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
MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
GIRDLE RD., ELMA, NY
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

PRESENT
Mr. Charles Specht
Mr. David Lowrey
Mr. Paul Bracci
Mrs. Michele Hovey
Mrs. Sharon Szeglowski

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

ABSENT
Mr. Thomas Di Scipio
Mr. Daniel Behlmaier

CALL TO ORDER
The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Charles Specht at 5:02 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed litigation and the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

Motion carried. (Ayes 5, Noes. 0)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD AWARD/PRESENTATION
High School student Lynn Krawczyk conducted a power-point presentation in which she thanked the Board of Education for purchasing the wheelchair lift. Ms. Krawczyk explained the numerous benefits the lift provides to wheelchair bound students.
Mr. Bracci, on behalf of the Board of Education, presented Peter Tonsoline with a declaration which officially named the girls softball field “Peter Tonsoline Softball Field.” Mr. Bracci thanked Mr. Tonsoline for his dedication and loyalty during a career of over 30 years and giving unselfishly of himself to promote athletics.

BRIEF RECESS

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No guests asked to be recognized at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS AGENDA

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

Motion carried. (Ayes 5, Noes 0)

FINANCIALS

7.2 FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.2.1 Financial Reports for February 2014.

MINUTES

7.3 MINUTES

7.3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 19, 2014.
7.3.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 24, 2014.

PERSONNEL

7.4 PERSONNEL

RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS

7.4.3 RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS

7.4.3.1 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Becky Booker from her position as Teacher Aide effective at the end of the day June 28, 2014.

RESIGNATIONS

7.4.4 RESIGNATIONS

7.4.4.1 The acceptance, with regret, of the resignation of Cheryl Kaczmarek from her position of Head Bus Driver effective at the end of the day March 28, 2014.

7.4.4.2 The acceptance, with regret, of the resignation of Deborah McGinty from her position as Senior Clerk Typist effective at the end of the day April 1, 2014.
LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7.4.6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7.4.6.1 The approval of an unpaid leave for Donald Myers, part-time Laborer, effective March 7, 2014 – April 30, 2014.

7.4.6.2 The approval of an extension of unpaid leave for Jene-Elise Stahura-Uhl from April 4, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

7.4.6.3 The approval of an extension of unpaid leave for Melissa Isenhart from April 4, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

7.4.6.4 The approval of an unpaid leave for Holly Thauer from April 30, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

AMENDED APPOINTMENTS

7.4.7 AMENDED APPOINTMENTS

7.4.7.1 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

7.4.9 APPOINTMENTS

7.4.9.1 The approval of the appointment of Jessica Krasicki, who has initial certificates in Students with Disabilities N-2 and 1-6, to a 1.0 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the Special Education tenure area beginning January 31, 2014 and ending June 30, 2014 or upon the return of Jene-Elise Stahura-Uhl, whichever is sooner. Salary $35,250 pro-rated based upon Bachelors Step 1 (2012-2015 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

7.4.9.2 The approval of the appointment of Andrea Callahan who has an initial certificate in Special Education, to a 1.0 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the Special Education tenure area beginning January 31, 2014 and ending June 30, 2014 or upon the return of Melissa Isenhart, whichever is sooner. Salary $35,250 pro-rated based upon Bachelors, Step 1 (2012-2015 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

7.4.9.3 The approval of the appointment of Christine Serra who has a permanent certificate as School Counselor, to a 1.0 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the Guidance tenure area effective April 7, 2014 through June 30, 2014 or upon the return of Lisa Stack whichever is sooner. Salary $35,250.00 pro-rated on Bachelors, Step 1 (2012-2015 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

7.4.9.4 The approval of the appointment of Cheryl Kaczmarek to the Civil Service position of Bus Driver effective March 29, 2014, at no change in salary.

7.4.9.5 The approval of the appointment of John Lysiak as a Volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2013-14 school year.
7.4.9.6 The approval of the appointment of Tim Walczyk as a Volunteer Girl’s Lacrosse Coach for the 2013-14 school year.

7.4.9.7 The approval of the authorization of the recommendations by the:

- Committee on Special Education for annual reviews of 59 children.
- Committee on Special Education for re-evaluation/annual reviews of 19 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the program review of 4 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the re-evaluation of 1 child.
- Committee on Special Education for the review of new referrals of 2 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the review of transfer/intake of 2 children.
- Committee on Special Education for amendments of 11 children.
- Committee on Special Education for declassification of support services of 0 children.
- Committee on Special Education for declassification of 0 children.
- 504 Committee for the accommodation plan of 2 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the manifestation determination of 0 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the preschool annual review of 1 child.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the preschool re-eval/annual review of 2 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the preschool program review of 0 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the preschool re-evaluation of 2 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the preschool amendments of 0 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/Preschool Declassification of 1 child.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/Preschool New Referral of 1 child.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/Preschool Transfer/Intake of 1 child.

