

Indian River School District CBOC Meeting January 21, 2025



The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Smith at 6:00 PM via Microsoft Teams.

In attendance were: Jay Owens, Tammy Smith, Cathy Wolfe, Scott Albrecht, Justen Albright, Gina Jennings, Dave Marvel, Bob Rush, Austin Short, Rose Watkins and Dr. Hattier.

The October 9, 2024 minutes were reviewed with no comments or changes.

Dr. Owens shared updates regarding the current activities within the district including:

- The district is already halfway through the school year.
- Inclement weather has impeded grading schedules and the district is working on ways to recover at least one day of the five snow days.
- Board approved the plan to go to Current Expense Referendum on March 20, 2025.
 The district is currently planning outreach strategies regarding the referendum.
- The new SCHS project remains on pace and is going well. The district and the board is working on finalizing alternatives that can be included in the project.

Mrs. Smith shared a presentation on the Current Expense Referendum. This included expenditure data from 2017 through 2024 and the anticipated future needs due to increased costs. There was a robust discussion regarding the data and referendum. The committee members shared their thoughts and made suggestions on communications and community outreach.

Mrs. Smith presented the FY 2025 alternate giveback plan. The District is required to giveback \$1,751,654.72 and Howard T. Ennis is required to giveback \$248,522.55. For the district, we will be giving back unfilled positions totaling \$1.7M. The remaining approximately \$10,000 will come from child safety awareness funds. The giveback for Howard T. Ennis will come from State operational funds. The giveback plans will be taken to the Board as action items.

Mrs. Smith presented the Final FY 2025 budgets for IRSD and Howard T. Ennis. Final budgets were revised based on final unit count numbers, incorporating the giveback funds, expected salary costs, and/or spending trends so far this fiscal year. The district budget reserve fund supplement is being increased by \$3.4M. The final budgets total \$239.6M for the district and \$20.9 for Howard T. Ennis. These items will be taken to the Board as action items.

Mrs. Smith reviewed the December 31, 2024 financial reports.

The next scheduled CBOC meeting is April 16, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Wolfe