

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 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, Dr. Heather Statler, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Mr. Scott Collins, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mr. Douglas Hudson.

Approval of Agenda – August 28, 2017

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

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2017.

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2017.

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

Special Recognition

Project V.I.L.L.A.G.E. was presented with a donation from Mountaire Farms, Inc.

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, Bradley Layfield, Neil Stong, Jason Macrides, Michael Williams, Karen Clausen, Heather Cramer, Renee Jerns, Kelly Dorman, Cliff Toomey, Audrey Carey, Melissa Kansak, Laura Walter, Glenn Rolfe, Dave Maull, Gray Hughes, Mary Ellen Monos, Bob Maloney, Rachel Hooker, Abby Fink, Kathy Rash, Andrea Rash, Christina Mendez, Brad Cowen, Vanessa Ortiz, Doris Chaves, Shawn McKean, Roger Marino.

Public Comments

- Ms. Andrea Rash spoke to the Board regarding School Choice. The family would like their child to attend the North Georgetown Elementary, they currently reside outside of the North Georgetown Elementary attendance area.
- Mr. Kim Nureck offered a short prayer.

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Data Service Center

Ms. Katey Semmel from the Data Service Center presented to the Board the system used by many school districts in the State of Delaware. This system enhances the school choice application process for school districts.

School Choice Applications 2017-2018

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to accept the principal and superintendent's recommendations for the School Choice applications for 2017-2018. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

DeSSA 2016-2017 Data Review

Mr. Jay Owens reviewed with the Board the DeSSA scores and rankings for the 2016-2017 school year.

Nutrition Services Budget 2017-2018

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Nutrition Services Budget 2017-2018 as presented by Mr. Cliff Toomey. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

School Meal Prices 2017-2018

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the School Meal Prices 2017-2018 as presented by Mr. Cliff Toomey. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

New Committee Approvals

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to approve the new committees (CBOC Committee and School Choice Committee). The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

DEAOS Weather Station location at Indian River High School

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve a DEAOS weather station location at Indian River High School. A presentation was given by Kevin Brinson from University of Delaware. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

New Century Club Proposals

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to table New Century Club Proposals until executive session. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

School Tax Relief Requests

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to table School Tax relief requests until executive session. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

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FFA Parent Request

Mr. Mark Steele shared with the Board a parent request for a student who attended Millsboro Middle School last year to attend the FFA national competition. The student now attends Sussex Tech. The parent is requesting the district pay for the student to attend the national competition.

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Collins, to deny the FFA parent request. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Old Business Howard T. Ennis Future Land Site

Mr. Mark Steele updated the Board on more recent information regarding the Howard T. Ennis future land site.

Administrative Positions

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to table Administrative Positions until executive session. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Administrative Salaries

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to table Administrative Salaries until executive session. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Committee Reports

Buildings & Grounds Committee

No report.

Comprehensive School Safety Committee

No meeting during the month of August.

Curriculum Committee

No report.

Finance Committee

Mrs. Steele reviewed the financial reports.

Mary Bailey Scholarship

No report.

Special Education Task Force.

Dr. Statler reported to the Board that the special education task force is looking to expand. The parent focus group meetings will begin in the Fall.

Policy Committee

No report.

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IREA Representative

There was no report.

Superintendent's Report

School Visits, Special Activities and Upcoming Events Mr.

Steele shared the following report:

Superintendent's Activities for August 2017

8/1/ 2017 – Secretary of Education Retreat - Dover

8/15/2017 – Administrative Workshop – MMS

8/16/2017 – Administrative Workshop - MMS

8/17/2017 – Ennis Land Acquisition Meeting - Dover

8/22/2017 – CBOC Meeting – IREC

8/24/2017 – Bus Drivers Meeting – IRHS

8/25/2017 – Bus Drivers Meeting - SCHS

Financial Reports Regular Invoices for month ending July 31, 2017

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to approve Major Cap Improvement Financials payment authorizations in the amount of \$4,424.00 for the month ending July 31, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

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

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve Minor Cap Improvement Financials payment authorizations in the amount of \$56,539.22 for the month ending July 31, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

FY 2018 Budget

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the FY 2018 as presented by Mrs. Jan Steele. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Financial Position Report

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the financial position report as presented by Mrs. Jan Steele. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Use of Facility Request

(1) Use of Millsboro Middle School softball field on Sunday, September 17, 2017 by Emmanuel's House Church.

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

Field Trip Request

- (1) Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School FFA Chapter on September 20-21, 2017 to Cape Henlopen State Park.
- (2) Overnight trip by Indian River High School FFA Chapter on September 20-21, 2017 to Cape Henlopen State Park.

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

Public Comments

Mr. Bob Maloney addressed the Board about the district website about the passed current expense referendum with regards to the tax rate. He also suggested the district use any funds accepted from a golf tournament not be used in the district's general funds account.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to go into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Dr. Hattier left the Board meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Reconvene

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to reconvene in Regular Session at 11:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Agenda for August 28, 2017

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Personnel Agenda for August 28, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Addendum for August 28, 2017

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Addendum for August 28, 2017, excluding candidate No. 16, and tabling candidate No. 17. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Contractual Agenda for August 28, 2017

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Personnel Contractual Agenda for August 28, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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New Century Club Proposals

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to accept the agreed offer presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

School Tax Relief

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to accept the school tax relief for request #1 and request #2 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to deny the school tax relief request #3 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to deny the school tax relief request #4 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

18-01 PER

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Dr. Statler to accept the request by 18-01 PER as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Negotiations

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to accept paraprofessional contract negotiations as presented by Mrs. Celeste Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Adjournment

President Bireley adjourned the meeting at 11:47 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

CMB/MLS:jmt