

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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, Dr. Heather Statler, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mr. Douglas Hudson.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Gerald Peden, Mr. Scott Collins

Presentation of Colors

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

Student Government

Sussex Central High School's student government representative, Steven Sides, reported on events occurring at Sussex Central High School.

Approval of Agenda – October 23, 2017

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2017.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2017.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Special Recognition

- 2017 National Blue Ribbon School – East Millsboro Elementary.
- 2017 State Level Finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching (GM) Vickie Pendleton.
- New Century Club donation of Georgetown property to Indian River School District.

Other Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Mark Steele, Jennifer Troublefield, Celeste Bunting, LouAnn Hudson, Jan Steele, Jay Owens, Pep Lewis, Walt Smith, Joe Booth, Pam Webb, Janet Hickman, Bradley Layfield, Neil Stong, Jason Macrides, Michael Williams, Karen Clausen, Heather Cramer, Renee

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Jerns, Kelly Dorman, Cliff Toomey, Melissa Kansak, Judi Brittingham, Linda Hockman, Clara Conn, Laura Walter, Glenn Rolfe, Gray Hughes, Bob Maloney, Jeremy Barbrow, Doris Donahue, Ida Faucett, Traci Bullis, Taylor Bullis, Mike Bullis.

### Public Comments

- Mr. Jeremy Barbrow offered a short prayer.
- Mike Bullis, parent of Taylor Bullis, spoke to the Board about his daughter's denial to attend the FFA completion in Indianapolis. He has not been presented with any written notification regarding the denial of his daughter's attendance at FFA Nationals.

### 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 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### 2017-2018 Unit Count Review

Mrs. Steele provided a summary of the district's continued growth, the district's student population as of September 30, 2017 is 10,619.

### Athletic Fields

The athletic fields will be discussed during the Buildings and Grounds committee review by Mr. Douglas Hudson.

### Middle School Immersion

Dr. LouAnn Hudson, Mr. Macrides, Dr. Jerns, and Mr. Forjan, reviewed with the Board information regarding the middle school Spanish immersion implementation. Selbyville Middle School Fall of 2018, and Millsboro Middle School Fall of 2019.

### Ingrams Pond Farm Contract

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to accept the farming/land lease 2017-2018 contract in the amount of \$1,800.00. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### Sussex Central High School Parking Lot Island Proposals

It was moved by Mr. Doug Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield to approve the Sussex Central High School Parking Lot Island proposal in the amount of \$9,375.00. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### Tax Relief Request

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to table Tax Relief Request until Executive session. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

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### Old Business

#### Athletic Directors Sponsorship Proposal Presentation

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Doug Hudson, to table Athletic Directors Sponsorship Proposal Presentation until Executive session. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

#### Administrative Positions

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

#### Administrative Salaries

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to table Administrative Salaries until executive session. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### Committee Reports

#### Buildings & Grounds Committee

Mr. Douglas Hudson reviewed the minutes from the October 9, 2017 Buildings and Grounds meeting. It was shared with the Board the need to install Bermuda grass fields at both high schools.

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to install two (2) Bermuda grass fields at both Sussex Central and Indian River High Schools. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

#### Comprehensive School Safety Committee

Mr. Layfield reviewed with the Board the second comprehensive School Safety meeting of the year was conducted with the northern school representatives on October 23, 2017.

#### Curriculum Committee

Mr. James Hudson reviewed the minutes from the October 9, 2017 Curriculum committee meeting.

#### 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 parent meeting will be held on November 1, 2017 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Howard T. Ennis. They will also be hosting a meeting for the families of the special education students on November 13, 2017 at the Parent Center.

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### Policy Committee

#### Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

##### JECC-A- School Choice Program

It was moved by Mr. Doug Hudson, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to accept the following policy for a second reading: JECC-A – School Choice Program. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### IREA Representative

There was no report.

### Superintendent's Report

Mr. Steele shared the following report:

#### Superintendent's Activities for September 2017

10/5/2017 and 10/6/2017 – DC SOA Retreat – Rehoboth

10/6/2017 – Sussex Central Football Game vs. Sussex Tech

10/10/2017 – Indian River Field Hockey Game vs. Cape

10/11/2017 – IREA Liaison Meeting

10/13/2017 – Indian River High School Homecoming vs. Seaford

10/17/2017 – State Teacher-of-the-Year Ceremony in Dover

10/18/2017 – Facebook Live

10/28/2017 – Sussex Central High School Homecoming vs. Cape

Also, Mr. Steele completed 16 Goal Conferences with our building principals.

### District Calendar Changes

- Change Sussex Central High School winter concert from December 13, 2017 to December 11, 2017.
- Change the Indian River High School vs. Sussex Central High School football game from November 10, 2017 to November 9, 2017.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to accept the calendar changes as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### Financial Reports

#### Regular Invoices for month ending September 30, 2017

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending September 30, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

#### Major Cap Improvement Financials for the month ending September 30, 2017

It was moved by Dr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve Major Cap Improvement Financials payment authorizations in the amount of \$8,524.00 and change orders in the amount of \$4,753.00 for the month ending September 30, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

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### Minor Cap Improvement Financials for the month ending September 30, 2017

It was moved by Dr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve Minor Cap Improvement Financials payment authorizations in the amount of \$158,063.41 for the month ending September 30, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### Use of Facility Requests

(1) Use of John M. Clayton elementary classrooms, library, cafeteria, and auditorium beginning November 5, 2017 to November 5, 2018 by High Tide Church.

(2) Use of John M. Clayton elementary gymnasium on Sundays beginning November 5, 2017 to March 31, 2018 by First State Pickleball Club, Inc.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to approve the use of facilities requests. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### Field Trip Requests

(1) Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling on December 16-18, 2017 to Newark, DE (2) Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling on January 5-6, 2018 to Newport, DE; (3) Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling on January 12-13, 2018 to Berlin, MD; (4) Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling on January 19-20, 2018 to Middletown, DE; (5) Overnight trip by Indian River High School Wrestling on December 15-17, 2017 to Newark, DE; (6) Overnight trip by Indian River High School Wrestling on January 5-6, 2018 to Newport, DE; (7) Overnight trip by Indian River High School Wrestling on January 12-13, 2018 to Baltimore, MD.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Field Trip Requests. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### Public Comments

No public comments were made.

### Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to go into Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### Reconvene

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to reconvene in Regular Session at 10:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### Personnel Agenda for October 23, 2017

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

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Personnel Addendum for October 23, 2017

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Personnel Addendum for October 23, 2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Personnel Contractual Agenda for October 23, 2017

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Personnel Contractual Agenda for October 23, 2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Tax Relief Request

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to deny the tax relief request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Administrative Salaries

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to accept the administrative salaries as presented for the months of August and September, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Land Acquisition

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to accept option #2 with regards to Howard T. Ennis. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Adjournment

President Bireley adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

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