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, APRIL 17, 2013 AT 6:00 PM.

PRESENT
Mr. David Lowrey
Ms. Nickole Garrison
Mrs. Suzanne Wolff
Mr. Charles Specht
Mr. Thomas Di Scipio
Mrs. Michele Hovey

EXCUSED
Mr. Paul Bracci

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

CALL TO ORDER
The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Mr. David Lowrey at 6:00 PM.

ACTING CLERK
A motion was made by Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Di Scipio to appoint Mrs. George as acting clerk of the meeting.

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mrs. Wolff, seconded by Mr. Specht, 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 6, Noes 0)

(Mr. Bracci arrived at 6:42 PM)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD AWARDS
The Board presented awards to the Girls’ Varsity Basketball, Boys Varsity Basketball, Boys’ Varsity Swimming, Indoor Track, Boys’ Varsity Wrestling and Varsity Bowling Teams for the achievements in advancing past the regular season competitions.

PRESENTATION
Executive Director Mr. Gary Grote and other members of the East Aurora Chamber of Commerce discussed the need for awareness and change in perception to both parents and students of Career & Technical Education.
Mr. Grote stated that there is a need to change the mindset of parents and students of the potential in skilled trades and that the NYS Regents and the media need to recognize and promote these career tracks. Chamber members present stated that through surveys and conversations with their 600 members, the vast number of well-paid trade positions will go unfilled in the near future. Mr. Lowrey thanked the Mr. Grote and the Chamber members for attending the Board meeting and stated that the Commissioner of Education is not hearing this message from the schools. Assistance in communicating the message from businesses to the Commissioner is appreciated.

RECOGNITION OF
GUESTS – REGARDING
AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No guests asked to be recognized.

AMENDMENT OF
CONSENSUS AGENDA

In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Wolff, seconded by Mr. Specht, the Board voted unanimously to amend items 7.4.3.1, 7.4.3.2 and 7.4.3.3 to include the wording “at the end of the day June 30, 2013” and to amend item 7.4.9.2 to read “ending on or before April 29, 2013.”

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

APPROVAL OF
CONSENSUS AGENDA

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

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

FINANCIAL

7.2 FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.2.1 Financial Reports for February 2013.

MINUTES

7.3 MINUTES

7.3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 13, 2013.
7.3.2 Minutes of the Work Session held on April 8, 2013.

PERSONNEL

7.4 PERSONNEL

RETIREMENT
RESIGNATIONS

7.4.3 RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS

7.4.3.1 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Christine Wilckens from her position as High School Science Teacher effective at the end of the day June 30, 2013.

7.4.3.2 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Joseph Mankowski from his position as High School Technology Teacher effective at the end of the day June 30, 2013.
7.4.3.3 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Annemarie Jason from her position as Marilla Primary Librarian effective at the end of the day June 30, 2013.

7.4.3.4 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Darlene Green from her position as Bus Driver effective at the end of the day June 21, 2013.

7.4.6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7.4.6.1 The approval of an extension of unpaid leave for Susan Slade, Clerk Typist PT, from March 18, 2013 through April 14, 2013.

7.4.6.2 The approval of an unpaid leave for Kevin Ellis, Laborer, from February 26, 2013 through April 11, 2013.

7.4.6.3 The approval of an unpaid leave for Lucille Stasinski, Cleaner, from March 4, 2013 through April 29, 2013.

7.4.6.4 The approval of an unpaid leave for Timothy Reed, Laborer, from April 10, 2013 through May 14, 2013.

7.4.6.5 The approval of an extension of unpaid leave for Wendy Muscarella from March 15, 2013 through April 19, 2013.

7.4.6.6 The approval of an unpaid leave for Lori Zimmerman from September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

7.4.6.7 The approval of an extension of unpaid leave for Jennifer Cantie from April 22, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

7.4.6.8 The approval of the unpaid leave for Melissa Batt from April 16, 2013 (.5 unpaid) through June 30, 2013.

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.

