

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 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, Scott Collins, Rodney Layfield, Dr. Heather Statler.

Board Member Late: Dr. Donald Hattier – 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – December 21, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, 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, Sussex Central student government, reported on events occurring at Sussex Central High School.

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2015.

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2015.

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

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, Neil Beahan, Michael Williams, Karen Clausen, Char Hopkins, Bennett Murray, Kelly Dorman, Renee Jerns, Cliff Toomey, Walt Smith, Nina Lou Bunting, Linda Hockman, J.R. Emanuele, Debra Nureck, Kimm Nureck, Chris Megee, Martha Redmond, Phil Davis.

Public Comments

- Mr. Kimm Nureck offered a short prayer.

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- Mrs. Nina Lou Bunting spoke to the Board regarding her concerns about vaccinations and autism in children.

School Choice Applications for 2015-2016

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the School Choice Applications for 2015-2016 as recommended. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Personnel File 16-01

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to view Personnel File 16-01 in executive session. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Howard T. Ennis School – Playground Equipment Proposal

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to accept the Howard T. Ennis Playground Equipment Proposal as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Millsboro Middle School – Dug Out Signs

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to accept the Millsboro Middle School – Dug Out Signs installation as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

John M. Clayton Elementary School – Basketball Backboard Proposal

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Collins, to accept the John M. Clayton Elementary School – Basketball Backboard Proposal as presented. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Georgetown Middle School – Locker Replacement Proposal

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to accept the John M. Clayton Elementary School – Basketball Backboard Proposal as presented. The motion passed (7-3-0).

For the motion: Mr. Bireley, Mr. Collins, Dr. Hattier, Mr. Douglas Hudson, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Layfield, Mr. Peden.

Against the motion: Mr. Fritz, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

Old Business

Administrative Positions

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to table Administrative Positions until Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

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 December 14, 2015 Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting.

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Comprehensive School Safety Committee

Mr. Layfield reported that the meeting was held on December 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Sussex Central High School Room F148.

Curriculum Committee

Mr. James Hudson reviewed the minutes from the December 14, 2015 Curriculum Committee meeting.

Finance Committee

Mr. Miller reviewed the financial reports.

Mary Bailey Scholarship

There was no report.

Policy Committee

Policy – 1st Readings

Mr. Collins reviewed the following policies for first readings:

BDDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings, JHCA.1 – Pediculosis, ECA – Security Camera System Policy, EBCD – Extra Curricular Activities During Inclement Weather, JHFA.1 – Supervision Responsibilities of EPER Coaches/Advisors/Staff. He asked that recommended changes be reported to the Policy Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to accept policies EHAA– Telecommunications Access and Acceptable Use, GBCB.6 – Staff Conduct Electronic Communication and Social Media Policy, IKEA – Recovery or Original Credit opportunities, IGB– Title I Parent Involvement, and JG – Student Discipline for second readings. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

IREA Representative

No report.

Superintendent's Report

School Visits, Special Activities and Upcoming Events

Dr. Bunting shared the following report:

Special Activities

The scheduled conferences during the past week signaled the half way point of the 2015-2016 school year's second quarter. The past few weeks have been particularly busy due to end of year and holiday-related events. Since the November Board meeting she had the opportunity to visit all the classrooms in Georgetown, North Georgetown, and Long Neck elementaries; Millsboro and Georgetown middle schools, the Kindergarten Center, and Sussex Central High School. Her planned visit to Howard T. Ennis' classrooms tomorrow will complete her second round of visit to all district classrooms.

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Since the last Board meeting, her 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, she

- Participated in the Future Committee's investigation of IRSD student growth and search for solutions to building capacity challenges.
- Joined the APELL students as they enjoyed their first Thanksgiving meal.
- Held quarterly conferences with the district's newest principals.
- Represented the Chief School Officers at the inaugural meeting of the Assessment Inventory Task Force.
- Presented details of the district's assessment inventory project at the second meeting of the Assessment Inventory Task Force.
- Participated in a luncheon meeting involving the BRINC districts' leads and chiefs.
- Chaired the December meeting of the state's DPAS II Advisory Committee.
- Attended the early December meeting of the DPAS II Advisory Committee subcommittee.
- Attended holiday concerts at Howard T. Ennis, Selbyville Middle School, and Indian River High School.
- Watched Phillip Showell's primary grades' holiday play.
- Participated in weekly professional learning sessions with a district team.
- Emceed the Vision to Learn Sussex County kickoff at North Georgetown.
- Attended Indian River's state championship soccer team's banquet.

