MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
GIRDLE RD., ELMA, NY  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016 AT 6:00 PM.

PRESENT  
Mr. Charles Specht  
Mr. David Lowrey  
Mrs. Michele Hovey (arrived at 7:07 PM)  
Mrs. Sharon Szeglowski  
Mr. Daniel Behlmaier (arrived at 6:06 PM)  
Mrs. Jane Sullivan

EXCUSED  
Mr. Paul Bracci

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 6:04 PM.

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

Motion carried. (Ayes 4, Noes 0)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY  
No guests asked to be recognized.

PRESENTATION  
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – HONOR FLIGHT  
Students from the National Honor Society, along with their advisors Mrs. Bette Dehr and Ms. Lisa Wojdan, presented a check for $750 to Mr. Tom Petrie from Honor Flight. The funds were raised through the sale of coupon books. Mr. Petrie thanked the students for providing two veterans with the ability to travel to Washington DC to visit the war memorials and other historic sites. Mr. Petrie stated it is, for many, one of the best days of their lives.
ADDITION TO AGENDA

In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Behlmaier, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to add item 6.4.4.2 to the agenda.

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS AGENDA

In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Szeglowski, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consensus Agenda items 6.2 – 6.4.9.8

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

FINANCIALS

6.2 FINANCIAL MATTERS


MINUTES

6.3 MINUTES

6.3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2016.

PERSONNEL

6.4 PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS

6.4.4 RESIGNATIONS

6.4.4.1 The acceptance of the resignation of Henry Zmich from his position as Temporary Bus Driver at the end of the day April 13, 2016.

6.4.4.2 The acceptance of the resignation of Lynn Martin from her position as Microcomputer Technical Support Specialist effective April 13, 2016.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.4.6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.4.6.1 The approval of an extension of unpaid leave for Judy Kolarczyk, Teacher Aide, from March 29, 2016 through May 2, 2016.

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 appointment of Lisa Wagner-Dalgleish who has a permanent certificate in Nursery, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6 to a 1.0 F.T.E non-probationary position in the Library Media tenure area from March 8, 2016 and ending on or before June 30, 2016 or upon the return of Kristin Chernowski whichever is sooner. Salary $36,250.00 pro-rated based on Bachelors Step 2 (2015-2018 IFA Negotiated Agreement).


6.4.9.4 The approval of the appointment of John Lysiak as a Volunteer Coach for Boys’ Baseball for the 2015-16 school year.

6.4.9.5 The approval of the request to assign the following student teacher:

- Cassidy Janiszewski (Medaille College) assigned to Rachelle Walker (grade 1, MP) from March 28, 2016 – May 11, 2016.

6.4.9.6 The approval of the probationary appointment of Henry Zmich to Bus Driver position (ten [10] months, twenty-seven and on-half [27 ½] hours per week) effective April 14, 2016. Salary shall be in accordance with the current CSEA Agreement and start at Wage Grade 9, Step 1 at $16.18 per hour (2013-2017 CSEA Agreement).

6.4.9.7 The approval of the appointment of Thaddeus Sobieski to a Temporary Bus Driver position (ten [10] months, twenty-two and one-half [22½] hours per week) effective April 14, 2016 and ending upon the return of Geraldine Lasker. Salary shall be in accordance with the current CSEA Agreement and start at Wage Grade 9, Step 1 at a salary of $16.18 per hour (2013-2017 CSEA Agreement).

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

- Committee on Special Education/Annual Review of 68 children.
- Committee on Special Education/Re-eval/Annual Review of 10 children.
- Committee on Special Education/Program Review of 1 child.
- Committee on Special Education/New Referrals of 2 children.
- 504 Committee/Accommodation Plan of 2 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/Preschool Annual Review of 8 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/Preschool Program Review of 1 child.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education / Preschool New Referral of 4 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/Preschool Amendments of 1 child.

Total Meetings: 97
Mr. Scofield reported that the United StateS Department of Education Office for Civil Rights has notified the District that the next Civil Rights Data Collection will take place during the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Scofield stated that the amount of work involved in the data collection is substantial and thanked Dr. Dudek and everyone involved for their efforts.

Mr. Scofield stated that the Board has developed a responsible budget for the 2016-17 school year that will allow the District to keep all programs intact. Discussions are taking place with administrators to research ideas of what can be done to improve present programs. Mr. Scofield reported that the District has begun to move toward the 1:1 computing concept and anticipates the entire district will be in place within three years. The implementation will provide training for staff, students and parents. Mr. Scofield informed the Board that the technology department would be presenting the implementation to the Board at the District Planning Conference.

Dr. Dudek reported that she attended Commissioner Elia’s presentation held at the Lancaster School District. Dr. Dudek stated that the Commissioner was very deliberate in her speech affirming that going forward we need to be flexible, reasonable and thoughtful in the decisions that are made. She said that things were done quickly and the assessment data being used for teacher review did not allow for teachers to adjust to new standards. She talked about assessment changes and the shortened exams, untimed period and the change in the time sequence. The parent reports will be modified and more user friendly stating that they really don’t say much right now and she wants that information to have meaning. The Board discussed the need for several changes and the fact that trust would not return until those changes were seen.

Mr. Scofield reported that 56% of students in grades 3-8 chose not to take this year’s ELA and Math Assessments. The largest percentage choosing not to take them was at 8th grade and the largest number choosing to take them was at 4th grade.

