

Embattled IRSB member resigns

Pastor Fink cites school district's 'acquiescence to homosexual agenda'

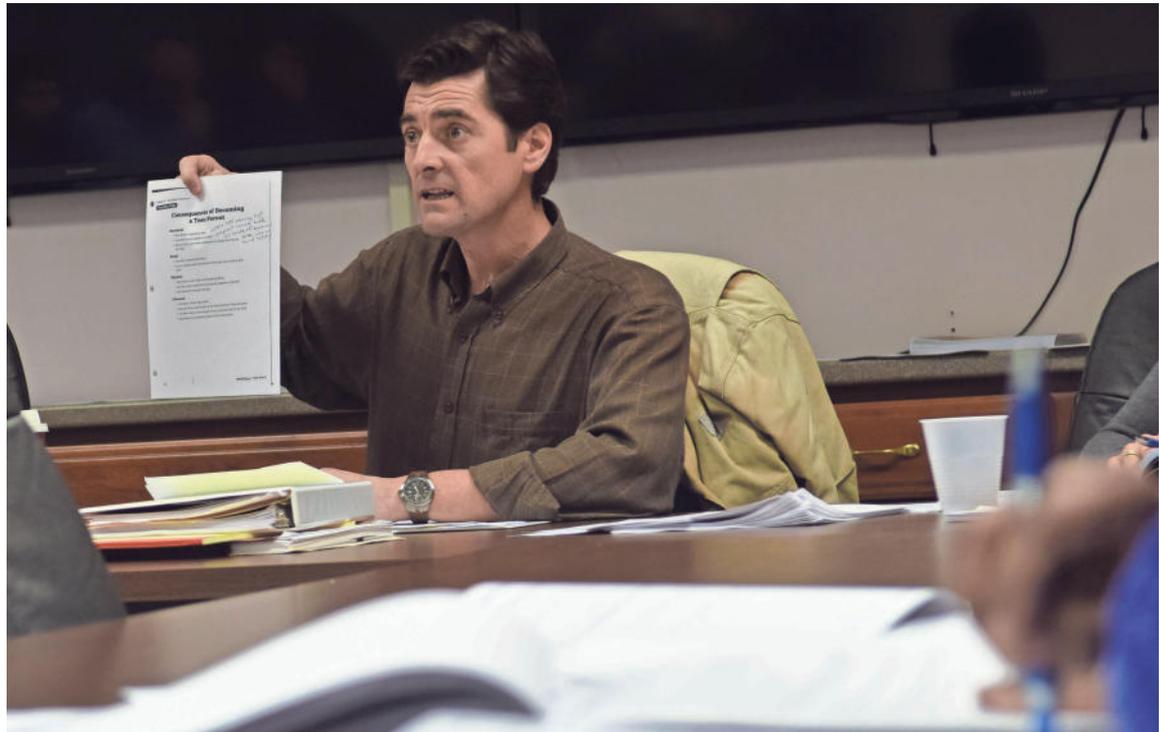
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Shaun Fink, an Indian River School District school board member who spent much of the school year debating against the merits of teaching homosexual terms in the district's middle and high school classrooms, has resigned.

"I've decided to resign because of acquiescence to the homosexual agenda within the district," he said.

A resignation letter was sent to district Superintendent Dr. Susan Bunting and school board president Charles Bireley Wednesday, May 27, according to district spokesman David Maull.

Fink was appointed to his spot on the school board in 2012 and ran unopposed for it in 2013. He ran unopposed for his spot on the board this year, which would have been a five-year term that started July 1. In be-



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Board member Shaun Fink holds up a paper that lists consequences of teen pregnancy, which he said should include additional emotional impacts from pregnancy.

tween him filing for the seat on Feb. 11 and the present date, he was told by multiple school board members that they were not on board with what Fink de-

scribed as "fighting this permeation of darkness."

"It's certainly not a reflection of my affection for the board members at all," he said.

"They're fine people, but either they condone the homosexual integration or they're unwilling

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to stand against it.”

The school board, in February, approved a health curriculum that contained LGBT terms.

“To allow the homosexual agenda to manifest itself within our school without redress is paramount to the approval and sanction of it,” he said.

Fink said his time on the school board was productive.

“I very much enjoyed it,” he said. “I believe I’ve made a difference in the time I was there.”

But Fink, who is a pastor at Cornerstone Bible Church in Millsboro, said he came to a crossroad and had to make a decision.

“When the choice comes serve God or serve man, there’s no choice but to serve God,” he said. “If I continued serving on the board, I’d be serving man.”

The school board will have to appoint someone to fill Fink’s District 2 seat — which encompasses the area between southern Georgetown and northern Millsboro — for one year. During the school board’s regularly scheduled election in 2016, the remaining four years of the term will be up for grabs, Maull said.

Interested candidates should contact school board president Charles Bireley at 302-539-9043 or 57lakers@mchsi.com. Interested candidates should apply prior to June 30.