The Iroquois Central School District, in being responsive to the students and parents it serves, will promote innovation and change in a continuous search for more effective and efficient ways of meeting our mission as an institution of teaching and learning.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL
INTERMEDIATE CAFETERIA
GIRDLE RD., ELMA, NY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013 AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT  
Mr. David Lowrey  
Mr. Paul Bracci  
Ms. Nickole Garrison  
Mr. Charles Specht  
Mr. Thomas Di Scipio

EXCUSED  
Mrs. Suzanne Wolff  
Mrs. Michele Hovey

ALSO PRESENT  
Mr. Douglas Scofield  Superintendent  
Dr. Mary Jo Dudek  Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum  
Mrs. Joanne George  Business Administrator  
Mrs. Cindy Sadowski  District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER  
The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Mr. David Lowrey at 5:32 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION  
A motion was made by Mr. Bracci, seconded by Ms. Garrison, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion carried. (Ayes 5, Noes 0)  
Mrs. Hovey arrived at 5:41 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION/BOARD AWARDS  
The Honorable Judge Boller presented a check for $5,000 to the Board for Iroquois Rifle Team. Judge Boller is a trustee of the Elsie & Lucius McCowan Private Foundation and has been donating to the Rifle Club since 2005. The $5,000 donation brings the total gifts from the McCowan Foundation for the Iroquois Rife Team to $50,000.00.

The Board presented an award to the cast of the Middle School musical – Suessical Jr. along with the club advisors, Mrs. Jennifer Hand, Mrs. Kym Robare and Mrs. Lauren Fox. Mr. Scofield stated that the students were outstanding and he looked forward to seeing them in high school productions.
RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Sharon Szeglowski addressed the Board regarding the Budget Vote and the Ambassador Program. Mrs. Szeglowski encouraged community members to participate in the letter writing campaign, sponsored by the Ambassadors, requesting elected officials to provide mandate relief to education.

APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS AGENDA

In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Ms. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Specht, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consensus Agenda.

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

FINANCIAL

6.2 FINANCIAL MATTERS


MINUTES

6.3 MINUTES

6.3.1 Minutes of the Work Session held on February 12, 2013.
6.3.2 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 13, 2013.
6.3.3 Minutes of the Work Session held on February 26, 2013.

PERSONNEL

6.4 PERSONNEL

6.4.3 RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS

6.4.3.1 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Karen Kibler from her position as High School Media Specialist (Library), effective June 30, 2013.

6.4.3.2 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Frances Peek from her position as bus driver effective at the end of the day June 21, 2013.

6.4.3.3 The approval of the amended retirement resignation date of Daniel Clark from June 28, 2012 to June 29, 2012.

6.4.3.4 The approval of the amended retirement resignation date of Bradford Masters from February 28, 2013 to March 28, 2013.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.4.6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.4.6.1 The approval of an extension of unpaid leave for Susan Slade, Clerk Typist PT, from February 16, 2013 through March 17, 2013.

6.4.6.2 The approval of an unpaid leave for Jennifer Cantie from February 8, 2013 through April 19, 2013.

6.4.6.3 The approval of an unpaid leave for Marissa Merewether from March 8, 2013 through April 19, 2013.
6.4.6.4 The approval of an extension of unpaid leave for Wendy Muscarella from March 4, 2013 through March 14, 2013.

**AMENDED APPOINTMENTS**

6.4.7 AMENDED APPOINTMENTS

6.4.7.1 The approval of the amended lists of substitute teachers, teacher aides, tutors, bus attendants, bus drivers, cleaners, clerical, clerks, laborers and nurses per the attached.

**APPOINTMENTS**

6.4.9 APPOINTMENTS

6.4.9.1 The approval of the appointment of Larissa Gramza, who has initial certificates in childhood education N-6 and special education N-6, to a .8 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the special education tenure area effective March 28, 2013 and ending on or before June 30, 2013. Salary $35,250.00 pro-rated based upon Bachelors, Step 1 (2012-2015 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

6.4.9.2 The approval of the appointment of Jill Plonka who has a permanent certificate in elementary education, to a 1.0 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the elementary education tenure area beginning March 4, 2013 and ending on or before March 14, 2013 or upon the return of Wendy Muscarella, whichever is sooner. Salary $35,250.00 pro-rated based upon Bachelors, step 1 (2012-2015 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

6.4.9.3 The approval of the authorizations recommended by the:
- Committee on Special Education for Annual Reviews of 28 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the Program Review of 2 children.
- Committee on Special Education for Re-evaluation of 10 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the initial education placement of 0 children.
- Committee on Special Education for Amendments of 16 children.
- Committee on Special Education for Declassification support services of 0 children.
- Committee on Special Education for Declassification of 1 child.
- 504 Committee for the Accommodation Plan of 3 children.
- Committee on Special Education for The Manifestation Determination of 2 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the Preschool Annual Review of 0 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the Preschool Program Review of 0 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the Preschool Initial Educational Placement of 1 child.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the Preschool Amendments of 0 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the Preschool Declassification of 0 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special education Referral 0 children.

Total Meetings: 63
6.4.9.4 The approval of Adam Nycz as a Volunteer Assistant Lacrosse Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.

