

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
SUSSEX CENTRAL 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, Dr. Donald Hattier, Rodney Layfield, Dr. Heather Statler.

Board Member Absent: Scott Collins.

Approval of Agenda – October 26, 2015

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

Presentation of Colors

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

Student Government

Charlie Megginson, student government representative at Sussex Central High School, reported on events occurring at Sussex Central High School.

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2015.

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2015.

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, 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, Michael Williams, Karen Clausen, Char Hopkins, Bennett Murray, Kelly Dorman, Renee Jerns, Cliff Toomey, Walt Smith, David Hudson, Paris Mitchell, Linda Hockman, J.R. Emanuel, Sara Ferreira-Holz, Alexander Holz, Stacey Simon, Amber Spaccarelli, Anthony Greene, Scott Whaley, Michelle Whaley, Martha Redmond, Gabrielle Bowden, Chris Budesheim, Desiree Budesheim, Nicole Holston, Kristin Wilkins, Buddy Snyder, Melissa Long.

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Special Recognition

- Jonathan Cryer and Daniel Lawver – District Computer Technicians – DTI-CCSE Certification.

Public Comments

- Ms. Kristin Wilkins spoke on behalf of the staff at Howard T. Ennis. She asked the Board to consider building a new school for the Howard T. Ennis population of students and staff.
- Pastor Blades offered a short prayer.
- Mr. Paris Mitchell spoke to the Board regarding his concerns about the increasing cases of asthma, food allergies, and autism in children. He believes there is a direct correlation between vaccinations and the modifications to food. 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).

American Education Week Resolution – November 16-20, 2015

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the American Education Week Resolution for November 16-20, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Title IX Coordinator Responsibilities, 504 Coordinator Responsibilities, and ADA Coordinator Responsibilities

Dr. Bunting noted that districts are required to publicly name the persons who are responsible for Title IX, 504, and ADA matters. For the 2015-2016 school year, Mark Steele is responsible for Title IX matters, LouAnn Hudson is responsible for 504 matters, and Joe Booth is responsible for ADA matters.

Sussex Central High School Eagle Scout Project

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Eagle Scout Project at Sussex Central High School as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Internship Proposal

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to accept the Internship Proposal as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Old Business

Administrative Positions

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

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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 October 12, 2015 Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety Committee

Mr. Layfield reported that the next meeting will be held on November 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Indian River High School.

Curriculum Committee

Mr. James Hudson reviewed the minutes from the October 12, 2015 Curriculum Committee meeting.

Finance Committee

Mr. Miller reviewed the financial reports.

Mary Bailey Scholarship

There was no report.

Policy Committee

Policy – 2nd Readings

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to accept the following policies: EE - Transportation Services Management, EEA – Student Transportation Services, IGAJ – Drivers Education, IKA – Grading Systems, IKF – Graduation Requirements, IKF.1 – Dual Credit Enrollment, JECC.A – School Choice, and JG.1 – School Bully & Cyberbullying Prevention Policy. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

IREA Representative

Mr. J.R. Emanuele thanked the administration for the teacher work days.

Superintendent's Report

School Visits, Special Activities and Upcoming Events

Dr. Bunting shared the following report:

Special Activities

The 2015-2016 school year is rapidly progressing. In two weeks the first marking period will be concluded and report cards will be distributed on November 19th. I would again like to thank our instructional and administrative staff members for ensuring that the beginning of the school year was such a smooth one.

Since the last Board meeting, my 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, I have

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- Spoken at the Georgetown-Millsboro Rotary Club luncheon meeting
- Participated in weekly conference calls related to the WEIC Wilmington Educational Improvement Committee subcommittee on funding
- Joined BRINC partners in a meeting with a possible funding agent
- Presented at the State Board of Education Assessment Workshop on October 5th
- Participated in the Fall Chiefs' Retreat
- Accompanied Char Hopkins to the National Principal of the Year event in Washington, DC
- Spoken at the Academic Achievement Ceremony for sophomores, juniors and seniors
- Attended home football games at both Sussex Central and Indian River
- Watched the field hockey game between Sussex Central and Indian River
- Served on the DPAS II Advisory subcommittee that is reviewing the process for evaluating teachers and specialists
- Judged homecoming floats at Sussex Central
- Participated in the first revitalized Future Committee's meeting
- Hosted the first 2015-2016 Community Partnership Committee meeting
- Met with Rep. Tim Dukes regarding his assignment to a testing review committee
- Recorded a Comcast public service video regarding IRSD's growth
- Attended the first Superintendent Evaluation Committee meeting with Mr. Hudson
- Participated in the Department of Education's Fall Monitoring Review
- Attended the State Teacher of the Year Banquet
- Met with Sussex Central's Student Focus Group
- Observed a Principal's Roundtable session at Selbyville Middle
- Twice met with the new Secretary of Education as the Sussex County member of his Chiefs' Advisory Team
- Co-led the district's 2015-2016 administrative professional learning community session this evening

Upcoming Events

The State Board of Education will conduct a workshop on Superintendent Evaluation on November 3rd at Fraziers in Dover. Please let Jen know if you would like to attend.

Calendar Changes

(1) Change Georgetown Kindergarten Center Conference nights to the same nights as Special Schools Conference nights.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the district calendar changes. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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Unit Count

Mr. Steele provided a summary of the district's continued growth.

Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending September 30, 2015

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

Financial Summaries for month ending September 30, 2015

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

Minor Cap Improvement Activity Summary for month ending September 30, 2015

Mr. Miller reviewed the Minor Cap Improvement Activity Summary for the month ending September 30, 2015.

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

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Minor Cap Improvement Payment Authorization for month ending September 30, 2015 in the amount of \$24,932. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Major Cap Improvement Change Orders for the month of September 30, 2015 in the amount of \$13,187. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Major Cap Project Payment Authorization in the amount of \$423,166.94 for the month ending September 30, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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Major Cap Improvement Project Final Payment Authorization for month ending September 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 \$99,230 for the month ending September 30, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Contingency Accounting Summary for month ending September 30, 2015

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

Communications

Use of Facilities

- Use of John M. Clayton Elementary School auditorium, library, and cafeteria by High Tide Church on Sunday mornings beginning November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016
- Use of John M. Clayton Elementary School auditorium and cafeteria by High Tide Church on December 12, 2015
- Use of John M. Clayton Elementary School auditorium by High Tide Church on December 24, 2015
- Use of East Millsboro Elementary School gymnasium, cafeteria, and outside grounds by Millsboro Group-New Dimensions on November 7, 2015
- Use of John M. Clayton Elementary School gymnasium by River Soccer Club on January 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2015, February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2016, and March 6, 2016.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Use of Facilities Requests. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Field Trip Requests

- Overnight trip by Indian River High School Band and a capella group on March 30 – April 3, 2016 to Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg, and Knoxville, TN.
- Overnight trip by Sussex Central High School Wrestling Team on December 19, 20, and 21, 2015 to Newark, DE
- Overnight trip by Indian River High School Wrestling Team on December 19, 20, and 21, 2015 to Newark, DE

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, 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. Douglas Hudson, to go into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

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Reconvene

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to reconvene in Regular Session at 10:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Agenda for October 23, 2015

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Personnel Agenda for October 23, 2015, excluding Candidate No. 50. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve Candidate No. 50 on the Personnel Agenda for October 23, 2015. The motion passed (8-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mr. Layfield.

Personnel Contractual Agenda for October 23, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Contractual Agenda for October 23, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

School Choice Applications for 2015-2016

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to uphold the current laws of the State of Delaware regarding early admission into public schools.

Adjournment

President Hudson adjourned the meeting at 10:56 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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