MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL
INTERMEDIATE CAFETERIA
GIRDLE RD., ELMA, NY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011 AT 6:30 PM.

PRESENT

Mr. David Lowrey
Mr. Paul Bracci
Ms. Nickole Garrison
Mrs. Suzanne Wolff
Mr. Charles Specht
Mr. Thomas Di Scipio

ABSENT

Mrs. Susan Brunner

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Bruce T. Fraser      Interim Superintendent
Mr. Douglas Scofield      Asst. Supt. for Finance & Personnel
Mrs. Cindy Sadowski      District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by, Mr. Specht seconded by Ms. Garrison, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the negotiations.

Motion carried.  (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

Mrs. Brunner arrived at 6:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BUDGET HEARING

The Budget Hearing began at 6:40 pm.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Lowrey called the regular meeting to order at 7:22 pm.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Elma resident, Mrs. Pat Little, inquired as to the location of the positions in 6.4.1.1.
APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS AGENDA

In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Brunner, seconded by Mr. Specht, the Board voted unanimously to amend 6.4.1.1 by removing the library media specialist position from the list of abolishment.

Motion carried.  (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

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

Motion carried.  (Ayes 7,  Noes 0)

FINANCIAL

6.2   FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.2.1 Financial Reports for March 2011.

MINUTES

6.3   MINUTES

6.3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 7, 2011.
6.3.2 Minutes of the Special/Work Session held on March 31, 2011.
6.3.3 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 6, 2011.
6.3.4 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 11, 2011.
6.3.5 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 12, 2011.
6.3.6 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 13, 2011.
6.3.7 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 26, 2011.

PERSONNEL

6.4   PERSONNEL

ABOLISHMENT

6.4.1 ABOLISHMENT

6.4.1.1 The approval to abolish the following positions effective June 30, 2011:

(3) 1.0 F.T.E. Elementary Education teaching positions
(1) 1.0 F.T.E. ELA Teaching position
(1) .8 F.T.E. Elementary Education teaching position
(1) .6 F.T.E. Elementary Education teaching position
(1) 1.0 F.T.E. Special Education teaching position
(1) 1.0 F.T.E. Technology teaching position
(1) 1.0 F.T.E. Physical Education teaching position
LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.4.6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.4.6.1 The approval of an unpaid leave for Susan Wulf from April 11, 2011 through April 29, 2011.

AMENDED APPOINTMENTS

6.4.7 AMENDED APPOINTMENTS

6.4.7.1 The approval of the amended lists of substitute teachers, teacher aides, bus attendants, bus drivers, cleaners, clerical, clerks, laborers and nurses per the attached.

APPOINTMENTS

6.4.9 APPOINTMENTS

6.4.9.1 The approval of the appointment of Mr. Douglas Scofield as the Superintendent of Schools/Chief Executive officer for the Iroquois Central School District, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015. The annualized salary for the 2011-2012 school year shall be $148,500.

6.4.9.2 The approval of the appointment of Mike Hoeflich as a volunteer coach for the Modified Softball Team for the 2010-2011 school year.

6.4.9.3 The approval of the authorization of CSE/CPSE recommendations per the attached.

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Scofield reported that the Capital Project Update is on schedule and that ground has been broken in front of high school and at Elma Primary. Mr. Scofield reiterated that the cost of the project does not impact taxpayers.

Dr. Fraser apologized for any inconvenience caused to families by changing the May 16 & 23 staff development days from K-12 to K-8. Since most teachers at the lower level will be grading assessments, the high school staff believes the students would best be served by attending classes and preparing for regents exams.

NEW BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Brunner, seconded by Mr. Scofield, the Board held the second reading of policy No. 7523 – Concussion Management Policy and Protocol.

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)
8.2 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Wolff, seconded by Mr. Bracci, the Board voted unanimously to approve Marcia Parkes as an additional voting inspector for the Annual budget Vote and Board election to be held on May 17, 2011.

