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
& BUDGET HEARING
IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
GIRDLE RD., ELMA, NY
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018 AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT
Mr. Charles Specht
Mrs. Jane Sullivan
Mrs. Sharon Szeglowski
Mr. Daniel Behlmaier (arrived 5:37 PM)
Mr. David Lowrey (arrived 5:48 PM)
Mrs. Michele Hovey
Mr. Gunnar Haberl

EXCUSED

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 Mr. Charles Specht at 5:31 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Haberl, made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussing the employment of a particular person and negotiations.

Motion carried. (Ayes 5, Noes 0)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BUDGET HEARING
Erie County Comptroller Stefan Mychajliw presented a report on the effects of consolidating school districts in Erie County and the sales tax revenue. Mr. Mychajliw reported that consolidation of districts requires Board approved feasibility studies, community support through a straw poll or petition process, Order for Consolidation from the NYSED Commissioner of Education and a formal referendum. Mr. Mychajliw cited that a Syracuse University study found that consolidation lowers capital costs only for relatively small districts (of 300 pupils), and capital costs increase substantially when two districts come together. In addition, consolidation creates a bump of salaries, higher property taxes and loss of community identity.

PRESENTATIONS
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 Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consensus Agenda items 6.2 – 6.4.8.4.

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

FINANCIALS

6.2 FINANCIALS


MINUTES

6.3 MINUTES

6.3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 17, 2018.
6.3.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting and Work Session held on April 18, 2018.

PERSONNEL

6.4 PERSONNEL

RETIRED RESIGNATIONS

6.4.3 RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS

6.4.3.1 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Holly Kelly from her position as Teacher Assistant effective at the end of the day June 30, 2018.

AMENDED APPOINTMENTS

6.4.6 AMENDED APPOINTMENTS

6.4.6.1 The approval of the amended appointment of Rachel Gandolfo who has a professional certificate in Childhood Education Grades 1-6 appointed to a 1.0 F.T.E. probationary position in the Childhood Education tenure area commencing on September 1, 2017 and ending on September 1, 2020. Ms. Gandolfo must receive an APPR rating of effective or highly effective in two of the three years preceding the potential tenure appointment. If Ms. Gandolfo receives an APPR rating of ineffective in her final probationary year, the Board may not award tenure, but may extend her probationary time by an additional year. Salary $47,750.00 based on Masters, Step 8 (2015-2018 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

6.4.6.2 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.

APPOINTMENTS

6.4.8 APPOINTMENTS

6.4.8.2 The approval of the request to assign the following student teacher(s):

- Zachary Healy (SUNY Cortland) to be assigned to Andy Jacobs (Physical Education grades 5-8) from September 4, 2018 – October 19, 2018.

6.4.8.3 The approval of the request to assign the following internships:

- Korie Leitten (Arkansas School of Social Work) to be assigned to School Social Worker Colleen Edwards (Middle School) for the 2018-19 school year.

- Ashley Wagner (University at Buffalo) to be assigned to School Social Worker Colleen Edwards (Middle School) for the 2018-19 school year.

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

- Committee on Special Education for the annual reviews of 30 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the reevaluation/annual reviews of 5 children.
- Committee on Special Education for reevaluation of 2 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the new referrals of 9 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the amendments of 1 child.
- 504 Committee for the accommodation plan of 3 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the preschool annual review of 5 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the preschool new referral of 1 child.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education preschool amendments of 1 child.

Total Meetings: 57

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Scofield informed the Board that the Gateway Longview clinician helping students with behavioral issues will be on campus through the summer and has also been assigned to Iroquois two days per week next year. The clinician, through Gateway Longview, provides services to students at no charge to the District.

Mr. Scofield thanked Senator Gallivan for again providing a $25,000 grant to help fund the SRO position. Mr. Scofield noted that Senator Gallivan has been a consistent source to bring back tax dollars to the district for the SRO position.
Mr. Scofield reported that the recent audit by NYSED of the District’s Child Nutrition Program showed the district to be in complete compliance with no corrective action required.

Dr. Dudek informed the Board that approximately 15-20 students will be earning the Seal of Biliteracy this year as compared to two students last year. Dr. Dudek congratulated the LOTE Department on making the program a success and constantly looking for ways to make the experience exceptional for the students.

Dr. Dudek reported that there were no large computer issues with the CBT (computer based testing) for the math assessments. Although two students were initially “kicked off” their information was immediately restored.

Mr. Scofield noted that the percentage of students opting out of the assessments has decreased in the past two years.

Mr. Scofield reported that State leaders, in addressing the use of state testing in APPR, are proposing legislation to allow school districts to collectively bargain new evaluation systems.

Mr. Scofield informed the Board that, in light of many residents not receiving the newsletter before the January capital project vote, he visited both the East Aurora and Elma post offices. He discussed the process of bulk mailings with both post masters and believes it will resolve many of the issues.

Mr. Scofield congratulated the students who recently participated in the Band Against Bullying raising awareness of bullying related issues. Mr. Haberl, who also attended the event, thanked Advisor Mrs. Slowick and congratulated the students for taking on issues that are not easy to talk about and perform on stage in front of a large audience at UB.

Mr. Scofield congratulated high school senior Raven Kirsch for being the first Iroquois recipient of the SAANYS scholarship award.

Mr. Scofield congratulated all the students who participated in the recent District Orchestra concert stating that it was wonderful to see the evolution of the students.

Mr. Scofield congratulated and presented NYSSBA awards to Mr. Haberl and Mrs. Hovey for their continued training through NYSSBA education.

NEW BUSINESS

DONATIONS

8.1 Upon a motion by Mr. Haberl, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board of Education voted unanimously to accept the following donation:

- $100.00 from I61 Ministries, Inc. for the Helping Hands account. (TA 085.30)

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)
NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

8.2 Upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Non-Public School Transportation request for the 2018-2019 school year for 136 students.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

OBSELETE BOOKS

8.3 Upon a motion by Mr. Behlmaier, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request from Iroquois Middle School Library Media Specialist Maria Muhlbauer to render certain books and materials obsolete and properly dispose of said items. These materials are in poor condition and/or contain outdated, inaccurate information. The complete list is on file in the District Clerk’s Office.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

OBSELETE BOOKS

8.4 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Szegloski, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request from Wales Primary School Library Media Specialist Paul Braun to render certain books and materials obsolete and properly dispose of said items. These materials are in poor condition and/or contain outdated, inaccurate information. The complete list is on file in the District Clerk’s Office.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Scofield informed the Board of the NYSSBA September 12 Summit featuring NYSED Commissioner MaryEllen Elia and Bill Daggett, Ed.D., founder and chairman of International Center for Leadership in Education.

The Board discussed and developed the exit poll survey for the May 15 budget vote.

NEWS WORTH SHARING

Mr. Specht reminded Board members that NYSSBA is hosting a get together at the Mansion on Delaware on June 27 and that interested Board members should register on line.

Mrs. Szegloski discussed the presentation given by Jessica Hutchinson from Kids Escaping Drugs at the recent high school parents association meeting. Mrs. Szegloski stated that one of the main concerns of many parents is whether the information is getting to parents of younger students soon enough.

Mrs. Szegloski shared that the Back to the Future event was a great success due to the parent volunteers. Mrs. Szegloski stated that students and parents commented and appreciated the administration attending.
Mr. Specht reminded everyone that the Budget Vote will take place on May 15 in the II gymnasium from 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM.

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. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sadowski
District Clerk