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 10, 2016 AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT
Mr. Charles Specht
Mr. David Lowrey (arrived @ 5:56)
Mr. Paul Bracci
Mrs. Michele Hovey (arrived @ 5:38)
Mrs. Sharon Szeglowski
Mr. Daniel Behlmaier
Mrs. Jane Sullivan

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 5:34 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Behlmaier, seconded by Mrs. Szeglowski, 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 5, Noes 0)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BUDGET HEARING
The Budget Hearing began at 6:34 PM

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION
Mr. Specht presided over and called the regular meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS
High School student, Sydney Hanley, read an article she wrote for the high school newspaper. Sydney, along with the other students in Mr. Mitri's class, developed a district-wide recycling program of bottles and cans. Money collected is then donated to Iroquois Helping Hands and other worthwhile causes.
Mr. Specht presented an award to the Butterfly Athletic Park Committee for their remarkable achievement of raising the funds and building the playground at Wales Primary. Liz Galantis-Miller and Sara Monnat accepted the award on behalf of the committee.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No guests asked to be recognized at this time.

ADDITION OF AGENDA ITEMS

In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Bracci, seconded by Mr. Behlmaier, the Board voted unanimously to add items 7.4.3.5, 7.4.6.4 and 9.5 to the agenda.

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

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 items 7.1 – 7.4.9.2.

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

FINANCIALS

7.2 FINANCIALS


MINUTES

7.3 MINUTES

7.3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 13, 2016.
7.3.2 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 19, 2016.

PERSONNEL

7.4 PERSONNEL

RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS

7.4.3 RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS

7.4.3.1 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Howard Bush Jr. from his position as Maintenance Mechanic Crew Chief, at the end of the day July 7, 2016.

7.4.3.2 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Debra A. Szajta from her position as a part-time Senior Clerk Typist, at the end of the day June 29, 2016.

7.4.3.3 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Ronald C. Sardes from his position as a Custodian, at the end of the day August 22, 2016.

7.4.3.4 The approval to amend the retirement resignation date of Beverly Mejak, Teacher Aide, from June 30, 2016 to June 24, 2016.
7.4.3.5 The acceptance, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Deborah Mathews from her position as Elementary Teacher effective at the end of the day June 30, 2016.

RESIGNATIONS 7.4.4 RESIGNATIONS

7.4.4.1 The acceptance, with regret, of the resignation of Duke Ziegler from his position as Athletic Director effective May 12, 2016

7.4.4.2 The acceptance of the resignation of Kevin Waczkowski from his position as Maintenance Mechanic effective at the end of the day April 21, 2016.

7.4.4.3 The acceptance, with regret, of the resignation of Kathleen Janicki from her position as Bus Driver effective at the end of the day May 13, 2016.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE 7.4.6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7.4.6.1 The approval to amend the unpaid leave of absence return date for Judy Kolarczyk from May 2, 2016 to April 15, 2016.

7.4.6.2 The approval of an unpaid leave of absence for Maxine Hoch from May 11, 2016 (.5) through June 23, 2016.

7.4.6.3 The approval of an extension of unpaid leave of absence for Denise Denecke from April 26, 2016 through May 6, 2016.

7.4.6.4 The approval of an unpaid leave of absence for Lynn Jensen, Teacher Aide, from May 9, 2016 (.64) through May 13, 2016.

AMENDED APPOINTMENTS 7.4.7 AMENDED APPOINTMENTS

7.4.7.1 The approval to amend the appointment of Jennifer Schiferle who has initial certifications in Literacy B – Grade 6 and Childhood Education 1-6 from a .8 F.T.E. non-probationary position to a .9 non-probationary position in the general education tenure area beginning May 11, 2016 and ending June 30, 2016. Salary $40,250.00 pro-rated based on Masters Step 2 (2015-2018 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

7.4.7.2 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 7.4.9 APPOINTMENTS

7.4.9.1 The approval of the request to assign the following student teachers:

* Sarah Burns (SUNY Potsdam) to be assigned to Timothy Gastle (HS Music) from October 31, 2016 – December 16, 2016.
• Kara Schanbacher (SUNY Fredonia) to be assigned to Courtney Bevilacqua (grade 5) from March 13, 2017 – May 11, 2017.

7.4.9.2 The authorization of the recommendation by the:

- Committee on Special Education for annual reviews of 28 children.
- Committee on Special Education for re-evaluation/annual reviews of 2 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the program review of 2 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the review of new referrals of 4 children.
- Committee on Special Education for amendments of 3 children.
- 504 Committee for the accommodation plan of 4 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the preschool annual review of 3 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education for the preschool program review of 2 children.