Mr. Scofield stated that since the TriTown program and EMW have merged, Community Education has expanded in an effort to continue to offer summer programs to families. The District will not be making a profit from the endeavor and since the department does not have a budget to offset some of the costs to families, a few of the TriTown programs will not be offered. Mr. O’Brien, the Director of Community Education, stated that they are trying to meet the needs of the community and continue as many of the programs as possible.

Mr. Scofield stated that the April 4th ITAC meeting continued with the discussion of the opioid epidemic and also included training of the administration of Narcan for overdoses. The next ITAC Meeting will be held on May 23.

Mr. Scofield explained that in anticipation of extra snow days, 188 students attendance days were scheduled for 2015-16 school year. Since the extra day
was not needed, May 27 will be a non-student attendance day.

Mr. Scofield recognized:
- Business teacher Jim Whalen for being selected as the East Aurora Chamber teacher of the year.
- High School art students selected to feature their artwork in the AK Teens Future Curators Exhibition at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery.
- Wales Primary Physical Education teacher Jill Peresan for raising $4,317 for the American Heart Association through the Jump Rope for Heart Event. This is the 6th event Mrs. Peresan has held raising a total of over $36,000.
- Payroll Clerk Nancy Swiston for addressing 1200 delegates from the Alzheimer’s Association across the country. Nancy was chosen to represent New York State.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Szeglowski, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following amended policy:

#5620 Fixed Asset Inventories, Accounting and Tracking

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

2016-2017 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

8.2 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 schedule of 2016-2017 Board of Education meeting dates as follows:

- July 6, 2016 - Reorganizational Mtg.
- July 20, 2016 - District Planning Meeting
- July 21, 2016 – District Planning Meeting
- August 24, 2016
- September 14, 2016
- October 12, 2016
- November 9, 2016
- December 7, 2016
- January 11, 2017
- February 8, 2017
- March 8, 2017
- April 5, 2017
- May 10, 2017 - Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting (Tuesday evening)
- May 16, 2017 - Budget Vote
- June 14, 2017

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)
DONATION FROM AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION TO WP PHYS ED

8.3 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to accept two $100.00 gift certificates from the American Heart Association to Wales Primary physical education teacher Jill Peresan, redeemable at U.S. Games to purchase physical education equipment, for commitment and support of the Jump Rope for Heart for the 2015-2016 school year at Wales Primary, raising $4,317.00 for the American Heart Association to be used for the prevention, education, treatment of cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

2015-2016 CALENDAR AMENDMENT

8.4 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent upon a motion by Mrs. Szeglowski, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, the Board voted unanimously to amend the 2015-2016 academic calendar establishing May 27, 2016 as a non-student attendance day.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

ERIE 2 BOCES COMMITMENT STATEMENT FOR 2016-17

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Iroquois Central School District has reviewed the Commitment Statement from Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES for services to be provided during the 2016-2017 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Iroquois Central School District agrees that such services are required to complement the existing educational program, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the services to be provided and the cost proration are acceptable to this District.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA ITEM 8.6

In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Behlmaier, the Board voted unanimously to amend item 8.6 Proposition 3 as follows: “to expend $100,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund.”

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)
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 following resolution:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
ENTIRE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM BUDGET 2016-2017

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, 2016, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted, in an amount not to exceed $47,980,609 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 63-passenger school buses, two 30 passenger buses and one van, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of $576,000, 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 $100,000 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 6, Noes 0)
VOTING INSPECTORS

8.7 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 following resolution:

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 17, 2016

Inspectors:

Christine Barsotelli  Jennifer Kowalski  Deborah Reilly
Cathy Berger  Shirley Loomis  Mary Rudich
Gail Berger  Vern Loomis  Arlene Rydzynski
Sandra Bishop  Kimberly Lovetro  Rose Schaefer
Nancy Galanis  Mary Lucas  Shirley Schildkamp
Carol Huber  Deanna McDonough  Joanne Sorgi
Judith Jackson  Mary Newell  Frances Tuck
Susan Kimpton  Gale O’Brien  Debbie Wilson

Chief Inspector: Christine Barsotelli
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 6, Noes 0)

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the development of the exit poll for the May 17 budget vote and the special meeting to be held on April 19 at 7:30 AM to vote on the BOCES budget and Board member election.

NEWS WORTH SHARING

Mrs. Hovey thanked all who were involved in the Back to the Future event stating that it meant a great deal to the students to see so many of their primary and middle school teachers there.

Mr. Specht and Mr. Lowrey reported that they attended the Prospective School Board Candidates session sponsored by ECASB on April 2. Mr. Specht noted that three individuals registered through Iroquois attended along with a member of the press.
Mrs. Szeglowski reminded everyone that April 20 is the Jazz Concert featuring Bobby Militello being held at the high school. The concert is free and open to the community. Many alumni are coming back to participate and a reception will be held afterward for retiring music teacher Mr. Staebell.

Mrs. Sullivan stated that the recent passing of former Iroquois principal Mr. William Quick was a shock to everyone. Mr. Quick was a valued member of the Iroquois community for many years and will long be remembered as “The Voice of Iroquois.”

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. Hovey, seconded by Mr. Behlmaier, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sadowski
District Clerk