MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
GIRDLE RD., ELMA, NY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015 AT 7:00 PM.

PRESENT
Mr. Charles Specht
Mr. David Lowrey
Mr. Paul Bracci
Mr. Thomas Di Scipio
Mrs. Michele Hovey
Mrs. Sharon Szeglowski
Mr. Daniel Behlmaier

EXCUSED

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 6:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mr. Bracci, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person.

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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. Behlmaier, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consensus Agenda.

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

FINANCIALS
5.2 FINANCIALS

MINUTES

5.3 MINUTES

5.3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2015.

PERSONNEL

5.4 PERSONNEL

RETIEMENT RESIGNATIONS

5.4.3 RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS

5.4.3.1 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Jane Kustreba from her position as special education teacher effective at the end of the day June 30, 2015.

5.4.3.2 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Lorraine Kwiek from her position as LOTE teacher effective at the end of the day June 30, 2015.

5.4.3.3 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of June Marsowicz from her position as elementary teacher effective at the end of the day June 30, 2015.

5.4.3.4 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Marie-Florence Vach from her position as LOTE teacher effective at the end of the day June 30, 2015.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.4.6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.4.6.1 The approval of an unpaid leave for Dawn Jacobs from March 3, 2015 (.73) through March 20, 2015.

5.4.6.2 The approval of an unpaid leave of absence for Tiffany DePlato, from her position as .6 F.T.E. Teacher Assistant from March 4, 2015 and ending on or before June 30, 2015 or upon the return of Andrew Musial whichever is sooner.

5.4.6.3 The approval of an unpaid leave for Rebecca Guido from April 7, 2015 through April 17, 2015.

5.4.6.4 The approval of an unpaid leave for Kate McHale from May 20, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

5.4.6.5 The approval of an extension of unpaid leave for Lisa Stack from April 20, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

5.4.6.6 The approval of an unpaid leave of absence for James Konwiczka, Maintenance Mechanic Helper, from March 19, 2015 and ending upon the return of Ronald Poch.
5.4.7 AMENDED APPOINTMENTS

5.4.7.1 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.

5.4.9 APPOINTMENTS

5.4.9.1 The approval of the appointment of Michelle Porzio, who has a permanent certificate in Nursery, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6, to a 1.0 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the Childhood Education tenure area beginning February 3, 2015 and ending on or before June 30, 2015 or upon the return of Kate McHale whichever is sooner. Salary $35,250.00 pro-rated based on Bachelors, Step 1 (2012-2015 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

5.4.9.2 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 20, 2015 and ending on or before June 30, 2015 or upon the return of Lisa Stack whichever is sooner. Salary $35,250.00 pro-rated based on Bachelors, Step 1 + $3,525.00 stipend (2012-2015 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

5.4.9.3 The approval of the appointment of James Konwiczka to a non-probationary Temporary Mechanic position (twelve [12] months, forty [40] hours per week) effective March 13, 2015 and ending upon the return of Ronald Poch. Salary shall be in accordance with the current CSEA Agreement and start at Wage Grade 12, Step 1 at $17.89 per hour (2013-2017 CSEA Agreement).

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

- Committee on Special Education for annual reviews of 98 children.
- Committee on Special Education/Re-eval/Annual Reviews of 21 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the program review of 5 children.
- Committee on Special Education/Re-evaluation of 1 child.
- Committee on Special Education/New Referrals of 4 children.
- Committee on Special/Amendments of 2 children.
- 504 Committee/Accommodation Plan of 5 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/Preschool Annual Review of 11 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/Preschool Program Review on 2 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/Preschool New Referral of 4 children.

Total Meetings: 153
6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Scofield notified the Board that the 1997 pickup truck, recently declared obsolete, had been sold at auction for $6,400.00. Mr. Scofield thanked Mr. Carlin, Supt. of Bldgs. & Grounds, and his department for their efforts in selling the used equipment.

