

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.
INDIAN RIVER 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. Heather Statler, Dr. Hattier.

Board Members Absent: Rodney Layfield, Scott Collins.

Approval of Agenda – February 1, 2016

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

Presentation of Colors

The Presentation of Colors was performed by the Indian River High School Marine JROTC.

Student Government

Natalia Elling, Indian River student government, reported on events occurring at Indian River High School.

Approval of Minutes

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

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

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

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

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, J.R. Emanuele, Pastor DuFour, Chris White, Jay McGee, Rob Arlett.

Public Comments

- Pastor DuFour offered a short prayer.

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- Mr. Chris White spoke to the Board about consideration of bermuda grass installation at the athletic fields at both High schools.
- Mr. Rob Arlett spoke to the Board about supporting installation of bermuda grass at both high schools for reasons of safety for the athletes.

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 (8-0).

Primary Election Date: April 26, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve April 26, 2016 as a teacher work day and a no school for students. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Duffield Architectural Contract Proposal

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to table Duffield Architectural Contract Proposal until executive session. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

16-01 PL

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to table 16-01 PL until executive session. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Old Business

Administrative Positions

Dr. Bunting stated to the Board that \$121,578.00 was converted to cash for the district for administrative positions not used.

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 January 11, 2016 Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety Committee

Mr. Mark Steele reviewed with the Board the recent bomb threat procedures that were used in the schools that received the threats.

Curriculum Committee

Mr. James Hudson reviewed the minutes from the January 11, 2016 Curriculum Committee meeting.

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Finance Committee

Mr. Miller reviewed the financial reports.

Mary Bailey Scholarship

There was no report.

Policy Committee

Policy – 1st Readings

Mr. Mark Steele reviewed the following policies for a first reading:

GCBF – Professional Leaves and Absences. He asked that recommended changes be reported to the Policy Committee.

Policy – 2nd Readings

BDHH - Public Participation at Board Meetings, ECA – Security Camera System Policy, EBCD – Extra Curricular Activities During Inclement Weather,

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fritz, to accept BDHH - Public Participation at Board Meetings, ECA – Security Camera System Policy, EBCD – Extra Curricular Activities During Inclement Weather, for second readings. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

IREA Representative

No report.

Superintendent's Report

School Visits, Special Activities and Upcoming Events

Dr. Bunting shared the following report:

Now that she has completed a second round of visits to classrooms in the district's sixteen schools, she has begun midyear conferences with principals and members of the district's Cabinet. During these meetings we discuss documented progress toward both the academic and leadership goals that we collaboratively crafted before the school year began. Successes and targets for growth are subsequently recorded on the state-approved forms via Bloomboard. The meetings and writing of evaluation process will continue through most of February.

In the four school weeks since the December Board of Education meeting she has, in addition to the regular principals', construction, technology, and committee meetings with representatives from various agencies, programs, and interest groups,

- Participated in the Future Committee's investigation of IRSD student growth and search for solutions to building capacity challenges.
- Chaired the January meeting of the state's DPAS II Advisory Committee.

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- Participated in several mediation sessions with the district's counsel and the parties responsible for the failed roof at East Millsboro
- Attended the January meeting of the DPAS II Advisory Committee subcommittee.
- Joined a district team in weekly professional learning sessions
- Viewed an impressive "Christmas in January" dance performance at SDSA
- Been interviewed by the DOE team that was monitoring Common Core implementation at Sussex Central
- Conducted a Sussex County Coalition Coffee in Georgetown with State Board of Education Vice-President, Jorge Melendez
- Represented the Chiefs at Legislative Hall to voice support of an after-school program bill
- Shared the Student Success 2015 plan with Representative Carney
- Met with Sussex Central's student focus group
- Attended Phillip Showell's concert
- Watched the dress rehearsal of Sussex Central's Take II Drama's rendition of *The Glass Menagerie*
- Collaborated with the secondary northern feeder planning schools in discussing plans for the AVID program
- Joined the Indian River High School staff for part of Friday's professional learning session led by presenter Robert Jackson
- Participated in a Roundtable discussion with the Acting US Secretary of Education John Hill

Upcoming Events

- Today rather than January 28th marked the end of the 2015-2016 school year's second marking period due to last week's snow day.
- Report cards will be distributed on Friday, February 5th.
- Schools will be closed for Presidents' Day on February 15th.

