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, JUNE 2, 2020 AT 6:30 PM.

PRESENT
Mrs. Jane Sullivan
Mrs. Sharon Szeglowski
Mr. David Lowrey
Mr. Charles Specht
Mrs. Michele Hovey
Mr. Gunnar Haberl
Mrs. Louise Toth (arrived at 6:30 PM)

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 Mrs. Jane Sullivan at 6:01 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Haberl, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BUDGET HEARING
Mr. Scofield and Mr. Wolski conducted the hearing on the 2020-21 budget hearing. Questions were taken via email from community members and a detailed explanation of the Governor’s executive order for voting by absentee ballot only was give.

APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS AGENDA
In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Specht, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consensus Agenda items 5.2 – 5.4.7.3.

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

FINANCIALS

5.2 FINANCIALS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 12, 2020.

Approval to accept, with regret, the retirement resignation of Andrew Jacobs from his position as Code of Conduct Officer and Physical Education teacher effective at the end of the day June 30, 2020.

Approval to accept, with regret, the retirement resignation of Lynne Ells from her position as World Languages teacher effective at the end of the day June 30, 2020.

Approval to accept, with regret, the retirement resignation of Henry Pudlak, as a Bus Driver, effective at the end of the day on June 26, 2020.

Approval to amend the retirement resignation date of Carol Wiesmore from her position as Bus Driver, from the end of the day on June 30, 2020 to the end of the day on June 29, 2020.

The approval to accept, with regret, the resignation of Dr. Anna Cieri as part-time Director of It Takes A Community (ITAC) Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition, effective at the end of the day on June 5, 2020.

Approval of the extension of unpaid child rearing leave for Ashley Cady from July 1, 2020 through January 29, 2021.

Approval of unpaid leave for Timothy Schierer, Head Custodian, from June 3, 2020 through June 8, 2020.


The approval of Alicia Louttit, who has a professional certificate in Music, to a tenured position in the Music Education tenure area effective September 1, 2020.
5.4.6.2 The approval of Alycia Pici, who has professional certificates in General Science 7-12 extension and Biology 7-12, to a tenured position in the Science Education tenure area effective September 1, 2020.

5.4.6.3 The approval of Katie Augustine, who has professional certificates in Early Childhood B-2 and Childhood Education 1-6, to a tenured position in the Elementary Education tenure area effective September 1, 2020.

5.4.6.4 The approval of Erin Watkins, who has professional certificates in Early Childhood B-2 and Childhood Education 1-6, to a tenured position in the Elementary Education tenure area effective September 1, 2020.

5.4.6.5 The approval of Jennifer Schiferle, who has a professional certificate in Students with Disabilities 1-6, to a tenured position in the Special Education tenure area effective September 1, 2020.

5.4.6.6 The approval of Nicholas Napierala, who has a professional certificate in Visual Art, to a tenured position in the Art Education tenure area effective September 1, 2020.

5.4.6.7 The approval of Rachel Gandolfo, who has professional certificates in Early Childhood B-2 and Childhood Education 1-6, to a tenured position in the Elementary Education tenure area effective September 1, 2020.

5.4.6.8 The approval of Maria Muhlbauler, who has a professional certificate in Library Media Specialist, to a tenured position in the Library Media tenure area effective September 1, 2020.

5.4.7 APPOINTMENTS

5.4.7.1 The approval of the appointment of Kristin Forgione, who has professional certificates in Students with Disabilities B-2 & 1-6, to a 1.0 F.T.E. probationary position in the Special Education tenure area commencing on September 1, 2020 and ending on September 1, 2024. Ms. Forgione must receive an APPR rating of effective or highly effective in three of the four years preceding the potential tenure appointment. If Ms. Forgione 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 $46,896.00 pro-rated based on Masters, Step 6 (2018-2022 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

5.4.7.2 The approval of the appointment of Christine Gozelski, who has professional certificates in Early Childhood B-2 and Childhood Education 1-6, to a 1.0 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the Childhood Education tenure area effective June 3, 2020 through June 30, 2020 or upon the return of Wendy Muscarella, whichever is sooner. Salary $37,952.00 pro-rated based on Bachelor Step 1 (2018-2022 IFA Negotiated Agreement).
5.4.7.3 The approval of the authorization of the recommendation by the:

- Committee on Special Education for the annual reviews of 89 children.
- Committee on Special Education for the reevaluation/annual reviews of 14 children.
- Committee on Special Education/non-triennial reevaluation of 1 child.
- Committee on Special Education/amendments of 2 children.
- 504 Committee/accommodation plan of 4 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/preschool annual review of 5 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/preschool non-triennial reevaluation of 3 children.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/preschool new referral of 1 child.
- Committee on Preschool Special Education/preschool amendments of 3 children.

