

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.
INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

MINUTES

Call to Order

President Charles Bireley 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: Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Charles Bireley, Mr. James Fritz, Mrs. Leolga Wright, Mr. Douglas Hudson, Mr. Gerald Peden, Dr. Heather Statler, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Mr. Scott Collins.

Board Member Absent: Dr. Donald Hattier.

Approval of Agenda – November 28, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Layfield, 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

Samuel Rojas, Indian River's student government representative, reported on events occurring at Indian River High School.

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2016.

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2016.

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

Other Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Susan Bunting, Mark Steele, Jennifer Troublefield, Celeste Bunting, Char Hopkins, LouAnn Hudson, Jan Steele, Pep Lewis, Will Revels, Joe Booth, Pam Webb, Janet Hickman, Heather Bethurum, Bradley Layfield, Neil Stong, Karen Oliphant, Judi Brittingham, Neil Beahan, Jason Macrides, Michael Williams, Michael Rodriguez, Brandon Snyder, Heather Cramer, Bennett Murray, Kelly Dorman, Renee Jerns, Cliff Toomey, Walt Smith, Will Revels, Melissa Kansak, Audrey Carey, Laura Walter, Glenn Rolfe, Dave Maull, Linda Hockman, Claudia Waters, Rebecca Cordrey, Rylie Cordrey, Kaleigh Cordrey, Mike Hough, George Bunting, Evelyn Brown, Danette Mumford, Todd Mumford, Macy Mumford, Sami Mumford, Michelle Johnson, Mckenzie Johnson, Max Stong, Dusudha Boopathi, Ronna Cobb, Jesse Cobb, Jessica Amezcua, Walt Barcus, Brad

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Cowen, Courtney Bunkle, Tambara Stewart, Chris White, Marsha White, Andrew White, Patrick Mochiam, Mikie Mochiam, Mark Tingle, Kimberly Chandler, Wendy Megee, Todd Vickers, Mary Ellen Whelen, Samantha Whelen, Doug Femar.

Special Recognition

- Above and Beyond (PS): Ronna Cobb
- State of Delaware Division II School Bus Poster Winner (EM): Jayani Boopathi
- Indian River School District Comprehensive School Safety (District)
- Academic All Conference (IR): Andrew White (Football & Soccer); Samantha Whelen, Matthew Lyons, Luke Morgan (Soccer); Jaron Elliott, Kashid Waples, Olivia Garvey, Madison Hogsten, Sarah Roehl (Cross Country); Samantha Whelen, Erin Haden, Rylie Cordrey, Avery Congleton, Morgan Bomhardt (Field Hockey).
- First Team All - Conference (IR): Andrew White, George Martin (Football); Alexis Haden, Erin Haden, Margaret Ford, Kaleigh Cordrey (Field Hockey); McKenzie Johnson, Samantha Mumford, Jessica Amezcua (Volleyball); Johan DeJesus Cordoba, Patrick Mochiam, Mikie Mochiam, Oscar Cruz Osorio, Maykin Josue Nunez Gutierrez, Kevin Calles (Soccer).

Public Comments

- Claudia Waters spoke to the Board about better accountability within the district. She cited various issues resulting from audit of the district's finances.
- George Bunting spoke to the Board about pursuing further investigation of Mr. Miller with Attorney General's office. He also suggested the Board look into forming a "whistle blower" committee.
- Mark Phillips offered a short prayer.

School Choice Applications for 2016-2017

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Peden, to approve the School Choice Applications for 2016-2017 as recommended. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

ESSA

Dr. Bunting reviewed with the Board the attached information regarding ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) requirements and opportunities for Delaware.

DSSF

Mr. Owens reviewed with the Board the DSSF 2016 school level results.

Millsboro Middle School 3M Security Film Proposal

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Millsboro Middle School 3M Security Film Proposal at no cost to the district. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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Indian River High School Alumni Sign Proposal on Clayton Avenue, Frankford, DE

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Dr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Indian River High School Alumni Sign Proposal on Clayton Avenue, Frankford, DE at no cost to the district. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Ingram Pond Farming Contract

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to accept the Ingram Pond Farming Contract as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Old Business

Administrative Positions and Salaries

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

Referendum

Dr. Bunting read the results of the current expense referendum held on November 22, 2016.

Committee Reports

Athletic Fields Oversight

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

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Mr. Douglas Hudson reviewed the minutes from the November 14, 2016 Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety Committee

Mr. Layfield thanked the Department of Homeland Security for the recognition this evening.

Curriculum Committee

Mr. James Hudson reviewed the minutes from the November 14, 2016 Curriculum Committee meeting.

Finance Committee

Mrs. Steele reviewed the financial reports.