7.4.9 APPOINTMENTS

7.4.9.1 The approval of the appointment of Rico Ruffino, who has permanent certificates in technology and art, be reinstated to a tenure position in the technology tenure area, commencing September 1, 2013. Salary $49,250.00 based upon Masters, Step 9 (2012-2015 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

7.4.9.2 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 15, 2013 and
ending on or before April 29, 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).

7.4.9.3 The approval of the appointment of Andrew Musial, who has a professional certificate in English 7-12, be appointed to a 1.0 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the English tenure area effective April 22, 2013 and ending on or before June 30, 2013 or upon the return of Jennifer Cantie, whichever is sooner. Salary $35,250.00 pro-rated based on Bachelors, Step 1 (2012-2015 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

7.4.9.4 The approval of the following appointments for the High School Play to be held on April 19 & 20, 2013:

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<td>Lisa Ludwig</td>
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7.4.9.5 The approval of the authorizations recommended by the:
- Committee on Special Education for Annual Reviews of 75 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the Program Review of 1 child.
- Committee on Special Education for Re-evaluation of 2 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the initial education placement of 0 children.
- Committee on Special Education for Amendments of 3 children.
- Committee on Special Education for Declassification support services of 2 children.
- Committee on Special Education for Declassification of 3 children.
- 504 Committee for the Accommodation Plan of 2 children.
- Committee on Special Education for The Manifestation Determination of 1 child.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the Preschool Annual Review of 21 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 4 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the Preschool Amendments of 0 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the Preschool Declassification of 2 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special education Referral 4 children.

Total Meetings: 118

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Scofield reported that the Iroquois Foundation, through a request from High School Assistant Principal Mr. Beetow and Athletic Director Mr. Ziegler were awarded a $2,500 grant for the middle school fitness center. Mr. Scofield thanked the President of the Foundation, Mr. Greg Merkle, for
his commitment to the Foundation. Ms. Garrison recognized Mr. Matt Garvey, former President for ensuring the continuation of the Foundation before he moved from the District.

Mr. Scofield informed the Board that although the NYS Safety Coalition has advised the State of the importance of school resource officers, New York State is not funding the initiative. Mr. Scofield thanked Senator Gallivan and the Town of Elma for their support through letters and propositions in support of the SRO’s. Mr. Scofield also informed the Board that a letter was received from Undersheriff Mark Wipperman proposing an alliance with the Sherriff’s Department and the school district. Mr. Scofield thanked them for their proposal and stated that he would place the question on the exit poll survey of whether the community would be in favor of funding the hiring of an SRO.

Mr. Lowrey reported on the P-16 Summit Meeting he attended along with Mr. Scofield and Dr. Dudek. Mr. Lowrey stated that the meeting provided the opportunity not only to speak with the Commissioner and Regent Bennett but to also meet with college and business representatives to discuss partnerships. Mr. Lowrey stated that Dr. Dudek would be researching these avenues.

Mr. Scofield reminded the Board that the District Planning meeting would be held on August 5 & 6 this year. He stated that in addition to the data presentations, per the Board’s request, one of the agenda topics would be the need to educate students and parents on the consequences of on-line postings. Mr. Scofield asked that the Board please contact him with any additional items they would like included on the agenda.

Mr. Scofield announced:

- Sixth grade student Madalyn Scheeler won 1st place in the WNY United Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse Essay Contest and would be recognized at the May 4th Buffalo Bisons game.
- Jerome Machynski and Patrick Welling were selected by the East Aurora American Legion to participate in the Boys State Program.
- David Tharnish and Philip Stolarski earned Winter Scholar Athlete recognition.

Mr. Scofield reported that he has been notified by SED that the State will be creating an Education Data Portal with funds they received through Race to the Top monies. Mr. Scofield stated he believes that participation in the portal will only be funded through the State for a minimum amount of time and may put an increased funding burden on the District in the future.

