

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
SUSSEX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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. Gerald Peden, Mr. Douglas Hudson, Dr. Heather Statler, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Mr. Scott Collins.

Approval of Agenda – April 24, 2017

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Presentation of Colors

The Presentation of Colors was performed by the Sussex Central High School ARMY JROTC.

Student Government

Natalie Atkinson, Sussex Central High School's student government representative, reported on events occurring at Sussex Central River High School.

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2017.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2017.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2017.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Other Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Mark Steele, Jennifer Troublefield, Celeste Bunting, LouAnn Hudson, Jan Steele, Pep Lewis, Walt Smith, Joe Booth, Pam Webb, Janet Hickman, Heather Bethurum, Bennett Murray, Bradley Layfield, Neil Stong, Karen Oliphant, Judi Brittingham, Neil Beahan, Jason Macrides, Michael Williams, Michael Rodriguez, Karen Clausen, Heather Cramer, Kelly Dorman, Renee Jerns, Cliff Toomey, Will Revels, Audrey Carey, Melissa Kansak, Laura Walter, Glenn Rolfe, Dave Maull, Linda Hockman, JR Emanuele, Gray Hughes, Michelle Smith, Angela Wilson, Traci Makowski, Theresa Harmon, Michelle Erskine,

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Kim Lekites, Marie Keffer, Lana Short, Erin Crooks, Natalie Atkinson, Kim Robinson, Jill Collins, Taylor Miller, Tara Richards, Tom Richards, Connie Pryor, Christine Morrison, Jordan Marvel, Beth Dabrowski, Kayla Syphard, Wanda Calvert, Melinda Justice, Sharon Neller, Tom Murphy, Donna Lynch, Megan Oliphant, Candace Bethke, Brittany Roberts, Ashley Gray, Jennifer Bower, Stacey Pavlik, Sarah Brock, Kendall Warrington, Brittany Sharff, Susan Kerr, Bonnie Miller, Elizabeth Johansen, Traci Bullis, Mike Bullis, Dawn Shultz, Kristin Wilkins, Laura Hudson, Ashley Revel, Victoria Martin, Terrell Truitt, Elizabeth Helm, Cassie Rickards, Shelia Walls, Linda Pusey, Nicole Holston, Jennifer Taylor, Tyler Dickerson, Kyle VanNorman, Georgi Schwendthe, Karen Hughes, Katherine Jones, Janice Curtis, Cherokee Bonilla, Elizabeth Cwtsinga, Wanda Sammons, Lori Williams, Patty Reichert, Alexander Smyth, Destin Smyth, Heather Smyth.

Special Recognition

- Business Professional Association National Conference Qualifier (GM): Osberto Gomez Santana.
- Above and Beyond (GE): Gary DeBlasis (School Safety Monitor) and Joseph Melvin (School Resource Officer).
- Certificate of Appreciation (SC Mock Trial Coaches): Ashley M. Bickel, Esquire and Eric Hacker, Esquire.

Public Comments

- Michelle Smith offered a short prayer.
- Angela Wilson, a teacher at Georgetown Middle, spoke to the Board about keeping Mr. Williams as principal at Georgetown Middle instead of moving to principal at Indian River High School. She spoke on behalf of the staff about his stellar performance at the school.
- Traci Makowski, IREA paraprofessional representative, spoke to Board about the importance of paraprofessionals in the district.

New Business

School Choice Applications for 2016-2017

It was moved by Dr. Statler, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to separate the 2016-2017 “out of district” School Choice Applicants from the “in district” School Choice Applications. Dr. Statler withdrew her motion.

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Collins, to accept the principal recommendations for the 2016-2017 School Choice applications. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

School Choice Applications for 2017-2018

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Collins, to accept the principal recommendations for the 2017-2018 School Choice Applications. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

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RFP #5-17-25 Fresh Produce

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to accept the RFP #5-17-25 Fresh Produce proposal as presented by Cliff Toomey. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

2017-2018 District Calendar

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to accept the 2017-2018 District Calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

2016-2017 District Calendar

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Collins to (1) Change last of school for students from June 16, 2017 to June 9, 2017; (2) change last day for teachers from June 20, 2017 to June 13, 2017; (3) change last day for paraprofessionals from June 20, 2017 to June 13, 2017; (4) change last day for pre-school from June 9, 2017 to June 2, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Summer Hours

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the summer work hours beginning June 19, 2017 to August 11, 2017 - Monday through Wednesday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Friday. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Old Business

Administrative Positions

There was no discussion.

