

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

MINUTES

Call to Order

President James Hudson called the Regular Meeting of the Indian River School District Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: James Hudson, Charles Bireley, James Fritz, (Mrs.) Leolga Wright, Douglas Hudson, Gerald Peden, Scott Collins, Rodney Layfield, Dr. Heather Statler.

Board Member Absent: Dr. Donald Hattier.

Approval of Agenda – November 23, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Presentation of Colors

The Presentation of Colors was performed by the Indian River High School Marine JROTC.

Student Government

Natalia Elling, student government representative at Indian River High School, reported on events occurring at Indian River High School.

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2015.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2015.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2015.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Other Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Susan Bunting, Mark Steele, Jennifer Troublefield, Patrick Miller, Celeste Bunting, Belinda Waples, Jay Owens, Char Hopkins, LouAnn Hudson Pep Lewis, Will Revels, Carol Marcellus, Jason Macrides, Joe Booth, Pam Webb, Janet Hickman, Heather Bethurum, Bradley Layfield, Neil Stong, Judi Brittingham, Neil Beahan, Michael Williams, Karen Clausen, Char Hopkins, Bennett Murray, Kelly Dorman, Renee Jerns, Cliff Toomey, Walt Smith, Paris Mitchell, Linda Hockman, J.R. Emanuel, Debra Nureck,

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Kimm Nureck, Donna Mitchell, Paris Mitchell, Martha Redmond, Wendy Magee, Amanda Mitchell, Andrew Mitchell.

Special Recognition

- Atlantic Millwork and Cabinetry – ILC kitchen at Millsboro Middle School.

Public Comments

- Mr. Kimm Nureck offered a short prayer.
- Mrs. Donna Mitchell spoke to the Board regarding her concerns about teaching sensitive subject material during health class at Indian River High School.
- Mr. Paris Mitchell spoke to the Board regarding his concerns about the increasing cases of asthma, food allergies, and autism in children. He suggested the District eliminate vaccinations within IRSD schools.

School Choice Applications for 2015-2016

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the School Choice Applications for 2015-2016 as recommended. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Indian River School District Publicity Campaign

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to accept the Indian River School District Publicity Campaign as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Howard T. Ennis Vehicle Replacement

It was moved by Mr. Bireley, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to accept the Howard T. Ennis vehicle replacement plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Georgetown Middle School – Safety Security Item

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to accept the safety security item proposal for Georgetown Middle School as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Sussex Central High School Gym Flooring

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to accept the Sussex Central High School gym flooring repair proposal as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Old Business

Administrative Positions

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to table Administrative Positions until Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Committee Reports

Athletic Fields Oversight

Mr. Douglas Hudson reported all schools are operating within budget.

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Buildings & Grounds Committee

Mr. Douglas Hudson reviewed the minutes from the November 9, 2015 Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety Committee

Mr. Layfield reported that the meeting was held on November 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Indian River High School library.

Curriculum Committee

Mr. James Hudson reviewed the minutes from the November 9th, 2015 Curriculum Committee meeting.

Finance Committee

Mr. Miller reviewed the financial reports.

Mary Bailey Scholarship

There was no report.

Policy Committee

Policy – 1st Readings

Mr. Collins reviewed the following policies for first readings:

EHAA– Telecommunications Access and Acceptable Use, GBCB.6– Staff Conduct Electronic Communication and Social Media Policy, IKEA– Recovery or Original Credit opportunities, IGB– Title I Parent Involvement, and JG– Student Discipline. He asked that recommended changes be reported to the Policy Committee.

IREA Representative

Mr. J.R. Emanuele spoke to the Board about his concerns regarding the ELL Program and how it effects students in classrooms. He also questioned the honor roll qualifications for Middle School students.

Superintendent's Report

School Visits, Special Activities and Upcoming Events

Dr. Bunting shared the following report:

Special Activities

The first quarter of the 2015-2016 school year has been completed. Report cards were issued on November 19th. During the past month she had the opportunity to visit all the classrooms in East Millsboro, John M. Clayton, Lord Baltimore, and Phillip Showell elementaries, Selbyville Middle School, Indian River, the Carver Academy, and the Southern Delaware School of the Arts, where she had observed greater fidelity to Delaware's standards and increased evidence of instructional shifts related to those standards.

