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
AND
BUDGET WORK SESSION
IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
GIRDLE RD., ELMA, NY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019 AT 5:00 PM.

PRESENT
Mrs. Jane Sullivan
Mr. Charles Specht (arrived at 5:40 PM)
Mrs. Michele Hovey
Mrs. Sharon Szegiowski
Mr. Gunnar Haberl
Mrs. Louise Toth (arrived at 5:10 PM)

EXCUSED
Mr. David Lowrey

ALSO PRESENT
Mr. Douglas Scofield    Superintendent
Dr. Mary Jo Dudek    Assistant Superintendent
Mr. John Wolski    Business Administrator
Mrs. Cindy Sadowski    District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER
The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Jane Sullivan at 5:02 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Haberl, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular persons.

Motion carried.  (Ayes 4, Noes 0)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE
A moment of silence was held in memory of Iroquois Bus Driver Pam Reed.

2019-20 BUDGET PRESENTATION
Mr. Scofield reviewed the Iroquois Vision and Mission statements and the considerations for the budget process. Mr. Wolski explained that the state aid report shows a negative percentage for Iroquois because the expense based aids are estimated and often based on current year expenses. The State cannot be accurate because the year is not completed and based on the budget, state aid will increase by only .7% for 2019-20. The expenses, revenues and estimated tax impact were discussed in detail.

The Budget Work Session concluded at 6:44 PM
Mrs. Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM
RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No guests asked to be recognized at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS AGENDA

6.1.2 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Mrs. Toth, the Board voted to approve the consensus agenda items 6.2 – 6.4.9.6.

Motion carried. (Ayes 5, Noes 0, Abstain 1) (Mr. Haberl abstained)

FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.2 FINANCIAL MATTERS


MINUTES

6.3 MINUTES

6.3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 13, 2019.

PERSONNEL

6.4 PERSONNEL

RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS

6.4.3 RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS

6.4.3.1 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Elizabeth Dehr from her position as School Counselor effective at the end of the day June 30, 2019.

6.4.3.2 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Jennifer Tritto from her position as Music Teacher effective at the end of the day June 30, 2019.

6.4.3.3 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Thomas Wood from his position as Physical Education Teacher effective at the end of the day June 30, 2019.

6.4.3.4 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Susan Pudlak from her position as Teacher Aide effective at the end of the day June 30, 2019.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.4.6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.4.6.1 The approval of unpaid leave for Lynn Jensen from March 27, 2019 (.75) through April 18, 2019.

6.4.6.2 The approval of unpaid leave for Jennie Gnojek from May 2, 2019 (.62) through May 14, 2019.

6.4.6.3 The approval of unpaid leave for Michael McCarty, part-time Bus Driver, from March 31, 2019 through April 15, 2019.
6.4.6.4 The approval of unpaid leave for Brian Donaldson, Microcomputer Repair Technician, from April 29, 2019 through May 14, 2019.

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.

APPOINTMENTS

6.4.9 APPOINTMENTS

6.4.9.1 The approval of the following appointment for Spring Coach for the 2018-19 school year:

Melissa Kurzdorfer   Asst. Coach Boys Track & Field   $3,075.00

6.4.9.2 The approval of the following Volunteer Spring Coaching appointments for the 2018-19 school year:

Dale Wesoloski       Volunteer Boys’ Lacrosse Coach
Matt Haberl          Volunteer Girls’ Softball Coach
Chad Barry           Volunteer Girls’ Softball Coach

6.4.9.3 The approval of the request to assign the following student teachers:

Alice Joowon Oh (Buffalo State College) to be assigned to Kim Ferguson (Living Environment) from April 1, 2019 – May 17, 2019.

Gabrielle McCormack (SUNY Potsdam) to be assigned to Lauren Fox (gr 6-8 Vocal) from October 28, 2019 – December 13, 2019.

6.4.9.4 The approval of the probationary appointment of Valerie Keicher to a part-time Cleaner position (twelve [12] months, nineteen and one half [19.5] hours per week) effective April 11, 2019. Salary shall be in accordance with the current CSEA Agreement and start at Wage Grade 4, Step 1 at a salary of $13.99 per hour + $.20 per hour shift differential (2017-2022 CSEA Agreement).

