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
IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
GIRDLE ROAD, ELMA, NEW YORK,
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010 AT 7:30 PM.

PRESENT: Mrs. Susan Brunner
Mr. Greg Parkes
Mr. David Lowrey
Mr. Paul Bracci
Ms. Nickole Garrison
Mrs. Suzanne Wolff
Mr. Charles Specht

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Neil Rochelle Superintendent
Mr. Brian Wiesinger Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Douglas Scofield Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Personnel
Mrs. Cindy Sadowski District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Susan Brunner at 6:28 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Parkes, seconded by Ms. Garrison, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing particular personnel.

Motion carried. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

RETIREMENT RECEPTION
A reception was held to honor the 2009-10 retiring faculty and staff.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Brunner announced the return to regular session at 7:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD RECOGNITION AWARDS:
Board recognition awards were presented by Darcy Walker to Elma Primary student, Maximus Blachowicz; parent, Jennifer Augustyniak; and staff members, Jane Zakrzewski and Heather Ross. Amy Stanfield presented awards to Intermediate students, James Garvey, Arianne Durkin, Brooke Plonka and Kayla Berhaalter; staff members, Maryshaun Stack and Joan Siudzinski and parent volunteer, Susan Brunner.
Diane Campbell, high school art teacher, along with art teachers Pam Russell and Sarah Buttino and Technology teacher, Rico Ruffino, presented Elma Supervisor, Mike Nolan, with an Adirondack chair that was built by the high school technology students and hand painted by the high school art students. Mrs. Campbell stated that the chair is a thank you gift to the Town for hosting the District art show. It is their hope that the Adirondack chair will serve as a reminder to everyone that enters the town hall of the exceptionally talented students at Iroquois.

Board President, Sue Brunner, presented Greg Parkes with an award for his 10 years of service as a Board of Education member. Mrs. Brunner thanked Mr. Parkes for his dedication and service to the community, parents, faculty, staff and students of Iroquois.

PRESENTATIONS: Director of Student Services, Curriculum & Assessment, Kristin Kendall-Jakus, conducted a presentation on the cost comparison of placing students with special needs with a BOCES services vs. keeping them in a the least restrictive environment at Iroquois. The comparison of 6 students showed that, when a students needs can be met at Iroquois, there is a significant savings by educating the student at Iroquois. Mrs. Kendall-Jakus also provided detailed information to the Board of the duties of the school psychologist and provided a comparison chart of 6 other districts with the ratio of school psychologists to students.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Mrs. Peggy Christensen, middle school nurse, addressed the Board on the numerous rumors in the middle school and shared her opinion of Mrs. Spitzer as a leader and role model.

Cheryl Zelasko addressed the Board regarding her view of the progress the middle school has made under Mrs. Spitzer.

Mrs. Garrison left at 8:55 pm

WITHDRAW 8.4.9.1 FROM CONSENSUS AGENDA A motion was made by Mr. Parkes, seconded by Mr. Specht, to move 8.4.9.1 out of the consensus agenda.

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS AGENDA 8.1 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Bracci, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted to approve the Consensus Agenda.

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

FINANCIAL 8.2 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.3 MINUTES

8.3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2010.
8.3.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 21, 2010.
8.3.3 Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 1, 2010.

8.4 PERSONNEL

8.4.1 RESCIND ABOLISHMENT

8.4.1.1 The approval to rescind the abolishment of a 1.0 F.T.E. music teaching position which was recommended and approved at the May 10, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

8.4.2 ABOLISHMENT

8.4.2.1 The approval to abolish one (1) .6 F.T.E. music teaching position effective June 30, 2010.

8.4.4 RESCIND CREATIONS

8.4.4.1 The approval to rescind the creation of a .6 F.T.E. music teaching position which was recommended and approved at the May 10, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

8.4.5 RETIREMENT RESIGNATIONS

8.4.5.1 The approval, with regret, of the retirement resignation of Karen Gipple from her position as Senior Clerk Typist (Confidential/Managerial) effective at the end of the day, August 5, 2010.

8.4.8 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

8.4.8.1 The approval of an unpaid leave for Jill Peresan from June 22, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

8.4.8.2 The approval of an unpaid leave for Erin Crouse from June 18, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

8.4.8.3 The approval of an unpaid leave for Kevin Ellis, Cleaner, from April 22, 2010 through May 27, 2010.

8.4.8.4 The approval of an unpaid leave for Jan Capizzi, Senior Clerk Typist, from April 28, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

8.4.8.5 The approval of an unpaid leave for Ellen Gee, Bus Attendant, from April 15, 2010 through June 30, 2010.
8.4.9 AMENDED APPOINTMENTS

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

8.4.10 TENURE APPOINTMENTS

8.4.10.1 The approval of the appointment of Kristin Chernowski, who has a professional certificate as library media specialist, to a tenured position in the library tenure area effective September 24, 2010.