Mr. Scofield informed the Board, per Policy 5632, that the grounds department will be applying pesticide to certain areas due to the inability to rectify the situation through alternate measures.

Mr. Scofield congratulated the Student Government Body on the success of the leadership summit they recently held for middle school students. Dr. Dudek attended the summit and stated that over 90 middle school students participated in various activities designed to inspire leadership skills.

Mr. Scofield reported that the recent Band trip to Washington, DC was a great success. Mrs. Hovey, who attended the trip, stated the students were complimented everywhere they went. The students enjoyed a performance by the Baltimore Philharmonic and attended a clinic at John Hopkins.

Mr. Scofield and Dr. Dudek reported on the recent ELA and Math Assessments. Mr. Scofield stated that with 58% of students not taking the assessments he does not believe the business first rating will be a fair representation of our students. Mr. Scofield also stated that this will be the second year the District has not met the required 95% of students taking the assessments which prevents the primary and middle schools eligibility for reward school grants. In addition, after three years of participation below 95%, the state would send specialists in to develop a plan to address the low participation.

Mr. Scofield stated that the 2015-16 Budget was developed with the needs of both the students and taxpayers in mind. The Board stated that a contingency budget would reduce athletics, extra-curricular activities, AP course offerings and increase class size.

Mr. Scofield and the Board reviewed and discussed the information sheet and survey for the Veterans Tax Exemption to be distributed to residents at the May 19 budget vote.

Mr. Scofield reported that since Labor Day falls late in September 2015, the first day of school would not be until September 9. This late start limits the number of snow days for the 2015-16 year to two; any additional days would cause the student attendance days to fall below the required 180 days. After considerable discussion, it was decided to reduce the February break by two days and add an extra day of vacation to the Memorial Day weekend.
Mr. Scofield congratulated the following:

- Music teacher John Iocco for being selected as the recipient of the 2015 Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra/Erie County Music Educators Association Award for Excellence in Music Education.

- High School senior, Mara Schafer, who was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

- High School seniors Grace Aroune, Nina Bracci, Andrew D’Andrea, Nora Durham, Victoria Geil, Gunnar Haberl, Samantha Jayes, Erin Keppner, Mathew Sokolski, Connor Ziegler, Veronica Kordrupel, Ciara Occhino, Patricia Pacer, Patrick Stenzel and Haylee Weeks who were selected as recipients of the East Aurora Chamber Choice Awards

- The winter athletic teams, including the Boys Varsity Bowling for an undefeated season and the Wrestling Team for winning the Section VI Class A Wrestling title.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Upon a motion by Mr. Bracci, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the schedule of 2015-2016 Board of Education meeting dates as follows:

July 1, 2015 - Reorganizational Mtg.
August 26, 2015
September 16, 2015
October 7, 2015
November 4, 2015
December 9, 2015
January 13, 2016
February 10, 2016
March 16, 2016
April 13, 2016
May 10, 2016 - Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting
May 17, 2016 - Budget Vote
June 8, 2016

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

AMENDED POLICIES

7.2 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Di Scipio, the Board voted unanimously to accept the first reading of the following amended policies:

- 7130 Entitlement to Attend – Age and Residency
- 7132 Non-Resident Students
- 7549 Dignity for All Students
- 7582 Recess

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)
7.3 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 2015-2016

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, 2015, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted, in an amount not to exceed $46,648,435, 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, two 20-passenger buses and one van, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of $544,000, 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 $200,000 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)
7.4 Upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mr. Di Scipio, 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 19, 2015.

