Committee Reports

### Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Hattier reviewed the minutes from the June 10, 2024 meeting.

### Comprehensive School Safety

No report.

### Finance

Dr. Hattier reviewed minutes from the June 10, 2024 meeting.

### Curriculum

No report.

### DSBA Board of Directors

No report.

### DSBA Legislative

No report.

### Special Education Task Force

No report.

## Policy

### First and Second Reading

#### IKA Grading Systems

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, motioned to approve IKA Grading Systems policy as a first and second reading as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

### Second Reading

#### BDB Special Board Meeting

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Mrs. Kline, motioned to approve the BDB Special Board Meeting policy for a second reading. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

## IREA Representative

Mrs. Blair Catlin Brown shared with the Board that DSEA will be supporting Bethany Hall Long for Delaware Governor. The IREA is looking forward to upcoming negotiations. She also thanked Dr. Hattier and Dr. Statler for their years of IRSD School Board service.

Superintendents Report

Mrs. Blannard shared with the Board the Superintendent monthly activities.

Financial Summaries for month ending May 31, 2024

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

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Statler, motioned to accept the financial summaries for the month ending May 31, 2024. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Detail Information for month ending May 31, 2024

Mrs. Kline, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to approve the Detail Information for the month ending May 31, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Major Capital Improvements for month ending May 31, 2024

Dr. Statler, seconded by Dr. Hattier, motioned to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending May 31, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Minor Capital Improvements for month ending May 31, 2024

Mrs. Kline, seconded by Mr. Neal, motioned to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending May 31, 2024 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

FY '25 Local Tax Rates

Mr. Peden, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, motioned to approve the FY'25 Local Tax Rates as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed (9-0-1).

For the motion: Mrs. Briggs, Mr. Cathell, Mrs. Kline, Mr. Neal, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Wright.

Abstained: Dr. Hattier.

Tax Distribution	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Capitation</u>
Current Expense Rate	\$ 2.3500	\$ 7.00
Debt Service Rate	0.2777	5.00
Tuition Tax Rate	0.5666	-
Minor Capital Improvement Tax Rate	0.0397	-
	<b>\$ 3.2340</b>	<b>\$ 12.00</b>

Communications

Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling Team on June 20-24, 2024 to Manchester, NH. *Due to time restraints the trip was approved by Board President prior to Board meeting.*

Personnel Agenda for June 24, 2024

Mrs. Pryor, seconded by Dr. Statler, motioned to approve the Personnel Agenda for June 24, 2024 excluding personnel agenda items #11, #85 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Dr. Statler, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to approve Personnel Agenda item #11 on the Personnel Agenda for June 24, 2024. The motion passed (7-0-1).

For the motion: Mrs. Briggs, Mr. Cathell, Mrs. Kline, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Neal, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Wright.

Abstained: Mr. Cathell.

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve Personnel Agenda item #85 on the Personnel Agenda for June 24, 2024. The motion passed (9-0-1).

For the motion: Mrs. Briggs, Mr. Cathell, Dr. Hattier, Mrs. Kline, Mr. Neal, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Wright.

Abstained: Dr. Statler.

#### Personnel Addendum for June 24, 2024

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Cathell, motioned to approve the Personnel Addendum for June 24, 2024 excluding personnel addendum item #2 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Mr. Peden, seconded by Cathell, moved to approve Personnel Addendum item #56 on the Personnel Addendum for April 22, 2024. The motion passed (7-0-1).

For the motion: Mrs. Briggs, Mr. Cathell, Dr. Hattier, Mrs. Kline, Mr. Neal, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Wright.

Abstained: Dr. Hattier.

#### Notification of Retirements

Mrs. Bunting Shared with the Board the notification of retirements for June 24, 2024.

#### Public Comments

Mrs. Wright thanked both Dr. Hattier and Dr. Statler for their time served as board members.

#### Adjournment

Dr. Hattie, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Karen T. Blannard  
Assistant Superintendent  
Board of Education  
Indian River School District

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