Mr. Scofield informed the Board that maintenance mechanic Tom Bykowicz has enrolled the District in the Auction International web site. Through Mr. Bykowicz’ efforts of entering the required data and photos for items that the District has declared obsolete, many items have been sold. Mr. Scofield noted that after six years of use, the plow truck that was recently declared obsolete was sold for more than it was originally purchased.
Mr. Scofield reported that he recently received a transportation request from an Alden resident to transport her children to Canisius High School. Mr. Scofield has replied to the request stating that due to legalities we are not willing to honor the request at this time.

Mr. Scofield informed the Board the reconstruction of the war memorial will begin in the coming months and rededicated in the fall. Mr. Scofield thanked Andrew Paluch who originally organized the War Memorial as his Eagle Scout project for his continued dedication to the memorial.

Dr. Dudek presented a Biannual K-8 Literacy Report. The extensive report explained how the District is using the assessments and implementing the interventions and programs. Dr. Dudek stated that progress has already been seen in just a few short months.

Dr. Dudek report that the elementary report card committee, consisting of a K-5 teacher at each grade level and administrators, goal was to redesign the report card to make it standard based to the common core and to make sure information to parents is relevant timely and makes sense. Dr. Dudek stated that the new K-5 report card will be issued 3 times a year and is clear and concise.

NEW BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

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

PROPOSITION NO. 1
ENTIRE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM BUDGET 2013-2014

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, 2013, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted, in an amount not to exceed $44,072,240, 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 three 62-passenger school buses and two vans, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of $400,000, 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 7, Noes 0)

9.2 Upon a motion by Ms. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Specht, 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 21, 2013

Inspectors:
Joan Accurso
Christine Barsottelli
Cathy Berger
Gail Berger
Sandra Bishop
Arlene Bogucki
Carol Comerford
Patricia Evans
Jeanette Dickinson
Nancy Galanis
Carol Huber
Carolyn Husarek
Judith Jackson
Donna Karwick
Jennifer Kowalski
Barbara Lindhardt
Bonita Lindhardt
Shirley Loomis
Vern Loomis
Mary Lucas
Carol Maltbie
Linda Mazgaj
Deanna McDonough
Carol Metz
Mary Newell
Debbie Reilly
Cheryl Ritter
Arlene Rydzynski
Shirley Schildkamp
Patricia Skowron
Frances Tucker
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.

**2013-2014 ACADEMIC CALENDAR REVISION**

9.3 Upon a motion by Mr. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Di Scipio, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, New York State Education Department has revised the June 2014 regent’s exam schedule removing June 4 as a regent’s exam date;

RESOLVED, the 2013-2014 Iroquois School District Calendar is revised to reflect June 4, 2014 as a student attendance day.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

**AMEND MAY BOARD MEETING DATE**

9.4 Upon a motion by Mr. Bracci, seconded by Ms. Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to amend the date of the regular meeting of the Board of Education/Budget Hearing from May 1, 2013 to May 8, 2013 to comply with education law 4.2 which states the budget hearing must be held 7 to 14 days before the annual meeting and election.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

**2013-2014 BOE REGULAR MEETING DATES**

9.5 Upon a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Mrs. Wolff, the Board voted unanimously to approve the schedule of 2013-2014 Board of Education meeting dates as follows:

- July 2, 2013 - Reorganizational Mtg.
- August 28, 2013
- September 11, 2013
- October 9, 2013
- November 13, 2013
- December 11, 2013
- January 15, 2014
- February 12, 2014
- March 12, 2014
- April 9, 2014
- May 13, 2014 - Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting (Tuesday evening)
- May 20, 2014 - Budget Vote
- June 11, 2014

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

**SECOND READING OF AMENDED POLICIES**

9.6 Upon a motion by Mrs. Wolff, seconded by Ms. Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve the second 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
7631 Appointment and Training of Committee on Special Education (CSE)/Subcommittee on Special Education Members
7640 Student Individualized Education Program (IEP): Development and Provision
8260 Title I Parent Involvement Policy

