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 SCHOOL
GIRDLE RD., ELMA, NY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017 AT 5:00 PM.

PRESENT
Mr. Charles Specht
Mr. David Lowrey
Mrs. Michele Hovey
Mrs. Sharon Szeglowski
Mr. Daniel Behlmaier
Mrs. Jane Sullivan

EXCUSED
Mr. Gunnar Haberl

ALSO PRESENT
Mr. Douglas Scofield        Superintendent
Dr. Mary Jo Dudek           Assistant Superintendent
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. Charles Specht at 5:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the matters leading to the promotion or removal of particular persons and collective negotiations.

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mr. Specht opened the budget work session at 6:12 PM and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET WORK SESSION
Mr. Scofield began the work session by introducing the topics to be discussed and considerations for the budget process which include commitment to serving the interests of our students, commitment to good judgment, commitment to conducting business in a professional manner and future-focused planning.

Mr. Scofield discussed:

- Feedback from the exit surveys and roundtable discussions used to develop the budget.
- At the 1st budget work session the roll-over budget was projected to increase 3.89%; this has been modified to a current projected increase of 2.21% - discussion took place on how to close this gap.
Mr. Scofield explained that when the Governor stated that his proposed budget consisted of a 4% increase to education it does not equate to school districts getting that percentage of an increase in state aid. Included in the Governor’s numbers are many special grants, awards and initiatives that are considered part of education but not part of a public K-12 institution. Therefore, Iroquois is seeing an increase of approximately less than ½% in state aid. This was highlighted in the presentation by the reduction in the percentage of revenue from state aid. The discussion with the audience continued to highlight the fact that any real change can only be instituted by the residents of Iroquois contacting the Governor to change how he funds public K-12 education.

REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Specht called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

No guests asked to be recognized.

APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS AGENDA

In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consensus agenda items 7.2 – 7.4.9.3

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

FINANCIALS

7.2 FINANCIALS


MINUTES

7.3 MINUTES

7.3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 8, 2017.
7.3.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting and Work Session held on February 16, 2017.

PERSONNEL

7.4 PERSONNEL

7.4.3 RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS

7.4.3.1 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Dennis Kenney from his position as High School Principal effective at the end of the day July 5, 2017.

7.4.4 RESIGNATIONS

7.4.4.1 The acceptance of the resignation of Duke Ziegler from his position as Assistant Girls Lacrosse Coach for the 2016-17 school year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7.4.5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE
7.4.5.1 The approval of an unpaid leave of absence for Marissa Merewether from March 14, 2017 (.12) through April 7, 2017.

RESCIND APPOINTMENT

7.4.6 RESCIND APPOINTMENT

7.4.6.1 The approval of the recommendation to rescind the appointment of Emma Schimminger as Stage Manager for the High School Play on March 31 and April 1, 2017.

AMENDED APPOINTMENTS

7.4.7 AMENDED APPOINTMENTS

7.4.7.1 The approval of the recommendation to amend the appointment of Devin Grau to a .8 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the special education tenure area effective November 10, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

7.4.7.2 The approval of the recommendation to amend the stipend of Delee VanMaaren as Assistant Girls Softball Coach for the 2016-17 school year to $4,000.00.

7.4.7.3 The approval of the amended lists of substitute teachers, teacher aides, tutors, bus attendants, bus drivers, cleaners, clerical, clerks, laborers and nurses. The complete list is on file in the District Clerks office.

APPOINTMENTS

7.4.9 APPOINTMENTS

7.4.9.1 The approval of the appointment of the following co-curricular appointment for the 2016-2017 school year:

   Ed Kwietniewski   Sportsman Club   $600.00

7.4.9.2 The approval of the following appointments for the High School Play to be performed on March 31 and April 1, 2017.

   Costume Design    Tracy Snyder   $500.00
   Sound Design      Tom Makar      $400.00
   Make-Up           Elisabeth Musso $100.00

7.4.9.3 The Superintendent recommends the authorization of the recommendation by the:

   - Committee on Special Education/Annual Reviews of 33 children.
   - Committee on Special Education for the Re-evaluation/Annual Reviews of 14 children.
   - Committee on Special Education/Program Reviews of 6 children.
   - Committee on Special Education/Re-evaluation of 5 children.
   - Committee on Special Education/New Referrals of 5 children.
Committee on Special Education/Amendments of 7 children.

504 Committee/Accommodation Plan of 2 children.

Committee on Preschool Special Education/Preschool Program Review of 1 child.

Committee on Preschool Special Education/Preschool New Referral of 4 children.