Total Meetings: 108
8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Scofield reported a newspaper article from the Hudson Valley area reported that the State Education Department will end controversial plans to store identifiable student data in a Web-based cloud created by inBloom. Mr. Scofield stated that he has not received official word, but if the report is true, he wanted to thank everyone who has been lobbying to remove the mandate since the information was not being used to improve programs.

Mr. Scofield notified the Board that 19% of parents refused having their children participate in the ELA Assessments last week. This figure put the district below the 95% required student testing which may put the district in a school in need of improvement position and jeopardize funding.

The recent student bullying survey created at the high school, along with surveys from other districts was distributed to the Board. Mr. Scofield asked that the Board to review the surveys and provide suggestions. The committee will be moving forward in the near future with input from students.

Mr. Scofield reported that Assemblyman Divid DiPietro held a Common Core forum in the Iroquois Middle School on March 29. Mr. Scofield stated that the Assemblyman listened to many in the audience share that they are not upset with the Common Core but with the implementation, including roll-out of the modules and testing. Mr. Scofield indicated that the implementation left a lot of confusion which, he believed played a part in the number of parents refusing their child from taking the assessments. Mr. Scofield encouraged everyone to continue contacting their representatives.

Mr. Scofield informed the Board that a practice lockdown was recently held at the High School. Although the drill was successful and people were following procedures, areas were identified that need improvement. In light of recent tragedies throughout the country, campus lock down drills will be held in the spring and fall to help keep Iroquois as safe as possible.

Mr. Scofield recognized and congratulated the following:

- Emily Augustyniak – Grade 8 – for winning First Place in the WNY United Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse Red Ribbon Essay Contest. Emily will be honored at the May 3 Buffalo Bison Game.

- Winter Scholar Athletes – Lauren Jenney, Joshua Rosser, Austin Valvo. Honorable Mention Scholar Athletes: Meghan Fonfara,
Steven Kaufmann, Justin Krzemian, Kyle Reid, Madison Roberts and Camille Wutz,

- High School Senior Danni Cooke who is now a published author of the book entitled *Taming Demons*.
- Chamber Choice Awardees: Jacob Amo, Moshan Billups, Samantha Brader, Jessi Ehrenburg, Jacob Ekstrum, Dalton Gerhardt, Kaitlin Howard, Claire Martin, Katie Stewart, Cole Walker, Matthew Keicher, Jesse Kennell, Jillian Pielaszkiewicz and Stephanie Szymanski.

Mr. Scofield presented the 2014-2015 budget which included the Grade Reconfiguration Overview. Mr. Scofield, along with Mr. Esslinger, discussed afterschool transportation, what the students schedules would look like, location of administration and nurse, perceived grade isolation, transition implementation, retaining grade level identity, students access to the Boy’s & Girl’s Club, how teachers will be assigned and, most importantly, how the core academics will be implemented with fidelity. Board President, Mr. Specht, stated that even though we did receive additional funds from the State, in order to achieve keeping programs intact, it required the District to dip substantially into reserves. Mr. Specht stressed that it is time for us to face reality that we are getting less and less money from the State every year. We have been prudent in the past and must continue by following the same course of action. The additional money allows the District to keep money in reserve funds in order to accomplish what we needed to do and keep all programs for children. Mr. Specht stated that the grade realignment allowed the District to save substantial money and utilize the additional space in the primary buildings.

9. NEW BUSINESS

2014-2015 BUDGET PROPOSITIONS

9.1 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Bracci, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

**ENTIRE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM BUDGET 2014-2015**

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:
Resolved, that the budget for the Iroquois Central School District, Erie County (the “District”) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted, in an amount not to exceed $44,955,910, and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said District to be levied and collected as required by law.
PROPOSITION NO. 2
PURCHASE OF PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:
Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Iroquois Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of four 62-passenger school buses, one 20 passenger bus and two vans, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of $512,000, less trade-in value, if any, and that such sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be partially offset by state aid available therefore; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed such estimated maximum aggregate cost shall be issued, or the school district may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the school district to finance the purchase in that method.