6.4.9.5 The approval of Timothy Walczyk as Volunteer Girls Lacrosse Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Scofield announced the following:

- Pioneer Athletics, the manufacturer of athletic field marking paint and equipment, announced that Iroquois has been selected as a winner of the 2012 Fields of Excellence Award. Mr. Scofield thanked Mr. Carlin, Mr. Walczyk and the entire grounds crew for their dedication to maintaining the athletic fields for the safety of students.

- Senior Jennifer Colvin has signed a letter of commitment with the University of Buffalo where she will continue her soccer career.

- Varsity Cheerleaders finished 2nd out of 29 teams at the NYS West Regional Competition.

Mr. Scofield and the Board discussed the options if the Proposed Budget was not passed by the community on May 21. The options of proposing the same budget for a second vote or going to a contingent budget were deliberated. Mr. Scofield and the Board stressed that either option would involve cuts to extra-curricular activities, athletics and increased class size.

Mr. Scofield reported on the NYSCOSS Conference he recently attended which included topics on ways of increasing revenue, social media and transparency.

Mr. Scofield read a letter he received from Congressman Chris Collins thanking us for the resolution regarding federal budget sequestration. In the letter, Congressman Collins stated that “…we should replace the President’s sequester with responsible reforms that will help balance the budget in ten years.” Mrs. George reported that we would lose $38,960 in federal funds from sequestration.

Dr. Dudek discussed the changes NYS has made since the Implementation of the Common Core Standards. Dr. Dudek noted that since 2010, the Grades 3-8 math and ELA cut scores have been revised, the “aspirational NYS performance measures for ELA and Math Regents” were released, the grades 3-8 ELA and Math assessments were redesigned to project college and career readiness.
8. NEW BUSINESS

NATIONAL HISTORY BOWL COMPETITION - C. MCCOY

8.1 Upon a motion by Ms. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Di Scipio, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of Colleen McCoy for permission to take students to the National History Bowl competition in Washington D.C., at no cost to the District, from Friday, April 26, 2013 through Sunday, April 28, 2013 pending fulfillment of field trip guidelines.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes )

BOCES 2 BOARD NOMINATIONS

8.2 Upon a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Ms. Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to nominate the following candidates for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Erie, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties to said Board of Cooperative Educational Services:

- Mr. Jerome Brown, 3884 Park Way, Ashville, NY 14710
- Mr. Ronald Catalano, 155 Academy St., Westfield, NY 14787
- Mrs. Linda Hoffman, 11805 Snyder Rd., Springville, NY 14141
- Ms. Joanne Martin, 2534 Chapin Rd., Silver Creek, NY 14136
- Ms. Anita Ray, 274E Berry Rd., Fredonia, NY 14063

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

DONATION TO EP FROM PETR-ALL PETROLEUM

8.3 Upon a motion by Ms. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Bracci, the Board voted unanimously to accept the donation of $500 from Petr-All Petroleum Consulting Corporation for the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant to be used for Elma Primary’s Earth Spirit Science program (TA085-23).

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

DONATION TO MS FROM MSA

8.4 Upon a motion by Mr. Bracci, seconded by Mr. Di Scipio, the Board voted unanimously to accept the donation of $101.97 from the Iroquois Middle School Association for hydraulic crane kits to be used in the Middle School technology department (TA085-09).

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTIONS

8.5 Upon a motion by Mr. Bracci, seconded by Ms. Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following tax exemptions base for Senior citizens for 2013-2014:

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Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

8.6 Upon a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Di Scipio, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Application for Use of School Facilities request from Melissa Wapshare, Buffalo Storm Coach, to use the Iroquois Intermediate Gymnasium on March 11, 13, 18 and 20, 2013 for basketball lessons and drills at an estimated cost of $39.82.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

8.7 Upon a motion by Ms. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Specht, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Tri-Town Recreation be granted permission to use Iroquois school buses to transport children from Marilla Primary and Wales Primary to the Middle School for the day camp program and on field trips as part of the Tri-Town Recreation Day Camp Program for seven (7) weeks, Monday through Friday, from June 24, 2013 – August 9, 2013. The mileage rate will be determined at the July 2013 Special Meeting. The 2012-2013 rate is $2.40 per mile for a full size bus. Tri-Town will hire district-approved drivers at their own expense.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

8.8 Upon a motion by Ms. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Di Scipio, the Board voted unanimously to declare the items on the attached list from the Technology Department as obsolete and disposed of according to District policy.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

8.9 Upon a motion by Ms. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Bracci, the Board voted unanimously to approve the first reading of the following amended policies:

- 1540 Executive Sessions
- 5410 Purchasing
- 5510 Accounting of Funds
- 5570 Financial Accountability
- 5640 Smoking/Tobacco Use
- 5660 School Food Service Program(Lunch and Breakfast)
- 6130 Evaluation of Personnel
- 7210 Student Evaluation
- 7222 Credential Options for Students with Disabilities
- 7320 Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)
- 7330 Searches and Interrogations of Students
- 7513 Administration of Medication
NEWS WORTH SHARING

Mr. Lowrey announced that he and Mr. Scofield would be conducting a Prospective School Board Member Workshop on March 20 at 6:30 pm in the Superintendent Conference room.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

No guests asked to be recognized at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Education, upon a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Di Scipio, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sadowski
District Clerk