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

**FIRST READING OF AMENDED POLICIES**

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

- 5632 Pest Management and Pesticide Use
- 7132 Non-Resident Students

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

**OBsolete VEHICLE**

9.8 Upon a motion by Mrs. Wolff, seconded by Ms. Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to declare Fleet #994, 1999 Plymouth car with approximately 130,000 miles as obsolete and sold for scrap value. The vehicle has severe chassis corrosion, bad wheel bearings, starter failure and will no longer pass New York State inspection.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

**OBsolete EQUIPMENT**

9.9 Upon a motion by Ms. Garrison, seconded by Mrs. Wolff, the Board voted unanimously to declare the following items as obsolete and disposed of according to District policy:

- Blakeslee Floor Machine Mixer, Model #CC20, Serial #61590, Inventory Track #A00016168
- Food Warmers, Middle School kitchen, Inventory Track #A00022056
- Folio Cabinet, High School Room 140, Inventory Track #A00022763
- Refrigerator (Victory6) 3 door walk-in (High School kitchen) #A00023104

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)
MSA DONATION

9.10 Upon a motion by Mr. Di Scipio, seconded by Mrs. Wolff, the Board voted unanimously to accept the donation of $96.00 from the Iroquois Middle School Association for the purchase of art supplies for the Middle School art department.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

USE OF FACILITIES

9.11 Upon a motion by Mrs. Wolff, seconded by Ms. Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Applications for Use of School Facilities requests from:

- Melissa Wapshare, Buffalo Storm Coach, to use the Wales Primary Gymnasium on Wednesdays, from April 10, 2013 through May 1, 2013 for basketball practices at an estimated cost of $39.82.
- Melissa Wapshare, Buffalo Storm Coach, to use the Marilla Primary Gymnasium from March 25, 2013 through May 29, 2013 for basketball practices at an estimated cost of $101.89.
- Maria Hollowood, Aurora Ballet, to use the High School Auditorium on June 4 and June 6, 2013 for dance rehearsals and on June 8, 2013 for a dance recital at an estimated cost of $332.39.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

OBsolete BOOKS

9.12 Upon a motion by Ms. Garrison, seconded by Mrs. Wolff the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of Iroquois Intermediate school Librarian Kristin Chernowski to render certain titles of books, fiction and nonfiction, obsolete and to properly dispose of said items. The materials are outdated. The complete list is on file in the District Clerk’s office.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

IROquoIS FOUNDATION DONATION

9.13 Upon a motion by Mrs. Wolff, seconded by Mr. Specht the Board voted unanimously to accept the donation of $2,500.00 from the Iroquois Foundation for updating the Middle School Fitness Room per high school Assistant Principal Douglas Beetow’s proposal. A2855.200.00.0000 (Athletic Equipment)

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Lowrey reminded the Board Members that the Board will hold a special meeting on April 23rd to vote on the BOCES Budget.

Mr. Bracci reported that, in Mr. Lowrey’s absence, he recently attended the ECASB meeting. Mr. Bracci informed the Board that the Sweet Home School District, in conjunction with the Amherst Police Department, would be conducting a simulation of a shooting in their school. Mr. Bracci also reported that the Amherst School District has approved a resolution to support the P16 Systematic approach to education and is requesting other districts to support the initiative. Mr. Bracci stated the roundtable
discussions focused mostly on budget preparations with most school districts proposing a 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 levy increase along with eliminations of programs and staff. Mr. Bracci reported that he left the meeting feeling good about the job Mr. Scofield, Mrs. George and the whole District has done this year is developing the 2013-2014 budget. Mr. Bracci also informed Mr. Lowrey that he had been reelected as the Treasurer of ECASB.

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. Bracci, seconded by Mr. Specht, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne George
Acting Clerk

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