8.4.10.2 The approval of the appointment of Elizabeth Herrington, who has permanent certificates in elementary education and reading, to a tenured position in the elementary education tenure area effective September 1, 2010.

8.4.10.3 The approval of the appointment of Darlene Huber, who has an initial certificate in students with disabilities gr. 1-6, to a tenured position in the special education tenure area effective September 1, 2010.

8.4.10.4 The approval of the appointment of Rachel Perna, who has a permanent certificate as school counselor, to a tenured position in the guidance tenure area effective September 24, 2010.

8.4.10.5 The approval of the appointment of Jill Plonka, who has a permanent certificate in elementary education, to a tenured position in the elementary education tenure area effective June 29, 2010.

8.4.10.6 The approval of the appointment of Colleen Root, who has an initial certificate in childhood education 1-6, to a tenured position in the elementary education tenure area effective September 1, 2010.

8.4.10.7 The approval of the appointment of Rebecca Sekuterski, who has an initial certificate in ELA 7-12, to a tenured position in the English tenure area effective June 29, 2010.

8.4.10.8 The approval of the appointment of Judith Slowik, who has a professional certificate in speech and language disabilities, to a tenured position in the speech tenure area effective September 1, 2010.

8.4.10.9 The approval of the appointment of Catherine Zimmerman, who has an initial certificate in math 7-12, to a tenured position in the math tenure area effective June 29, 2010.

8.4.10.10 The approval of the appointment of Cortney Zollinger, who has initial certificates in early childhood education N-2 and 1-6, to a tenured position in the elementary education tenure area effective September 1, 2010.
APPOINTMENTS

8.4.11.1 The approval of the transfer of Diane Grabski to the Civil Service permanent position of Senior Clerk Typist (Confidential/Managerial Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent) effective July 1, 2010.

8.4.11.2 The approval of the appointment of Jill Thomas, who has professional certificates in biology 7-12 and general science 7-12 extension, to a 1.0 F.T.E. probationary position in the science tenure area beginning September 7, 2010 and ending September 7, 2012. Salary $42,000 based on Masters, Step 4 (2008-2011 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

8.4.11.3 The approval of the appointment of Rico Ruffino, who has permanent certificates in technology and art, to a .6 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the technology tenure area beginning September 7, 2010 (reassignment from 1.0 F.T.E. technology position reduction). Salary $47,750.00 pro-rated based on Masters, Step 8 (2008-2011 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

8.4.11.4 The approval of the appointment of Rebecca Sekuterski, who has an initial certificate in ELA 7-12, to a .2 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the English tenure area beginning September 7, 2010 (reassignment from 1.0 F.T.E. English position reduction). Salary $42,000 pro-rated based on Masters, Step 4 (2008-2011 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

8.4.11.5 The approval of the appointment of Leah Bernal, who has an initial certificate in students with disabilities 7-12 social studies, to a .6 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the special education tenure area beginning September 7, 2010 (reassignment from 1.0 F.T.E. special education position reduction). Salary $42,000 pro-rated based on Masters, Step 4 (2008-2011 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

8.4.11.6 The approval of the appointment of Catherine Zimmerman, who has an initial certificate in math 7-12, to a .6 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the math tenure area beginning September 7, 2010 (reassignment from 1.0 F.T.E. math position reduction). Salary $36,250.00 pro-rated based on Bachelors, Step 4 (2008-2011 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

8.4.11.7 The approval of the appointment of Erin Crouse, who has an initial certificate in childhood education N-2, to a .5 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the elementary education tenure area beginning September 7, 2010 (reassignment from 1.0 F.T.E. elementary education position reduction). Salary $41,000.00 pro-rated based on Masters, Step 3 (2008-2011 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

8.4.11.8 The approval of the appointment of Lori Govenettio, who has a permanent certificate in reading, to a .5 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the reading tenure area beginning September 7, 2010 (reassignment from 1.0 F.T.E. reading position reduction). Salary $54,000.00 pro-rated based on Masters, Step 11 (2008-2011 IFA Negotiated Agreement).
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8.4.11.9 The approval of the appointment of Jeffrey Toy, who has a permanent certificate in business and distributive education, be appointed to a .6 F.T.E. non-probationary position in the business tenure area beginning September 7, 2010 (reassignment from 1.0 F.T.E. business position reduction). Salary $46,250.00 pro-rated based on Masters, Step 7 (2008-2011 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

8.4.11.10 The approval of the appointment of Michael Curry, who has an initial certificate in Spanish, to a 1.0 F.T.E. probationary position in the Spanish tenure area beginning September 7, 2010 and ending on September 7, 2012. Salary $40,250.00 based on Masters, Step 2 (2008-2011 IFA Negotiated Agreement).

