



Indian River School District
CBOC Meeting
January 20, 2026



The meeting was called to order by Mr. Parker at 6:00 PM at Sussex Central High School.

In attendance were: Jay Owens, Chris Parker, Cathy Wolfe, Leo Dunslinger, Paul Timmons, Paul Dietze, Gina Jennings, Scott Albrecht, Jason Pilgrim, Michael Briggs, and Greg Linder.

The October 15, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Parker shared a request for a member of the CBOC to present information discussed at the CBOC meetings to the board. Meeting attendance would be quarterly. Volunteers were asked to contact Mr. Parker.

Mr. Parker reminded members of the required one-time financial training and to requested that members that were having any issues accessing the training to please contact him or Carisa Daisey.

Mr. Parker presented the option to have the July meeting be a virtual meeting since schools are closed for summer hours. It was agreed to have the meeting virtually.

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

- That the district is half-way through the school year. Things are moving along nicely. There hasn't been a disruption due to the reduction in staff. IRSD is operating at 90%. Most positions were student support staff and not teachers.
- Currently in the process of mid-year unit count and are waiting to see how those numbers will turn out.

Dr. Owens presented an overview of the SCHS project. The main building is complete. Work continues on the hallway connecting the schools, theater improvements, furniture for band and weight rooms, as well as two new pole buildings for the Agriculture and Maintenance departments.

Dr. Owens and Mr. Parker presented an update on the discussions and direction that the Futures Committee has been working on. Pros and cons and as well as other options were discussed including potential enrollment increases/decreases due to housing developments (and possibly lack thereof), charter schools, and district real estate assets.

Mr. Parker reviewed the December 31, 2025 financial reports. Based on the calculations it is estimated that the district will have approximately \$14.9M to get through to until September/October timeframe when tax revenues will be received.

Mr. Parker presented the FY 2026 final budgets for the district for both IRSD and Howard T. Ennis. Mr. Parker shared that the budgets did not change significantly from the preliminary budgets because this year the preliminary budgets were based on the final unit count.

Mr. Parker presented timing and planning for the next possible referendum. As it currently stands the latest a referendum can be passed is January 2027 in order to meet financial obligations. Discussions were held for the timing and planning and possible options with match taxes, target demographics, and tier funding increases.

Mr. Parker requested feedback regarding pros and cons for consolidated procurement within the district or having a central location for all supplies to be received and then distributed to the schools. A discussion was held regarding central contracts and procurement rules and regulations.

The next scheduled CBOC meeting is April 15, 2026 in the Howard T. Ennis cafeteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Wolfe