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Since the last Board meeting, her schedule has continued to be filled with activity. In addition to the regular principals', construction, technology, and committee meetings with representatives from various agencies, programs, and interest groups, She

- Hostessed the Fall Sussex County Legislative Breakfast at Sussex Central.
- Represented the Chief School Officers at the inaugural meeting of the Assessment Inventory Task Force.
- Participated in weekly conference calls related to the WEIC Wilmington Educational Improvement Commision subcommittee on funding
- Attended all home football games.
- Investigated the location of the WPA murals that formerly hung in the foyer of The Georgetown School.
- Emceed at the Student Success 2025 conference at the University of Delaware as well as co-lead a breakout session.
- Conversed with Sen. Lopez regarding services to the district's ELL students.
- Hosted a student focus group at Indian River.
- Accompanied a DOE representative through a group of district schools.
- Met with the sponsors of the Delaware Leadership Project.
- Attended the Honor Society Induction ceremonies at both Sussex Central and Indian River high schools.
- Enjoyed the Thanksgiving Feast at Millsboro Middle School.
- Participated with Mr. Bireley in the State Board of Education sponsored workshop on Superintendent Evaluation.
- Watched the Indian River soccer team defeat Caravel Academy and earn the State's Division II soccer championship!

Upcoming Events

She requested that Board members Please note the times and locations of numerous holiday concerts that are scheduled between now and Christmas vacation and invite all to attend at least one performance to experience that phenomenal talents of district students.

Class Size Waivers

Mr. Steele reported that no class size waivers will be requested this year since all classes meet the K-2 student count requirements.

Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending October 30, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Bireley, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending October 30, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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Financial Summaries for month ending October 30, 2015

Mr. Miller reviewed the Financial Summaries for the month ending October 30, 2015.

Major Cap Improvement Appropriation Financial Summaries for month ending October 30, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Major Cap Improvement Appropriation Financial Summaries for the month ending October 30, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Major Cap Improvement Project Payment Authorization for month ending October 30, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Major Cap Project Final Payment Authorization in the amount of \$469,111 for the month ending October 30, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Major Cap Improvement Project by School Summaries for month ending October 30, 2015

Mr. Miller reviewed the Major Cap Improvement Project by School Summaries for the month ending October 30, 2015.

Major Cap Improvement Change Orders for month ending October 30, 2015

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Major Cap Improvement Change Orders for the month of October 30, 2015 in the amount of \$20,555. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Minor Cap Improvement Project Payment Authorization for month ending October 30, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the Minor Cap Improvement Payment Authorization for month ending October 30, 2015 in the amount of \$57,563. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Minor Cap Improvement School Summaries for month ending October 30, 2015

Mr. Miller reviewed the Minor Cap Improvement School Summaries for the month ending October 30, 2015.

Minor Cap Improvement Appropriation Financial Summaries for month ending October 30, 2015

Mr. Miller reviewed the Minor Cap Improvement Appropriation Financial Summaries for the month ending October 30, 2015.

Minor Cap Improvement Change Orders for month ending October 30, 2015

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Minor Cap Improvement Change Orders for the month of October 30, 2015 in the amount of \$16,740. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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Contingency Accounting Summary for month ending October 30, 2015

Mr. Miller reviewed the Contingency Accounting Summary for the month ending October 30, 2015.

Communications

Thank You Note

Dr. Bunting shared with the Board a thank you note from the McCoy, Burke, and Davis families.

Field Trip Requests

- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling Team on January 8-9, 2016 to Wilmington, DE
- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling Team on January 15-16, 2016 to Berlin, MD
- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling Team on January 22-23, 2016 to Middletown, DE
- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling Team on February 20-21, 2016 to Dover, DE
- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Mock Trial Team on February 25-27, 2016 to Wilmington, DE
- Overnight trip by Indian River High School Wrestling Team on January 8-9, 2016 to Wilmington, DE

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Field Trip Requests. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Collins, to go into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Reconvene

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to reconvene in Regular Session at 12:10 a.m. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Agenda for November 23, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the Personnel Agenda for November 23, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Administrative Positions

It was moved by Mr. Bireley, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the administration's recommendation for 2015 No. 1. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Bireley, to approve the non-renewal of 2015 No. 2's contract. The motion failed (3-6-0).

For the motion: Mr. Bireley, Mr. Douglas Hudson, Mr. Layfield

Against the motion: Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Peden, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

Student Hearings

Student Nos. 16-18 and 16-20

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Hearing Officers' recommendations on Student Nos. 16-18 and 16-20. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Adjournment

President Hudson adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James E. Hudson
President
Board of Education
Indian River School District

Susan S. Bunting, Ed.D.
Secretary and Superintendent
Board of Education
Indian River School District

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