Total Meetings: 79

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Scofield reported that he attended the high school assembly sponsored by Student Government. The speaker, Phil Boyte, an expert on creating a culture of care in schools, presented an interactive and entertaining assembly and workshop. The SGB students first saw Phil Boyte at their annual leadership conference this past November and were excited to bring his message back to the rest of the school.

Mr. Scofield reported that Medaille College would not be offering the summer reading program to our students here on our campus. Mr. Scofield stated that due to the decrease of Medaille students, the college was going to scale back the program and run it at their campus.

Dr. Dudek informed the Board that since the 1:1 technology initiative started in January, 74% of students have purchased the insurance and are taking the computers home. Approximately 40 students have had some small problems but most have been easily solved. Dr. Dudek reported that the teachers are asking more specific questions which is an indicator they are becoming more familiar with the programs. Planning has begun for next year for grades 6-8 and a process has been outlined with the teachers to start training.

Mr. Scofield reported that he recently attended the NYSCOSS conference. Topics of the conference included the shift in assessments, new standards, APPR and ESSA.

Mr. Scofield shared the discussion area Superintendents had with Senator Gallivan recently. The topics focused on tax cap, school aid, which the Governor reported to be $1 Billion but the actual school run totals were $768 Million, and that the Senate’s efforts to increase the aide.

Mr. Scofield congratulated the following:

- High School Mock Trial Team for being the 2017 Erie County Bar Association Mock Trial Competition Champions. The team will now go on to compete in the regional round on April 29.
- Kyle Schilling for winning first place in the Automotive category, Hailey Munn second place in Crime Scene Investigation and Riley Matinez second place in Job Demo A at the Technology Regional Skills Competition.
NEW BUSINESS

POLICY #7131 – ADOPTION

9.  NEW BUSINESS

9.1 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Behlmaier, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of Policy #7131 – Education of Homeless Children and Youth.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

POLICIES #1510, 5411 and 6551 SECOND READING

9.2 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Behlmaier, the Board voted unanimously to approve the second reading of the following policies:

#1510  Regular Board Meeting and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedure)
#5411  Procurement of Goods and Service
#6551  Family and Medical Leave Act

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

POLICIES #5660, 5675, 5676, 7222 and 7530 FIRST READING

9.3 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Behlmaier, the Board voted unanimously to approve first reading of the following policies:

#5660  School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast)
#5675  Student Grading Information Systems
#5676  Data Networks and Security Access
#7222  Diploma or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities
#7530  Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)
9.4 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mrs. Szeglowski, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request from Assistant Superintendent Mary Jo Dudek to render certain books and materials obsolete and properly dispose of said items. These materials are outdated. The complete list is on file in the District Clerk’s Office.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

9.5 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Behlmaier, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request from Iroquois High School Principal Dennis Kenney to render certain books and materials obsolete and properly dispose of said items. These materials are outdated. The complete list is on file in the District Clerk’s Office.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

9.6 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to declare non-repairable items from the Technology Department as obsolete, and disposed of according to District Policy. The complete list is on file in the District Clerk’s Office.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

9.7 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the 2017-2018 school year calendar as presented.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

9.8 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of Richard Dombrowski for the class of 2018 to attend a Senior trip to Orlando, Florida, at no cost to the District, from Sunday, January 21, 2018 through Thursday, January 25, 2018 pending fulfillment of field trip guidelines.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)
9.9 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following tax exemptions base for senior citizens for 2017-2018:

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Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

9.10 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mrs. Szeglowski, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following donation:

- $354.00 from Lifetouch National School Studios for Wales Primary – TA085.22

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the proposed athletic facility stating that the total cost to construct the facility hadn’t been raised by the February 28, 2017 deadline. After discussion of several options, it was decided that Mr. Behlmaier would discuss the option of a small turf field with the committee and Mr. Scofield would contact the donors and discuss some options.

The Board reviewed proposed dates for 2017-2018 Board of Education meeting.

NEWS WORTH SHARING

Mr. Specht and Mr. Scofield commended the transportation department for their efforts during the difficult task of transporting children home safely during the wind storm. Gratitude was also expressed for the staff who stayed after hours to assist in supervising children who were brought back to the school, due to road closures, until their parents were able to pick them up.

Mr. Specht announced that the next budget work session and regular meeting would take place on April 5 and the Budget Vote will be held on May 16.
RECOGNITION OF GUESTS REGARDING A TOPIC OF CONCERN

No guests asked to be recognized at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Education, upon a motion by Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sadowski
District Clerk