6.4.9.5 The approval of the probationary appointment of Melanie Kasten to a 1.0 F.T.E. teacher aide position effective April 11, 2019. Salary $11.50 per hour, Step 1 (2018-2022 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

6.4.9.6 The approval of the authorization of the recommendation by the:

- Committee on Special Education for the annual reviews of 68 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the reevaluation/annual reviews of 22 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the non-triennial reevaluation of 11 children.
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Scofield noted that the property tax cap is now permanent, a TRS Reserve fund is now allowable, allows SUNY schools to provide reduced or no cost credits to students who are in dual enrollment programs, eliminates the mandate to use 3-8 grade tests as the measure of student growth in APPR, a staggered schedule for building condition surveys, requires all employers to provide each employee three hours of paid leave on election day for all non-district elections, rejected the proposal that required all students to wear seatbelts on buses and did not eliminate the requirement for each district to submit building level budget reports as adopted last year.

Mr. Scofield informed the Board that Community Education Director Mr. O’Brien researched the possibility of running the driver education program through Iroquois. Mr. Scofield shared that the instructor would have to have driver certification and also have a certification in a secondary tenure area.

Dr. Dudek discussed the ELA Assessments and the need to postpone some of the testing due to a malfunction through the exam vendor Questar Assessment Inc. The Board shared that they were encouraged by the Commissioner of Education’s stance on the failure of the computer company.

Dr. Dudek shared that there are now eight high school student technology assistants. The students will be available on a rotating basis to assist teachers and students in the high school.

Mr. Scofield reported that as part of an Eagle Scout project, two pine trees on the main campus that are at their end of life stage and will be replaced with three new Vandorwolf pines.

Mr. Scofield congratulated Dylon Huber, Tyler Huber, Shane Peter, Michael White and Jake Jozwiak on achieving Eagle Scout ranking.
8. NEW BUSINESS

2019-2020 BUDGET PROPOSITIONS

8.1 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
ENTIRE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM BUDGET 2019-2020

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, 2019, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted, in an amount not to exceed $52,210,044 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 (the “District”) is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of four gasoline fuel 63-passenger buses (at a maximum estimated cost of $106,449 each), and one cutaway bus (at a maximum estimated cost of $61,000) for use in the transportation program of the District, and having an estimated maximum aggregate cost of $486,796, less trade-in value, if any; and that such aggregate 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 transportation aid available and received therefore; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the District shall be issued in an amount not to exceed $486,796, or the District may enter into a lease/purchase or installment purchase contract up to such stated amount (and having a term of not more than five years), if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the District to finance the purchases using that method.

PROPOSITION NO. 3
TECHNOLOGY RESERVE and GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE

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 $150,000 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;

Be It Further Resolved, shall the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Iroquois Central School District (the “District”) be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the “Fund”); which Fund shall be known as the “General Capital Reserve Fund” of the District; which Fund shall be for the purpose of funding construction and reconstruction of District buildings, grounds, paved roadways and parking areas, and other related site work, and for instructional, operational and maintenance and other related equipment; which Fund shall have an ultimate amount of not more than $12,000,000 plus interest earned thereon; which Fund shall have a probable term of not more than 15 years; which Fund shall be funded from (a) the unappropriated fund balance of the District, (b) State aid received as reimbursement for expenditures from the Fund, and (c) such other sources as the Board of Education or the voters of the District may direct.

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

8.2 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mrs. Szeglowski, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the Property Tax Report Card for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

8.3 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Haberl, seconded by Mrs. Szeglowski, the Board voted unanimously on the first reading of the following policies:

5741 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers
7530 - Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

8.4 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Mrs. Toth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED THAT, the Agreement for driver education services has been reviewed by school council and meets all criteria set by the District and recommended by NYSED, as executed on behalf of Erie 1 BOCES, and annexed to this Resolution, be approved;

AND THAT the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the District.

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)
8.5 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Haberl, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Iroquois Central School District (the “District”) will undertake the Capital Outlay Project of 2019-2020 to replace ceiling tile and VCT flooring at Marilla Primary, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SED guidance and policy, the local school district / board of education is the appropriate agency to undertake project review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5 of the SEQRA regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) provides that certain activities are Type II actions which are not subject to review under SEQRA and that such activities include “routine activities of educational institutions,” “maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility;” and/or “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site…unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4;” and

WHEREAS, the proposed Capital Outlay Project 2019-2020 constitutes such routine activities of educational institutions, maintenance or repair activities, and/or in-kind, same-site replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction activities without exceeding any of the applicable thresholds; and