Upcoming Events

- Christmas vacation will begin for students on December 23rd and for staff on December 24th. Classes will resume on January 4th.
- School will be closed on January 18th for Martin Luther King Day.
- Mid-term exams will begin on January 25th; the second marking period will conclude on January 28th.

Calendar Changes

- (1) SDSA has requested to reschedule its Dance Performance from December 16, 2015 to January 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- (2) Phillip Showell would like to hold its Winter Concert on January 26th at 6:30 p.m.

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

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Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending November 30, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Bireley, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending November 30, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Financial Summaries for month ending November 30, 2015

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

Major Cap Improvement Appropriation Financial Summaries for month ending November 30, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Major Cap Improvement Appropriation Financial Summaries for the month ending November 30, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Major Cap Improvement Project Payment Authorization for month ending November 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 \$668,111 for the month ending November 30, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Major Cap Improvement Final Payment Authorization for month ending November 30, 2015

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Major Cap Project Final Payment Authorization in the amount of \$25,173 for the month ending November 30, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

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

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

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

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Major Cap Improvement Change Orders for the month of November 30, 2015 in the amount of \$50,120. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

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

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Minor Cap Improvement Payment Authorization for the month ending November 30, 2015 in the amount of \$25,079. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

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Minor Cap Improvement School Summaries for month ending November 30, 2015

Mr. Miller reviewed the Minor Cap Improvement School Summaries for the month ending November 30, 2015.

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

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

Minor Cap Improvement Change Orders for month ending November 30, 2015

There were no Minor Cap Improvement Change Orders for the month of November 30, 2015

Contingency Accounting Summary for month ending November 30, 2015

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

Use of Facilities Request

- Use of Indian River High School Auditorium on April 24, 2016 by Rehoboth Concert Band and P.E.O. Chapter L; Lewes.

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

Field Trip Requests

- Day Trip (Sunday) by Sussex Central High School Winter Cheerleading Squad on February 7, 2016 to Christina High School in Newark, DE.

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

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to go into Executive Session at 8:04 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. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to reconvene in Regular Session at 12:15 a.m. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

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Personnel Agenda for December 21, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Personnel Agenda for December 21, 2015, excluding Candidate No. 45. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Dr. Statler, to approve Candidate No. 45 on the Personnel Agenda for December 21, 2015. The motion passed (9-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mr. Douglas Hudson.

Personnel Addendum for December 21, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Personnel Addendum for December 21, 2015, excluding Candidate No. 5. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve Candidate No. 5 on the Personnel Addendum for December 21, 2015. The motion passed (8-0-2).

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

Abstained: Mr. Bireley, Dr. Hattier.

Student Hearings

Student No. 16-24

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendations on Student No. 16-24. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Student No. 16-25

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendation on Student No. 16-25. The motion failed (2-7-1).

For the motion: Mr. Fritz, Dr. Hattier

Against the motion: Mr. Bireley, Mr. Douglas Hudson, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Layfield, Mr. Peden, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

Abstained: Mr. Collins.

Student No. 16-26

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendations on Student No. 16-26. The motion failed (0-7-3).

Against the motion: Mr. Bireley, Mr. Douglas Hudson, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Layfield, Mr. Peden, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

Abstained: Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Dr. Hattier.

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Student No. 16-27

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Hearing Officers' recommendation on Student No. 16-27. The motion failed (0-7-3).

Against the motion: Mr. Bireley, Mr. Douglas Hudson, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Layfield, Mr. Peden, Dr. Statler, Mrs. Wright.

Abstained: Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Dr. Hattier.

Student No. 16-30

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Hearing Officers' recommendations on Student No. 16-30. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Adjournment

President Hudson adjourned the meeting at 12:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan S. Bunting". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "B".

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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