

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.
INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

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. Douglas Hudson, Mr. Gerald Peden, Dr. Heather Statler, Dr. Donald Hattier, Mr. Rodney Layfield.

Board Member Absent: Mr. Scott Collins

Approval of Agenda – September 26, 2016

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

Presentation of Colors

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

Student Government

Samuel Rojas, Indian River's student government representative, reported on events occurring at Indian River High School.

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2016.

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

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2016.

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, 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, Celeste Bunting, Char Hopkins, LouAnn Hudson, Jan Steele, Pep Lewis, Will Revels, Joe Booth, Pam Webb, Janet Hickman, Heather Bethurum, Bradley Layfield, Neil Stong, Karen Oliphant, Judi Brittingham, Neil Beahan, Jason Macrides, Michael Williams, Michael Rodriguez, Karen Clausen, Heather Cramer, Bennett Murray, Kelly Dorman, Renee Jerns, Cliff Toomey, Walt Smith, Matt Jones, Will Revels, Audrey Carey, Laura Walter, Glenn Rolfe, Dave Maull, Linda Hockman, Nika Reid, Maura Mariner, Renae McCabe, Maria Rodriguez, Jocelyn Reinke, Kevin Reid, Adam Doughty, Patti Ribinsky, Lindsay Ribinsky, Kimm, Nureck.

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Public Comments

- Kimm Nureck offered a short prayer.

School Choice Applications for 2016-2017

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the School Choice Applications for 2016-2017 as recommended. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

National School Lunch Week Resolution – October 10-14, 2016

It was moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the National School Lunch Week resolution for October 10-14, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

National School Bus Safety Week Resolution – October 17-21, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the National School Bus Safety Week resolution for October 17-21, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

SBAC (Scores and Rankings)

Mr. Jay Owens reviewed with the Board the SBAC scores and rankings for the 2015-2016 school year.

Fire Extinguisher Quotes

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier to approve the fire extinguisher quote from Cytac. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Indian River High School athletic field drainage project

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Douglas Hudson, to approve the Indian River High School drainage project in the quoted amount of \$29,270. The motion passed (7-1-1).

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

Against the motion: Dr. Statler.

Abstained: Mr. Layfield.

Seal coat repair of John M. Clayton parking lot

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the seal coat repair of John M. Clayton parking lot in the quoted amount of \$38,650. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

DSBA Membership

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Dr. Statler, to join the DSBA for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion passed (8-1-0).

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

Against the motion: Mr. Fritz.

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Old Business

Administrative Salaries

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

Energy Savings Agreement with Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility (Letter of Intent)

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to approve the Energy Savings Agreement with Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility (Letter of Intent). The motion passed (8-1-0).

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

Against the motion: Mr. Peden.

Referendum

It was moved by Mr. Douglas Hudson, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to approve the Current Expense Referendum tax increase request of forty-nine cents. The motion passed (7-2-0).

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

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

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 September 12, 2016 Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting.

Comprehensive School Safety Committee

Mr. Layfield spoke to the Board about tabletop exercises and the recent ALERT training.

Curriculum Committee

Mr. Peden reviewed the minutes from the September 12, 2016 Curriculum Committee meeting.

Finance Committee

Mrs. Steele reviewed the financial reports.

Mary Bailey Scholarship

There was no report.

Special Education Task Force

Dr. Statler reviewed with the Board the agenda from the September 14, 2016 task force meeting.

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Policy Committee

Policy – 1st Reading

Mr. Steele presented the following policies for a first reading: J- Athletics; JG.4 – Suicide Prevention. He requested that any changes should be reported to the Policy Committee.

Policy – 2nd Readings

JECCA.1 – School Choice Program; JHFB – School Safety Monitors Use of Deadly Force.

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve policies JECCA.1 – School Choice Program; JHFB – School Safety Monitors Use of Deadly Force, for second readings. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Policy – Deletion

JECC – Assignment of Students to Schools.

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to delete policy JECC – Assignment of Students to Schools. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

IREA Representative

There was no report.

Superintendent's Report

School Visits, Special Activities and Upcoming Events

Dr. Bunting shared the following report:

Special Activities

We have focused our expertise and energy during the past month on preparing for and opening the 2016-2017 school year.