Administrative Salaries

There was no discussion.

Budget/Programs

There was no discussion.

Committee Reports

Buildings & Grounds Committee

No meeting during the month of April.

Comprehensive School Safety Committee

No meeting during the month of April.

Curriculum Committee

No meeting during the month of April.

Finance Committee

No meeting during the month of April.

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Mary Bailey Scholarship

No updates on Mary Bailey Scholarships.

Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler updated the Board on the Special Education Task Force. She gave a synopsis of recent activities and research initiatives.

Policy Committee

No meeting during the month of April.

IREA Representative

J.R. Emanuele spoke to the Board about the importance of paraprofessionals throughout the district. Teachers, paraprofessionals, and secretaries voted to re-open negotiations.

Superintendent's Report

School Visits, Special Activities and Upcoming Events

Mr. Steele shared the following report:

Special Activities

- 4/6/2017 – DC SOA meeting in Dover
- 4/6/2017 – BRINC meeting in Dover
- 4/7/2017 – Teacher-of-the-Year Interviews
- 4/11/2017 – Sussex County Legislative Breakfast
- 4/12/2017 – IRHS Student Focus Group
- 4/13/2017 – IRSD Teacher/Secretary Negotiations
- 4/25/2017 – Sec. of Education Scholars Dinner in Dover
- 4/26/2017 – IRSD Teacher-of-the-Year Celebration

Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending March 31, 2017

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending March 31, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Major Cap Improvement Financials for the month ending March 31, 2017

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve Major Cap Improvement Financials payment authorizations in the amount of \$46,797.00 for the month ending March 31, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Minor Cap Improvement Financials for the month ending March 31, 2017

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve Minor Cap Improvement Financials payment authorizations in the amount of \$52,860.08 for the month ending March 31, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

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Major Cap Improvement Change Orders for the month ending March 31, 2017

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Minor Cap Improvement Change Orders in the amount of \$14,294.00 for the month ending March 31, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Minor Cap Improvement Change Orders for the month ending March 31, 2017

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Minor Cap Improvement Change Orders in the amount of (+) \$2,086.00 for the month ending March 31, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Financial Position Report

Mrs. Jan Steele reviewed with the Board the financial position report as of March 31, 2017.

Actual Unencumbered: \$10,988,224.33

Encumbered: \$1,530,892.43

Projected income (4/1/17 to 6/30/17): \$1,584,230.00

Projected available Income for Quarter 4: \$14,103,346.76

Projected Salary (4/1/17 to 6/30/17): \$7,627,466.95

Projected Non-Salary (4/1/17 to 6/30/17): \$1,207,160.84

Total Projected Expenditures for Quarter 4: \$8,834,627.79

Projected available Balance as of 6/30/17: \$5,268,718.97

(Projected 1 month payroll \$2,500,000)

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the financial position report as of March 31, 2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Use of Facilities Requests

- (1) Use of Indian River High School auditorium and cafeteria by Southern Delaware Chorale on May 6 and 7, 2017.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Use of Facilities Request. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Field Trip Requests

- (1) Sunday trip by Georgetown Middle School students to Dover, DE on June 4, 2017.
- (2)

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Field Trip Request. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Public Comments

- No public comments.

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Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, 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 (10-0).

Reconvene

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Collins, to reconvene in Regular Session at 10:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Agenda for April 24, 2017

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Agenda for April 24, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel Addendum for April 24, 2017

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Addendum for April 24, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Student Hearings

Student Nos. 17-53, 17-55, and 17-57

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendation on Student Nos. 17-53, 17-55, and 17-57. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Negotiations

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the re-negotiated contract for teachers and secretaries. The motion passed (9-1-0).

For the motion: Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Bireley, Mr. Fritz, Mrs. Wright, Mr. Douglas Hudson, Dr. Statler, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Layfield, Mr. Collins.

Against the motion: Mr. Peden.

Adjournment

President Bireley adjourned the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Bireley
President
Board of Education
Indian River School District

Mark L. Steele
Secretary and Interim Superintendent
Board of Education
Indian River School District

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