



**Indian River School District
CBOC Meeting
July 17, 2024**



The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Smith at 6:02 PM via Microsoft Teams.

In attendance were: Jay Owens, Tammy Smith, Cathy Wolfe, Justen Albright, Kathleen Evans, Gina Jennings, Bob Rush, and Dave Marvel.

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

- Graduations at Sussex Central High School, Indian River High School, and Howard T. Ennis went very well.
- Administrative Institute will be held the week of July 22nd.
- There will be a new school year kick-off meeting for both North IRSD and South IRSD. This meeting will help set the path for the coming year.

Dr. Owens shared updates regarding the Sussex Central High School construction project. The project is going well and is on schedule. Alternates are being reviewed to see what can be added back into the plan.

Mrs. Smith brought up the district's consideration to going to referendum early next year and the timeline for that to happen. Several reasons for going to referendum were discussed:

- Large increases in monthly expenses such as trash, electric, etc.
- Increased operating costs associated with New Sussex Central High School (i.e. custodians, maintenance, etc.)
- Major Capital request to implement the new IRHS culinary arts curriculum with the possibility of adding a banquet room and additional classrooms to relieve the current over-crowding situation at IRHS.

Discussion continued regarding suggestions for communicating support for the referendum including:

- Highlighting how well the district has managed funds in light of inflation and growth of students
- Being clear and Informing homeowners as soon as possible what their taxes would be based on the reassessment and when they will go into effect.

Ms. Smith reviewed the FY 2025 Tax Rates. The taxes will remain relatively unchanged for FY25.

Mrs. Smith reviewed the June 30, 2024 financial reports. There were no questions or concerns.

Open discussion included comments/ideas on how to get IRSD success stories communicated to the media since print media is almost non-existent. Dr. Owens shared that Coastal Point recently published a positive article regarding IRSD.

The next scheduled CBOC meeting is October 16th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Wolfe