During that period in addition to regular meetings she has

- Completed goal-setting conferences with all principals, directors, and the assistant superintendent
- Attended open houses at Selbyville Middle, SDSA, North Georgetown, the Kindergarten Center, Long Neck, and Howard T. Ennis
- Spoken at the highly successful “Kick Off” event at Sussex Central
- Attended both Indian River’s and Sussex Central’s home football games
- Participated in the first and second meetings of the State Afterschool Task Force
- Been interviewed by several TV stations, a radio station, and several newspaper reporters regarding budget cuts
- Recorded a podcast
- Completed the quarterly Performance Evaluation conducted by Department of Education officials
- Dropped by North Georgetown’s 20th Birthday Celebration

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- Served as a group facilitator at DOE's Sussex County ESSA Community Conversation event
- Participated in a CHEP Advisory Committee meeting at the University of Delaware
- Joined Board member Jim Hudson and North Georgetown's principal, Mike Rodriguez, as the latter served as guest speaker at last week's Georgetown-Millsboro Rotary Club meeting.
- Represented superintendents at Rep. Longhurst's SAIL (Statewide Afterschool Initiative for Learning) committee's first and second meetings.

Indian River has frequently interacted with our elected officials this month.

- Met with Reps. Kenton, Dukes, and Short to discuss weighted funding for ELL students and those in poverty.
- Accompanied Congressman Carney during his tour of East Millsboro, Millsboro Middle, and Sussex Central High School, where she learned much about the district's Spanish Immersion program, enhanced student learning through the use of Schoology, CTE programs in the Twenty-first Century, and IB world history course content.
- Joined Governor Markell as he spoke to Indian River's upperclassmen about college and career readiness.

And perhaps most importantly during the first seven days of school she visited every classroom in the district's sixteen schools. She would like to publically thank the principals who took the time to accompany her and unlock properly secured classrooms.

Calendar Changes

- Add Indian River JROTC Award Assembly on May 18, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Change the Georgetown Elementary PTO meeting from October 19 to October 12, 2016.

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

ECAP

Dr. Audrey Carey shared information about ECAP (Early Childhood Assistance Program) with the Board.

Unit Count Update

Mr. Mark Steele shared with the Board the projected unit count for September 30, 2016.

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Financial Reports

Regular Invoices for month ending August 31, 2016

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the payment of the Regular Invoices for the month ending August 31, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Major Cap Improvement Project Payment Authorizations for the month ending August 31, 2016

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve Major Cap Improvement Project Payment Authorizations in the amount of \$338,429.00 for the month ending August 31, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Major Cap Improvement Change Orders for the month ending August 31, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to approve the Major Cap Improvement Change Orders for the month ending August 31, 2016 in the amount of \$ 564.00.

Minor Cap Improvement Project Payment Authorizations for the month ending August 31, 2016

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve Minor Cap Improvement Project Payment Authorizations in the amount of \$80,871.09 for the month ending August 31, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Howard T. Ennis FY 2017 Budget

It was moved by Mr. James Hudson, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Howard T. Ennis 2017 FY Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Use of Facilities

Use of Millsboro Middle School softball field by Emmanuel's House, Inc. on October 30, 2016.

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

Field Trip Requests

Overnight trip by Millsboro Middle School FFA on October 17-22, 2016 to Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

Public Comments

Dr. Schreppler spoke to the Board about starting a rugby football program at the high school level.

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Executive Session

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to go into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Reconvene

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to reconvene in Regular Session at 10:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Agenda for September 26, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Dr. Hattier, to approve the Personnel Agenda for September 26, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Addendum for September 26, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Layfield, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to approve the Personnel Addendum for September 26, 2016, excluding Candidate No. 15. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. James Hudson, to approve Candidate No. 15 on the Personnel Addendum for September 26, 2016. The motion passed (8-0-1).

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

Abstained: Mr. Layfield

Personnel Contractual Agenda for September 26, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mr. Layfield, to approve the Personnel Contractual Agenda for September 26, 2016. The motion passed (9-0).

Administrative Salaries

It was moved by Dr. Hattier, seconded by Mr. Peden, to approve the Administrative Salaries as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Student Hearings

There were no student hearings.

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Adjournment

President Bireley adjourned the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Bireley
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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