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

8.3 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Ms. Garrison, the Board of Education voted unanimously to accept the following donations:

- $340.80 from the Wales Primary PTO for transportation for a field trip to Green Lake – A1440
- $450.00 from the Middle School Association for a 6th grade Team Galileo spring field trip – TA085.09
- $500.00 from Utica National Insurance Group to Iroquois Central School District as a 2011 Utica National School Safety Excellence Award Winner – A2770
- $535.00 from the Middle School Association for a spring field trip to Nickel City Reptiles and Exotics – TA085.09

Motion carried. (Aye 7, Noes 0)

8.4 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Ms. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Bracci, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the non-public school transportation requests for 271 students for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

8.5 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Wolff, seconded by Mrs. Brunner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of EduKids to use the Iroquois Intermediate facilities on June 23, 2011 for a pre-school graduation at an estimated cost of $53.01.

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

Mr. Lowrey shared a list of fundraising ideas for the Board/Administrator Relay for Life Team. The Board has contributed a coffee lovers basket which includes coffee from Starbucks, Tim Horton’s and Dunkin Donuts along with gift cards to each establishment, for the main Relay raffle. The Board/Administrator Relay for Life team will begin selling tickets in the near future for their grand prize basket which includes $1000 in Marriott Hotel gift cards and $500 in JetBlue Airlines gift cards, all of which were
donated. Cost of the raffle tickets will be $2 each or 3 tickets for $5. Raffle tickets will be sold for the grand prize travel basket before and during the Relay for Life event. Suzanne Wolff is organizing an event with Chef Martin entitled “The Past, Present and Future of Sushi.” Chef Martin will do a demonstration and afterward everyone in attendance will enjoy several different types of sushi. The event is tentatively scheduled for June 9. It was also suggested that Relay “stars” be available in each district office for purchase of $1 and each Friday any staff or faculty member who has purchased a star would be entered into a raffle for gift cards to Target, Kohls, etc. Mr. Lowrey stated that the Elma Relay for Life has raised $32,000 to date. The goal is to top the $1M mark by raising over $100,000 this year. This is the 10th consecutive year for the Elma Relay.

The Board discussed a response letter to the Elma Land Conservation Committee citing the importance of stating in the letter the concern the Board of Education has that the easement in the town of Elma will negatively affect the taxpayers of other towns in the Iroquois School District.

Mr. Lowrey reminded everyone that the Budget Vote/Board Election is May 17 from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm in the II Cafeteria. Mr. Lowrey expressed that the remainder of the budget process, which began in February with over 8 public work sessions, continue to remain transparent through the vote by having sufficient parking for voters and adequate signage for voters not familiar with the campus.

Mr. Lowrey:

- recognized faculty members during teacher appreciation week,
- thanked the Wales Primary and Middle School Association for their donations to fund field trips,
- commended Five Star Bank for providing funds for Seniors to attend the safety fair at the Niagara Falls Air Force Base and Mr. Kenney for securing the funds,
- thanked the Superintendent search committee for attending the training session three days of interviews and providing thorough feedback to the Board,
- thanked Building and Grounds employees and Duke Ziegler for maintaining the athletic fields during the extremely wet spring season. Because fields were unplayable at other schools, many of the away games were rescheduled at Iroquois saving the district transportation costs,
• thanked community members who attended the budget work sessions,

• thanked the *Elma Review, East Aurora Advertiser, East Aurora Bee and the Buffalo News* for their excellent reporting which allowed the Board to get information out to the public and create an open budget discussion and for keeping the community informed of the progress of the Superintendent Search,

• reminded Board Members and administrators that if they have not registered for the Relay for Life team to please do so.

Mr. Specht reported that the recent Taste of Europe fundraiser for students traveling to Europe this summer was a great success. The event raised more money this year than any other year with all money raised going directly to students to help fund the trip. Ms. Garrison expressed her appreciation to Mr. Violanti and Mr. Davidson who put an extraordinary amount of time in organizing the very successful event.

Mrs. Brunner congratulated the Music Boosters for organizing the Bobby Militello workshop and concert. The high school jazz band students were enriched by his visit during the day and then had the pleasure of performing with Mr. Militello in the evening.

Elma Resident, Mrs. Pat Little, inquired as to whether the Summons of Complaint had been settled.

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

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)
The Board meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sadowski
District Clerk