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

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Rochelle reported to the Board that 91% of school Districts in NYS have sent in their MOU for Race to the Top and the application has been submitted by the state. The legislature has passed several bills to increase the chances of New York receiving the funds. The first was lifting the cap on Charter schools. During a recent meeting, the Deputy Commissioner stated that the poor scoring on the last application had to do with determining teacher tenure and merit pay in part based on student performance. The legislature has passed the bills requiring such student assessment data be used for these purposes. Regulations will require school districts to make such provisions in their district’s APPR.

Brian Wiesinger reported that together with Pioneer, Alden, and Depew school districts, Iroquois has been awarded a competitive technology grant through ARRA funding. Through the grant, the District will receive iPads which will allow teachers to share lessons and activities through a number of applications. Representatives from Apple will be in District this summer to train staff.

Brian Wiesinger also provided a curriculum update to the Board. Mr. Wiesinger discussed the curriculum council, which is comprised of 31 members who review student achievement data, summer academy, budgeting, common core of standards, staff development initiatives and writer's workshop. Two slice committees, technology and 5 year staff development, serve voluntarily. The technology committee serves as building ambassadors to address current needs more efficiently. The five year staff development committee identified what we are doing well including thoughtful education, study groups K-5, reading recovery for 1st grade, music curriculum alignment K-12 and writing workshop. Some areas for growth included everyday math with state standards, continuing special education training (autism), Response to Intervention and aimsweb training).
10. NEW BUSINESS

SCIENCE SUPPLY BID

10.1 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Parkes, seconded by Mrs. Wolff, the Board of Education Board voted unanimously to award the Science Supplies bid for the 2010-2011 school year to the following:

- Carolina Biological Supply Co. of Burlington, NC $276.06
- Connecticut Valley Biological Supply Co. of Southampton, MA $21.50
- Cynmar Corporation of Carlinville, IL $38.03
- Daigger & Co. of Vernon Hills, IL $44.22
- Fisher Science Education of Hanover Park, IL $352.83
- Flinn Scientific Inc. of Batavia, IL $333.52
- Frey Scientific of Nashua, NH $253.15
- Nasco of Fort Atkinson, WI $316.17
- Sargent Welch of Arlington Heights, IL $451.69
- School Specialty of Mount Joy, PA $328.72
- Science Kit of Tonawanda, NY $562.89
- Vernier Software & Technology of Beaverton, OR $1,578.00
- Wards Natural Science of Rochester, NY $1,586.42

TOTAL $6,143.20

Motion approved. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

DONATIONS - LIFETOUCH/COCA COLA

10.2 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mrs. Wolff, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following donations:

- Lifetouch National School Studio for Elma Primary-TA085.23 $351.00
- Lifetouch National School Studio for Marilla Primary-TA085.04 $290.50
- Lifetouch National School Studio for Wales Primary-TA085.22 $300.00
- Lifetouch National School Studio for Intermediate -TA085.24 $562.50
- Buffalo Coca-Cola (HSGraduation Scholarship)-TA085.89 $500.00

TOTAL $1,814.00

Motion approved. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

ASBESTOS SURVEY BID - Watts Architecture & Engineering

10.3 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Bracci, the Board voted unanimously to award the following bid for the Capital Project:

- Asbestos Survey to Watts Architecture & Engineering, P.C. of Buffalo, NY in the amount of $13,685.00

Motion approved. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)
10.4 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Parkes, seconded by Mr. Specht, the Board voted unanimously to approve the salaries for the 2010-2011 school year for the Managerial/Confidential staff members:


Motion approved. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

10.5 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Parkes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of the Superintendent to attend the following conference:

The NYSCOSS (Council) 2010 House of Delegates Summer Retreat July 7-9, 2010 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Motion approved. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

10.6 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Bracci, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to award the printing of the School District Calendar for the 2010-2011 school year to the lowest responsible bidder, Printed Image of Buffalo, NY in the amount of $2,275.

Motion approved. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

10.7 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Lowrey, seconded by Mr. Parkes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of the Marilla Primary Library Media Specialist, Annemarie Jason, to render certain library books and audio-visual materials as obsolete and to 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 approved. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

10.8 In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon a motion by Mr. Bracci, seconded by Mrs. Wolff, the Board voted unanimously to declare items from the Technology Department as obsolete and non-repairable to be properly disposed of. The complete list is on file in the District Clerk's Office.

Motion approved. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)
10.9 Upon a motion by Mr. Bracci, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the 2010-2011 Budget Vote and Board Election results held May 18, 2010 as follows:

- Proposition 1 – Entire Educational Program Budget for 2010-2011
- Proposition 2 – Purchase of Pupil Transportation Vehicles
- Proposition 3 – Expend $60,000 from Technology Reserve Fund
- Member elected is Thomas Di Scipio

Motion approved. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

BOARD DISCUSSION
The Board reviewed the June calendar and reminded members to turn in their self-evaluation to District Clerk, Cindy Sadowski, by June 22.

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

Motion carried. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sadowski
District Clerk

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