Calendar Changes

(1) Change Phillip C. Showell Elementary School Title I Family Reading Night from February 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. to February 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

(2) Change Long Neck Elementary Spring Concert from June 9, 2016 to May 17, 2016.

(3) The Sussex Central baseball team has asked permission to play the game scheduled for March 26th on March 25th since the 26th is an SAT testing day.

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Calendar Changes. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

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Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending December 31, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Bireley, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending December 31, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Financial Summaries for month ending December 31, 2015

Mr. Miller reviewed the Financial Summaries for the month ending December 31, 2015.

Major Cap Improvement Appropriation Financial Summaries for month ending December 31, 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 December 31, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Major Cap Improvement Project Payment Authorization for month ending December 31, 2015

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Major Cap Project Payment Authorization in the amount of \$385,647.28 for the month ending December 31, 2015. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Major Cap Improvement Project by School Summaries for month ending December 31, 2015

Mr. Miller reviewed the Major Cap Improvement Project by School Summaries for the month ending December 31, 2015.

Major Cap Improvement Change Orders for month ending December 31, 2015

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Major Cap Improvement Change Orders for the month of December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$25,751.00. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Minor Cap Improvement School Summaries for month ending December 31, 2015

Mr. Miller reviewed the Minor Cap Improvement School Summaries for the month ending December 31, 2015.

Minor Cap Improvement Appropriation Financial Summaries for month ending December 31, 2015

Mr. Miller reviewed the Minor Cap Improvement Appropriation Financial Summaries for the month ending December 31, 2015.

Minor Cap Improvement Change Orders for month ending December 31, 2015

There were no Minor Cap Improvement Change Orders for the month of December 31, 2015.

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Contingency Accounting Summary for month ending December 31, 2015

Mr. Miller reviewed the Contingency Accounting Summary for the month ending December 31, 2015.

Quarterly Financial Statement as of December 31, 2015

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Quarterly Financial Statement as of December 31, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Use of Facilities Request

- Use of John M. Clayton Elementary School auditorium on March 25, 2016 by High Tide Church.
- Use of John M. Clayton Elementary School gym, cafeteria, and auditorium on June 27 – 30, 2016 by High Tide Church.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Use of Facilities Request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Field Trip Requests

- Overnight trip by Indian River High School FFA Chapter on March 9 – 11, 2016 to Dover, DE.
- Day Trip (Sunday) by Indian River High School Cheer Team School on January 31, 2016 to Wilmington, DE.
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- Day Trip (Sunday) by Indian River High School Cheer Team on February 28, 2016 to Felton, DE.
- Day Trip (Sunday) by Indian River High School Cheer Team on March 6, 2016 to Smyrna, DE.

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

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to go into Executive Session at 7:54 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 Dr. Hattier, to reconvene in Regular Session at 10:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

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Mr. Douglas Hudson excused himself from executive session at 8:50 p.m.

Personnel Agenda for February 1, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the Personnel Agenda for February 1, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Personnel Addendum for February 1, 2016

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the Personnel Addendum for February 1, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Student Hearings

Student Nos. 16-33, 16-34, 16-36

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to approve the Hearing Officer's recommendations on Student Nos. 16-33, 16-34, 16-36. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Student No. 16-38

There was no motion, student withdrew from school.

16-01 PL

It was moved by Mr. Bireley, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to request an additional consideration for the four parties to amicably assume financial responsibility for roof repairs at East Millsboro Elementary, thereby negating any contributions from Indian River School District.

Howard T. Ennis Certificate of Necessity Proposal

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mrs. Wright, to move forward with the Howard T. Ennis Certificate of Necessity Proposal. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Administrative Goals

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Statler, to accept the administrative goals as presented. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Adjournment

President Hudson adjourned the meeting at 10:55 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
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