**Total Meetings: 122**

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**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Scofield began his superintendent report addressing the unrest in the country at the present time by reading excerpts from a letter written by NYSCOSS Council President and Brighton Superintendent Dr. McGowen. The letter stressed the need to create a more just, inclusive, equitable world for all. Mr. Scofield reminded everyone that the Iroquois staff is always available for the students who need someone to talk with.

Mr. Scofield reiterated that the absentee ballots must be received in the District Office by 5:00 PM on June 9. The drop off location and the reminder to sign the absentee voter statement was also discussed.

Mr. Scofield discussed the effects that the deferment of property tax payments would have on school budgets, the Governor’s initiative to reimaging education and reopening of schools.

Dr. Dudek discussed the results of the second parent survey noting that 74% of the respondents K-12 ranked the level of the distance learning experience to be effective. There was a slight increase in being slightly overwhelmed but able to complete the task and a slight increase in being underwhelmed where work get done and child has time to spare. A concern was also expressed by respondents of the multiple platforms being used. Dr. Dudek thanked everyone for their feedback which will help the district reflect on continuing to improve.
Mr. Scofield reported that the last day of essential instruction will take place on June 12. Mr. Scofield encouraged parents and students to ensure that all of their work is satisfactory since it will be the framework in preparing a strong foundation for next year.

Mr. Scofield shared end of year activities noting that graduation will take place on July 16 if the area was not in the proper phase to hold graduation on June 26.

Mr. Scofield reported that after the Governor announced summer meals would continue to be provided for children in the district during the summer, he received an email today stating that there is actually no funding from the state coming forward to provide for those meals. An estimated cost for providing the meals over the summer is approximately $181,000. The Board expressed their displeasure over the situation but stressed the importance of finding a way to fund the summer program.

Mr. Scofield informed the Board that he has been working with the administrators in discussing the reopening of schools. CDC guidelines have been reviewed and plans are being developed so that when the guidelines from the Governor’s task force come through, we will be prepared.

Mr. Scofield notified the Board that the Elma Town Supervisor had contacted him with the news that the 4th of July fireworks were cancelled but they plan on having them on Labor Day.

Mr. Scofield commended ITAC on the spectacular senior slow roll event. Over 100 cars participated in the parade from the high school to the Transit Rd. billboard recognizing the 2020 Senior class.

Mr. Scofield congratulated the winter athletic teams named as scholar athletic teams by the New York State Athletic Association and to Board member Mrs. Hovey for receiving level 3 accreditation through the NYSSBA development program.

NEW BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF POLICIES

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Specht, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the second reading of the following policies:

#5676 Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data
#5720 Transportation of Students
#6215 Probation and Tenure
#7240 Student Records: Access and Challenge
#7511 Immunization of Student

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

7.2 Upon a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Haberl, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Non-Public School Transportation request for the 2020-2021 school year for 102 students.

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

IROQUOIS FOUNDATION DONATION

7.3 Upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mrs. Toth, the Board voted unanimously to accept the donation of $200.00 from The Iroquois Foundation, Inc. for the purchase of supplies for Diane Campbell, Art Teacher in the Middle School (A1489).

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board scheduled a special meeting for June 16 at 8:00 am for the purpose of accepting the budget vote.

The Board discussed the hiring of PLC to assist in creating a five-year strategic plan. Mrs. Sullivan stated that the Board will be reaching out to all stakeholders in the community, whether you have children in the district or not, to develop a core committee.

NEWS WORTH SHARING

The Board set the reorganization meeting for July 6 at 7:30 am and the District Planning Conference for July 27 & 28, 2020.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Hovey, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sadowski
District Clerk