PROPOSITION NO. 3
TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:
Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Iroquois Central School District, Erie County, is hereby authorized, to expend $60,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund of the District known as the “Technology Reserve Fund” (as established by the District’s voters at the District vote held on May 19, 2005) for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware, computer software and computer connectivity equipment.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 5, Noes 0)

BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD ELECTION VOTING INSPECTORS

9.2 Upon a motion by Mr. Bracci, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolutions:
RESOLVED, that the list of voting inspectors, chief inspector, clerk of the meeting, acting clerk of the meeting, and permanent chairperson be approved for the Annual Budget Vote and Board election to be held on May 20, 2014

Inspectors:
Joan Accurso        Donna Karwick        Deanna McDonough
Cathy Balducci      Donna Kennell        Gale O’Brien
Christine Barsottelli Mary Newell        Debbie Reilly
Cathy Berger        Susan Kimpton        Mary Rudich
Gail Berger         Jennifer Kowalski     Arlene Rydzynski
Sandra Bishop       Bonita Linhardt      Shirley Schildkamp
Arleen Bogucki          Shirley Loomis       Patricia Skowron
Jeanette Dickinson     Vern Loomis          Frances Tuck
Patricia Evans         Mary Lucas           Debbie Wilson
Nancy Galanis          Margaret Maciejewski
Carolyn Husarek        Linda Mazgaj
Judith Jackson         Carol Metz           Joyce Zimmerman

Chief Inspector:       Christine Barsottelli
Alternate Inspector:   Sandra Gmerek
Clerk of the Meeting:  Cindy Sadowski
Acting Clerk of the Meeting: Joanne George (in the absence of the Clerk of the Meeting)
Permanent Chairperson: Cindy Sadowski; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Meeting is hereby delegated the authority to appoint additional inspectors as necessary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Meeting, or in her absence the Acting Clerk of the Meeting, shall have the authority to inspect the voting machines prior to and immediately after the voting for the purposes of reporting the same to the public and preparing the minutes of the Annual District Meeting.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 5, Noes 0)

9.3 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Bracci, the Board voted unanimously to approve the schedule of 2014-2015 Board of Education meeting dates as follows:

July 1, 2014 - Reorganizational Mtg.
August 27, 2014
September 10, 2014
October 8, 2014
November 5, 2014
December 10, 2014
January 14, 2015
February 11, 2015
March 18, 2015
April 22, 2015
May 12, 2015 - Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting
May 19, 2015 - Budget Vote
June 10, 2015

Motion Carried. (Ayes 5, Noes 0)
9.4 Upon a motion by Mr. Bracci, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Applications for Use of School Facilities requests from:

- Angela Myers, President, Iroquois Music Booster Club to use the Middle School Auditorium on Sunday, April 6, 2014 for an evening concert of the Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band at an estimated cost of $284.64.

- Anthony Ottomano, Buffalo Storm Coach, to use the Middle School gymnasium on Thursdays, May 8, 2014 – June 26, 2014 for basketball practice at an estimated cost of $74.09.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 5, Noes 0)

9.5 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Bracci, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following donation:

- $902.85 from Lifetouch National School Studios to Wales Primary (TA 085.22)

Motion Carried. (Ayes 5, Noes 0)

9.6 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Bracci, the Board voted unanimously to declare an old wireless base station from the Grounds Department, Asset Control #A00019756, as obsolete and disposed of according to District policy.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 5, Noes 0)

Mrs. Hovey congratulated the students involved with the recent high school play, *The Wizard of Oz*. Mrs. Hovey stated that the students were marvelous in a very difficult production. Mrs. Hovey also attended the Army Jazz Band concert sponsored by the Iroquois Music Boosters. Mrs. Hovey reported the band travels around the country conducting over 100 performances per year.

Mrs. Szeglowski attended the II Science Fair and expressed her pleasure over the numerous community, teachers and staff that were there to support the students.
Mr. Lowrey reported that he attended the BOCES 2 annual meeting in which all of the centers presented their programs. Mr. Lowrey stated that the Ormsby Principal informed him that the physical fitness program is now affiliated with Canisius College. Mr. Lowrey also attended the ECASB New Board Member workshop in which 21 prospective board candidates attended and the ECASB negotiations workshop. Mr. Lowrey stated that both programs were very informative.

Mr. Specht reported that he also attended the Common Core Forum and was very pleased to see the many school districts from across Western New York that came and participated.

Mr. Specht informed the audience of upcoming budget presentations and the Budget Hearing to be held on May 13 at 6:30 PM in the II cafeteria. Mr. Specht also invited the audience to contact any board member, Mr. Scofield or Mrs. George if they have any questions regarding the budget.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS REGARDING A TOPIC OF CONCERN

No guests requested to be recognized at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Carried. (Ayes 5, Noes 0)

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sadowski
District Clerk