Mary Bailey Scholarship

There was no report.

Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler updated the Board on the Special Education Task Force.

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Policy Committee

Policy – 1st Reading

Mr. Collins presented the following polices for a first reading: KH – Online Donation Accounts; JG.4 – Suicide Prevention and Training. He requested that any changes should be reported to the Policy Committee.

IREA Representative

Linda Hockman shared with the Board the continued support of the referendum by IREA.

Superintendent's Report

School Visits, Special Activities and Upcoming Events

Dr. Bunting shared the following report:

Special Activities

The past month has been an extremely busy one. Much of our time and energy has been invested in promoting the passage of the November 22nd referendum. She would like to publically thank Dave Maull for the phenomenal job he did in creating materials, organizing activities, and handling the press. I would also like to express appreciation to the Central Office team and to Board members who participated in presentations and/or interviews.

During that period I have

- Conducted 21 presentations with civic groups, faculties, and the public.
- Been interviewed by several TV stations, a radio station, and several newspaper reporters regarding both the referendum and budget cuts.
- Recorded a second podcast.
- Done a Dan Gaffney 1-minute spot.
- Stopped by the Rotary-sponsored district spelling bee.
- Attended a second ESSA Governor's Advisory Council meeting.
- Served as a panelist for the Mr. Layfield's community forum on safety.
- Co-hosted the Chiefs' Sussex County legislative breakfast.
- Received a Community Partnership Award for the district from First State Community Action at its annual banquet.
- Presented Certificates of Appreciation to La Casita translating volunteers.
- Served on a AASA scholarship selection committee.
- Read one of my favorite books to an SDSA third grade class.

In addition, I have attended

- The state's Teacher of the Year event.
- A superintendents' training on equitable access.
- A full-day ESSA training.
- A BRINC leadership meeting.
- All high school home football games, both soccer semi-final games, and soccer state championship game.

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- The Marine Corps JROTC birthday celebration.
- A meeting with key state officials regarding acquiring a piece of the Stockley property for an Ennis site.

Class Size Waiver

It was moved by Mr. Peden, seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the class size waiver as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Two of our elementary schools have classes exceeding 22 students:

East Millsboro Elementary

2nd grade section 3 has 25 students.

2nd grade section 4 has 26 students.

2nd grade section 7 has 25 students.

3rd grade section 6 has 23 students.

Long Neck Elementary

2nd grade section 4 has 25 students

G.W. Carver Academy

Mr. Owens provided the Board with an overview of the \$7,000.00 grant used for the positive action curriculum. The staff has begun implementing the curriculum at Carver.

Calendar Changes

- Add John M. Clayton Elementary School Holiday concert on December 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
- Change Southern Delaware School of the Arts Drama production from February 14, 2017 to February 16, 2017
- Change Southern Delaware School of the Arts Band Concert from May 10, 2017 to May 4, 2017
- Change Southern Delaware School of the Arts Dance performance from May 24, 2017 to May 17, 2017
- Change Southern Delaware School of the Arts Vocal performance from June 1, 2017 to May 24, 2017.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to approve the calendar changes as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending October 31, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending October 31, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Major Cap Improvement Project Payment Authorizations for the month ending October 31, 2016

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve Major Cap Improvement Project Payment Authorizations in the amount of \$67,742.00 for the month ending October 31, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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FY '17 Total Revenue and Expense Budget

It was moved by Mr. Peden, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the FY '17 Total Revenue and Expense Budget. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Use of Facilities

Use of Sussex Central High School auditorium on December 2, 3, and 4, 2016 by Delaware Dance Alliance.

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

Field Trip Requests

(1) Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling on December 16 - 18, 2016 to Newark, DE.

(2) Overnight trip by Indian River High School Band, Colorguard, and Acapella on April 7 - 10, 2017 to Williamsburg, VA.

(3) Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Chorus/Concert Band/Jazz Band/Marching Band on April 27 - May 1, 2017 to Gaitlinburg, Pigeon Forge, and Knoxville, TN.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Layfield, 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 Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Collins, to go into Executive Session at 8:10 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. Collins, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to reconvene in Regular Session at 10:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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Personnel Agenda for November 28, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Personnel Agenda for November 28, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Addendum for November 28, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Personnel Addendum for November 28, 2016, excluding Candidate Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

There was no motion made on candidate Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Personnel Contractual Agenda for November 28, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Personnel Contractual Agenda for November 28, 2016. The motion passed (9-0).

Student Hearings

Student Nos. 17-04, 17-06, 17-08

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendations on Student Nos. 17-04, 17-06, 17-08. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Adjournment

President Bireley adjourned the meeting at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Bireley
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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