Inspectors:
Joan Accurso  Carol Huber  Carol Metz
Christine Barsottelli  Judith Jackson  Mary Newell
Nancy Battistoni  Sue Kimpton  Gale O'Brien
Cathy Berger  Jennifer Kowalski  Debbie Reilly
Gail Berger  Bonita Linhardt  Mary Rudich
Sandra Bishop  Shirley Loomis  Arlene Rydzynski
Arlene Bogucki  Vern Loomis  Rose Schafer
Jeanette Dickinson  Mary Lucas  Joanne Sorgi
Patricia Evans  Carol Maltbie  Frances Tuck
Nancy Galanis  Linde Mazgaj  Debbie Wilson
Eileen Holden  Deanna McDonough  Suzanne Wolf

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 7, Noes 0)

7.5 Upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mr. Di Scipio, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Iroquois Central School District (the “District”) High School’s brick work at various locations, exterior entrance ways and floor work, have been in service in excess of twenty-five (25) years and have been designated a health and safety risk by the 2014 Building Condition Survey, and

WHEREAS, the District proposes to undertake a project to repair brick work and masonry at various locations, demolish and reconstruction of exterior entrance ways and floor work; 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 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 Project 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 fund by budgetary appropriations approved at the May 19, 2015 vote.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0 )

7.6 Upon a motion by Mr. Di Scipio, 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 2015-2016 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 7, Noes 0)
USE OF FACILITIES

7.7 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Bracci, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Application for Use of School Facilities requests from:

- Jill Jaros/Maria Buffato, owners of the Rock Steady Dance Center, to use the High School Auditorium and facilities for a dance rehearsal on June 18, 2015 and a dance recital on June 21, 2015 at an estimated cost of $382.47.

- JoAnne Hopkins, owner of The Dance Workshop Inc., to use the Middle School Auditorium and facilities for dance rehearsals on June 9 and 10, 2015 and dance recitals on June 13 and 14, 2015 at an estimated cost of $427.25.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

DONATIONS

7.8 Upon a motion by Mr. Behlmaier, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following donations:

- $240.42 from Target Corp. – Take Charge of Education for Wales Primary, TA085.22

- $85.00 from the Kiwanis Club of Marilla for library materials for Marilla Primary, TA085.04

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

OBsolete EQUIPMENT

7.9 Upon a motion by Mr. Di Scipio, seconded by Mrs. Szeglowski, the Board voted unanimously to declare the Marilla Primary dishwasher booster heater as obsolete and disposed of according to District policy, Asset Control A00228546.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

TRANSPORTATION BID

7.10 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the award of the Transportation for One Special Needs Student Bid to student’s parent, at a cost of $.575, the IRS mileage rate, effective April 16, 2015.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

AMENDED 2014-2015 CALENDAR

7.11 Upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mr. Di Scipio, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, New York State Education Department requires 180 student attendance days and,

WHEREAS six (6) student attendance days were cancelled during the 2014-2015 school year due to inclement weather, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, the 2014-2015 Iroquois School District Calendar is revised to reflect June 19, 2015 as a half day of attendance for students in Kindergarten through Grade 5.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS

7.12 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 135.4(c) (7) (ii) (a) (4) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education provides for a board of education to permit pupils in grades no lower than seventh grade to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for senior high school pupils, or senior high school pupils to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for pupils in the seventh and eighth grades; and

WHEREAS, these pupils are to be allowed to compete at levels that are appropriate to their physical maturity, physical fitness, and sport skills in relationship to other pupils in accordance with the standards established by the Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Education Department issues the competition standards for these pupils to compete under a program called the Athletic Placement Process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Iroquois Central School District Board of Education shall permit pupils to compete after successfully completing the Athletic Placement Process for the requested sport and level.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

NEWS WORTH SHARING

Mr. Behlmaier shared that the Orchestra trip to New York City was a success. The students attended the Pops at Carnegie Hall and saw the play Les Miserables.

Mr. Specht shared that he attended a taping of the show, Student Voice, at WNED studios. The show will air on Channel 17 on May 18.

Mr. Specht announced that the public hearing on the 2015-16 proposed budget would be held on May 12 at 6:30 PM in the Intermediate School cafeteria.

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

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sadowski
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District Clerk
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