Total Meetings: 48

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Scofield reported that the District has received approval from SED to begin replacement of the exterior doorways in the high school. Mr. Scofield reminded the Board that this is part of the $100,000 yearly improvement project and that 70% of the expense is reimbursed through the State.

Mr. Scofield reported that the District is moving forward with technology improvements which would be funded through the Smart Bond Act. The timeline has been developed for installing access points in every room. Due to multiple submissions for approval from the State, the anticipated start date is the summer of 2017.

Mr. Scofield reminded everyone that the Budget Vote and Board of Education candidate elections will be held on May 17 from 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM in the Intermediate gymnasium.

Dr. Dudek informed the Board that approximately as many students who opted out of the ELA assessments opted out of the Math assessments. There were no major issues during the assessments and scoring went well.

Mrs. George notified the Board that changes have been made to the STAR program. Specifically, new home owners would now be receiving a separate refund check instead of a reduction in the school tax bill.
Mr. Scofield congratulated:

* Eighth grade students who participated in the Innovations CO@ car competition.

* Fourth grade Wales Primary students for winning first place in the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning Earth Day Rain Barrel Painting Contest. The theme “Every Drop Counts” promotes water conservation. The students and Art Teacher Mrs. Lasky were honored at an awards ceremony which was held at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery.

* The Softball team for being presented with the team sportsmanship award at the Herkimer tournament. This award has only been presented twice in the existence of the statewide tournament.

* The high school orchestra who received gold for their level 5 performance at the NYSSMA festival and the 21 vocal students who also performed individually at the NYSSMA festival.

NEW BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY
IROQUOIS/LANCASTER, DEPEW

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

WHEREAS, the Iroquois Central School District, the Lancaster Central School District and the Depew Union Free School District wish to enter into an agreement to combine their girls varsity hockey teams at no cost to the Iroquois Central School District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iroquois Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to sign said agreement approving the cooperative Girls Ice Hockey Program.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

O’DAY’S DRIVING
SCHOOL AGREEMENT

9.2 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Hovey, the Board voted unanimously on the following resolution:

RESOLVED THAT, the Agreement for driver education services has been reviewed by school council and meets all criteria set by the District and recommended by NYSED, as executed on behalf of O’Day’s School of Driving, Inc. and annexed to this Resolution, be approved; AND THAT the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the District.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)
OBSOLETE ITEMS

9.3 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Behlmaier, the Board voted unanimously to declare the following items obsolete:

- Stainless steel sink used in the former High school photo classroom be declared obsolete and disposed of according to District policy, Asset Control #A000228609.
- 2000 Chevrolet van/bus, fleet #270, with approximately 147,848 miles.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

DONATIONS

9.4 Upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following donations:

- $456.50 from the Iroquois Middle School Association to cover the costs of author James Preller’s visit to the Middle School – TA 085-09.
- Washing machine from Thomas Pierson, housed in the Middle School basement for custodial cleaning items.
- $6.60 from General Mills – Box Tops for Education, for Marilla Primary – TA 085-04
- $1,272.00 from the Middle School Association to cover the costs of the 8th grade field trip – TA 085-05
- $1,336.00 from the Middle School Association to cover the costs of the 7th grade field trip – TA-85-13
- $19.80 from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc. to be placed in the High School Education Account – TA 085-17

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

TRACK AND FIELD TRIP TO SCHENECTADY

9.5 Upon a motion by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of Tom Wood for the Track and Field Team to participate in the 76th Annual William F. Eddy Meet in Schenectady, New York from Thursday, May 19, 2016 (after school) through Saturday, May 21, 2016 pending fulfillment of field trip guidelines. The team will pay for all expenses including chartered transportation.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

NEWS WORTH SHARING

Mr. Specht shared that the ECASB legislative team has decided that advocacy training will begin in January next year to ensure earlier contact with State representatives. Mr. Specht thanked the community for their past efforts and stressed the importance of continuing the efforts.

Mr. Behlmaier reported that Mr. Staebell did a magnificent job of preparing the orchestra students for the NYSSMA competition. The judges were overheard commenting on the fluidity of the orchestra on such a difficult piece.
Mr. Specht reported that he attended the concert and reception for Mr. Staebell stating that it was a wonderful send-off and the District has “big shoes to fill.”

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board discussed developed the exit poll for the budget vote.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS REGARDING A TOPIC OF CONCERN

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Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sadowski
District Clerk

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