NOW THEREFORE, based on such review and consideration, the Board of Education for the District hereby resolves that the proposed Capital Outlay Project 2019-2020 is a Type II action which is not subject to review under SEQRA, and the proposed action will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment but rather will promote health and safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declares this ordinary contingent item for repairs that are necessary to preserve property and protect students and staff and therefore authorizes the necessary replacement and repairs not to exceed $100,000 or as much therefore as may be necessary, which shall be funded by budgetary appropriations to be approved at the May 21, 2019 vote.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

8.6 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Haberl, seconded by Mrs. Szeglowski, the Board voted unanimously to accept the donation of $350.00 from the American Heart Association to Jill Peresan, for commitment and support of the Jump Rope for Heart for the 2018-2019 school year at Marilla Primary, raising $10,700.00 for the American Heart Association to be used for the prevention, education, treatment of cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)
USE OF FACILITIES

8.7 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Application for Use of School Facilities request from:

- Janet Appleby, Dance Dimensions, to use the Middle School auditorium, stage, gym and locker rooms on May 30, 2019 – June 2, 2019 for their dance rehearsal and recital, at an estimated cost of $1,874.61.
- Stacey Wawrzyniec, Buffalo Dance Center, to use the Middle School auditorium on June 13, 2019 – June 15, 2019 for their dance performance, at an estimated cost of $1,308.55.
- Maria Hollowood, Aurora Ballet, to use the High School auditorium on June 10, 13 and 15, 2019 for their dance rehearsal and recital, at an estimated cost of $337.80.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

DONATIONS

8.8 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Haberl, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following donations:

- $250.00 from the Iroquois Foundation, Inc. for the purchase of supplies for Ms. Kim Ferguson’s classroom. [TA 085.17]
- $100.00 from Patricia Simmons for the Christopher Blakowski scholarship. [TECB 2705]
- $200.00 from Deborah Leigh Blakowski for the Christopher Blakowski scholarship. [TECB 2705]
- $700.00 from Marcia Martin for the Christopher Blakowski scholarship. [TECB 2705]
- $300.00 from Marcia Martin in memory of Christopher Blakowski for library books to support the MS STREAM program. [TEST 2705]

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

PHASE 2 RECONSTRUCTION BID

8.9 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mrs. Toth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the bid award for the Phase 2 Reconstruction Project at the Iroquois Middle School, associated with the District-wide Capital Improvements Project, 2016. All contracts are being awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

General Work:
Transit Construction Services Corp. Base Bid $855,000
Alternate Bid 208-01 $ 59,000

Plumbing Work:
MLP Plumbing & Mechanical, Inc. Base Bid $127,600
Boices Commitment Statement

Field Trip – William F. Eddy Track and Field Meet

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

Obsolete Books – Middle School Library

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)
NEWS WORTH SHARING

Mr. Specht shared that he recently spoke with the Erie 2 BOCES librarian who attended a program in NYC. Attendees of the program include several publishers who give away their books to school librarians.

Mrs. Toth shared that she recently attended the annual meeting at the Carrier Center. Mrs. Toth expressed her admiration for all of the programs represented. Mr. Specht shared that he also attended the meeting and discussed the CTE program being weighted equally with an advanced regents diploma.

Mr. Haberl shared that he has been approached by several people questioning the reason that Iroquois is the only district listed in the state aid runs with a negative figure. Mr. Haberl asked that, since a majority of the inquiries were coming from teachers and staff, if an email could be generated explaining the reason for the negative number.

Mrs. Sullivan shared that she has received emails from several middle school students who have begun to do research on the possibility of changing the start time for students. Mrs. Sullivan has invited the students, who are from Mr. Fromman’s class in the middle school, to present their findings to the Board at the May meeting. Mrs. Szeglowski stated that the project would be an excellent sample project for the Social Studies Seal of Civic Participation developed by the Commissioner’s Content Advisor Panel of which Mrs. Szeglowski is a part.

The Board inquired on the status of the student initiative to paint senior parking spots. Mr. Scofield shared that some concerns over the use of certain paints have been discussed and that he is waiting for further discussion from the students.

Mrs. Sullivan shared that the senior Back to the Future event will be held on May 11 and also reminded the Board members that a special meeting will be held on April 16 at 7:30 am to vote on the BOCES budget.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

No guests asked to be recognized at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sadowski
District Clerk