

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
IROQUOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #9 HELD
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 AT WATSEKA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT: James Bruns, President, called the meeting to order at 5:54 p.m.
In attendance were Crystal Blair, Bob Burd, Brittany Cluver, Gina
Greene, Rusty Maulding, and Kirk McTaggart.

Also present were: James Bunting, Brad Welch, Carolyn Short, Heather
Gerth, Dawn Garner, Carolyn Short, Claire Henneike, Nicola Germann,
Phil Wilkey, Carla Waters, Jennifer Taylor and Connie Breeling.

GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Bruns welcomed guests.

UNEA REPORT: No report.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Bruns stated that items A through F were routine
items. Mr. Bunting stated the PowerSchool agreement is an annual task,
payment to New Horizons Electronics is for work at GRS and WCHS to
improve the wireless network to support the addition of Chromebooks,
Saxophone donated by Velanne Gocken to WCHS band with an
approximate value of \$600.00. It was moved by Bob Burd and second by
Gina Greene to approve the open and closed session minutes from the
meeting held on August 21, 2017; the payment of Unit #9 bills; the
monthly imprest expenditures; the monthly credit card expenditures; the
Treasurer's Report; the destruction of the closed session recordings from
the Board of Education meeting held on March 21, 2016; to accept
PowerSchool agreement for the 2017-2018 school year as presented; the
payment to New Horizon Electronics for \$19,304.95; and the donation of
a \$600.00 saxophone from Velanne Gocken. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0.
Motion carried.

Blake Dixon entered the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Blake is the FFA Chapter president, he gave a brief presentation
requesting use of the WCHS cafeteria on January 28, 2018 for an FFA
Alumni live auction banquet. The board approved the use of the school
and thanked Blake for his presentation.

Blake Dixon exited the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

COMMUNICATION: Mr. Bunting stated he received a thank you note from the
Joyce Dillon family for a donation to the Academic Foundation.

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT: Mr. Bunting reported the board hired a new
staff member and approved the payment of bills.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: No additions to written report.

Policy: No additions to written report.

Old Business:

Consideration and possible approval of the Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

Board had no further questions. It was moved by Bob Burd and second by Rusty Maulding to approve Iroquois County CUSD #9 Fiscal Year 2018 Budget as presented. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration and possible approval of the Applications for

Recognition of Iroquois County CUSD #9 Schools. Mr. Bunting stated this is an annual task. It was moved by Kirk McTaggart and second by Crystal Blair to approve the Application for Recognition for Iroquois County CUSD #9 Schools as presented. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Discussion of Iroquois County CUSD #9 Board of Education Policy

additions revisions: 2:20-E; 2:210; 2:220-E3; 2:260; 4:60-E; 4:70; 4:170-AP1, E1; 4:170-AP1, E2; 4:170-AP4; 6:80; 6:120-AP3; 6:120-AP3,E1; 6:180; 6:210; 6:290; 6:310-E; 6:330; 7:80; 7:140-AP; 7:160; 7:275; 7:340-AP1,E2; 7:340-AP2; 7:340-AP2,E1; 8:20-E; 8:70 (PRESS ISSUE) (First Reading).

Discussion of student handbook changes for Elementary, GRS,

WCHS (First Reading). Mr. Bunting stated review of handbooks is late this year, updates were not available until the end of August.

Consideration and possible employment of a bus driver. Discussion for executive session.

Consideration and possible approval of updates to the WCHS extra duty list. Discussion for executive session.

Consideration and possible approval of maternity leave for WCHS teacher. Discussion for executive session.

Consideration and possible approval of maternity leave for Nettie Davis teacher. Discussion for executive session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Bunting reported the district received one FOIA request for information regarding expenditures and POs, Pam Ely has responded to the request. The Board discussed the 6th day enrollment and declining numbers. Mr. Bunting stated the legal notice reporting staff compensation is an annual task and will be posted on the district website.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

Mr. Welch thanked Ms. Strode for the extra time and effort she has spent working with students to get the Chromebooks up and running smoothly. Baseball season is over, Girls Basketball just started. Show Choir tryouts are complete and practices will start soon. Mrs. Curry had 50 students interested in working on the Ute Salute GRS newspaper. She is hoping to rotate student writers to give everyone a chance to work on the paper. Wednesday early dismissal is going very well, giving teachers a chance to work together.

Mrs. Garner said the school year is off to a great start. 86% of parents attended Meet the Teacher. Staff appreciates the early dismissal on Wednesday, teachers are using the time to work together on the new reading program. Academic Foundation is paying for a Math Common Core parent workshop. RtI staff has been assessing students, currently 4 are in the tier 3 group, 15 in tier 2 and 21 are on the watch list. Mrs. Garner reported the road work in front of Wanda Kendall is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

Mrs. Gerth thanked the Academic Foundation for sponsoring the Wildlife program again this year and Mr. Maulding for suggesting the program, the students enjoy and look forward to the program. Mrs. Gerth stated that students have been assessed and ranked by grade level. Students will receive RtI services as needed and be re-assessed in October. Road work projected to be completed around Thanksgiving. Mr. Bunting stated the state budget impasse was the cause of the delay in completion.

Mrs. Short reported the transition to Chromebooks was going well, they have had a few minor issues, but working through them. Freshmen mentoring is going well, 88 students attended the first meeting. Freshmen students meet with upper classmen for support and social time, Homecoming is the current topic of discussion. 122 students are enrolled in dual credit classes. Work continues on Curriculum maps. Homecoming week is going well, students are enjoying the activities. Good start to the school year.

Mrs. Cluver suggested getting businesses involved in Homecoming next year, possibly having students paint store windows to encourage Warrior Pride.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: It was moved by Gina Greene and second by Brittany Cluver to enter executive session at 6:41 p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of individual employees, collective negotiations, and impending litigation. Roll call. Aye: 7. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Kirk McTaggart exited the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

It was the consensus of the Board to return to open session at 6:58 p.m.

PERSONNEL: It was moved by Crystal Blair and second by Bob Burd to approve the employment of Maegan Ashline as bus driver pending required background checks and proper paperwork completion. Roll call. Aye: 6. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brittany Cluver and second by Rusty Maulding to approve updates to the WCHS extra duty list as presented. Roll call. Aye: 6. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gina Greene and second by Rusty Maulding to approve a maternity leave for Katie Coulter as presented. Roll call. Aye: 6. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rusty Maulding and second by Bob Burd to approve a maternity leave for Laura Carlson as presented. Roll call. Aye: 6. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S PREROGATIVE: Mr. Bruns had no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Gina Greene and second by Brittany Cluver to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Roll call. Aye: 6. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Breeling
Recording Secretary

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education