

IROQUOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
School Board Reorganization Meeting
Thursday, December 3, 2020

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Present: Atty. Christine McClure, Shane Murray, Kimberly Smith, and Kelly Titus

Absent: Dr. Thad Urban, Maria Modzelewski, Doug Wilson, Jeannene Willow, Jennifer Foutz, and Veronica Will – All excused.

Guests: (None)

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The annual reorganization meeting of the Iroquois School District Board of Directors was called to order by Board President Julie Abele at 5:32 P.M. on Thursday, December 3, 2020, in the Iroquois Elementary School cafeteria, 4231 Morse Street, Erie, Pennsylvania.

B. MOMENT OF REFLECTION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Abele opened the meeting with a moment of reflection and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL OF HOLD-OVER BOARD MEMBERS, SUPERINTENDENT, SOLICITOR, BOARD SECRETARY, ASSISTANT BOARD SECRETARY, AND BOARD TREASURER:

Hold-Over Board	Julie M. Abele (Board President)	– Present
Members:	Richard L. Ragen, Jr. (Vice President)	– Present via Zoom
	Jeremy R. Coblentz (Board Secretary)	– Present
	Susan A. Bartlett (Board Treasurer)	– Present
	Rita C. Nicolussi (Assistant Board Secretary)	– Present
	Jennifer L. Sheldon	– Present via Zoom
	Edward R. Rickrode	– Present
	Amber M. Miller	– Present
	Andrew J. Jackula	– Present
Superintendent:	Shane S. Murray	– Present
Solicitor:	Atty. Christine H. McClure	– Present via Zoom

D. NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT (President Pro-Tem):

President Abele called for nominations of Hold-Over Board members to serve as President Pro-Tem.

Mrs. Abele nominated Jeremy Coblentz.

MOTION to close nominations for President Pro-Tem was moved by Mrs. Abele, seconded by Mr. Rickrode and unanimously approved. (9-0)

The MOTION to elect Jeremy Coblentz as President Pro-Tem was moved by Mrs. Abele, seconded by Mr. Rickrode and unanimously approved. (9-0)

E. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR 1-YEAR TERM:

President Pro-Tem Coblentz called for nominations for President.

Mrs. Bartlett nominated Julie Abele.

A MOTION to close nominations for President was moved by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Abele and unanimously approved. (9-0)

A MOTION to elect Julie Abele as President of the Board of Directors was made by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Miller and unanimously approved. (9-0)

The gavel was passed to the newly elected President, Julie Abele, who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

F. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR 1-YEAR TERM:

President Abele called for nominations for Vice President.

Mrs. Bartlett nominated Richard Ragen, Jr.

A MOTION to close nominations for Vice President was made by Mr. Coblentz, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett and unanimously approved. (9-0)

A MOTION to elect Richard Ragen, Jr. as Vice President was made by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Coblentz and unanimously approved. (9-0)

G. PRESIDENT APPOINTMENT OF BOARD LIAISON TO ATTEND LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS HELD IN THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR:

President Abele appointed Jennifer Sheldon as the Lawrence Park Township Rec Board Liaison.

H. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL'S JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE FOR A 3-YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 2023:

President Abele appointed Edward Rickrode as the ECTS representative.

I. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE KIMBERLY SMITH TO REPRESENT IROQUOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT ON THE ERIE COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE FOR 2021:

On a motion by Mr. Coblentz, seconded by Mrs. Miller, Kimberly Smith was unanimously approved. (9-0)

J. BOARD PRESIDENT APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2021 YEAR:

1. **PROGRAM COMMITTEE:**
Chairperson: Julie Abele

Committee Member 1: Sue Bartlett
Committee Member 2: Amber Miller

2. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Jeremy Coblentz
Committee Member 1: Rita Nicolussi
Committee Member 2: Ed Rickrode

3. **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Rich Ragen
Committee Member 1: Andy Jackula
Committee Member 2: Amber Miller

4. **POLICY COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Jeremy Coblentz
Committee Member 1: Julie Abele
Committee Member 2: Jenn Sheldon

5. **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Rich Ragen
Committee Member 1: Sue Bartlett
Committee Member 2: Julie Abele

6. **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Rich Ragen
Committee Member 1: Andy Jackula
Committee Member 2: Jenn Sheldon

7. **SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Committee Member 1: Julie Abele
Committee Member 2: Jeremy Coblentz
Committee Member 3: Andy Jackula

8. **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE:** (Appointed 11/17/20)

Committee Member 1: Julie Abele
Committee Member 2: Rich Ragen
Committee Member 3: Jeremy Coblentz
Committee Member 4: Shane Murray, Supt.
Committee Member 5: Kim Smith, Bus. Mgr.

K. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2021 CALENDAR YEAR:**

School Board meetings will take place in the Iroquois Elementary School Cafeteria, 4231 Morse Street, Erie, PA, unless otherwise noted or publicized.

1. **PROGRAM, MANAGEMENT, POLICY, ATHLETIC, AND BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Policy Committee, Buildings & Grounds Committee, Athletic Committee meetings, Program Committee and Management Committee meetings – 5:30 p.m.

Monday, January 11, 2021	Monday, June 14
Monday, February 8	Monday, August 9
Monday, March 8	Monday, September 13

Tuesday, April 12 Monday, October 11
Monday, May 10 Monday, November 8

2. **SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Safety Committee Meetings are scheduled from month to month based on need for an agenda. Usually, these meetings will take place at 5:30 PM on the same night as Full Board Meetings.

3. **FULL BOARD MEETINGS:**

Full Board Meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted or publicized.

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Tuesday, August 17
Tuesday, February 16 Tuesday, September 21
Tuesday, March 16 Tuesday, October 19
Tuesday, April 20 Tuesday, November 16
Tuesday, May 18 Wednesday, December 1 *

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4. **BOARD TRAINING DAY:**

Saturday, January 30, 2021, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., ISD District Office boardroom

On a motion by Mr. Coblenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, the dates for both the regular Board meetings, Board committee meetings and Board training day were unanimously approved for the 2021 calendar year. (9-0)

L. **ADOPTION OF POLICIES:**

RESOLUTION to adopt the present policies, procedures, rules, regulations and by-laws of the Board to continue in effect until such time as the Board deems it advisable to modify, amend, and/or abolish said policies, rules and/or regulations.

On a MOTION by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Rickrode, the Board unanimously approved the present policies, procedures, rules, regulations and by-laws. (9-0)

M. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** November 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Ragen, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the regular Board meeting held on November 17, 2020. (9-0)

N. **AGENDA CHANGES:**

(None)

O. **PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

COVID-19 District Update – presented by Mr. Murray, Superintendent

P. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion to approve payment of essential bills for the General Fund and Capital Project Fund from the November 2020 Full Board meeting through the January 2021 Full Board meeting.
2. Motion to approve certified substitute teacher:

John Zelina

On a MOTION by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Rickrode, the Board unanimously approved Items 1 and 2. (9-0)

3. Motion to approve the following plan with regard to potential school closings during the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - a. The cancellation of all sports in the event that the Iroquois School District closes its schools due to COVID. If the elementary school closes, elementary sports will be canceled. If the junior/senior high school closes, all junior high and senior high sports will be canceled.

If the District closes due to lack of available staff, sports will be permitted to take place.

On a MOTION by Mr. Ragen, seconded by Mr. Jackula, the Board approved Item 3(a). (8-1)

3. Motion to approve the following decisions with regard to potential school closings during the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - b. Permit Iroquois sports teams to practice, but postpone all inter-school sporting competitions until January 4, 2021.

On a MOTION by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Rickrode, the Board **rejected** Item 3(b) with a vote of 1 Yes and 8 No.

4. Motion to set new attendance guidelines for Iroquois winter sports:

Boys and Girls JV Basketball	Four (4) tickets per ISD student-athlete (at Iroquois High School). No away fans permitted.
Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball	Four (4) tickets per ISD student-athlete (at Iroquois High School). No away fans permitted.
Cheerleaders	Four (4) tickets per ISD student-athlete (at Iroquois High School). No away fans permitted.
Swimming	One (1) ticket per ISD student-athlete (at the Iroquois High School pool). No away fans permitted.
Junior High Basketball	One (1) ticket per ISD student-athlete (at Iroquois Elementary school gym). No away fans permitted.

Wrestling

Four (4) tickets per ISD student-athlete (at Iroquois Elementary school gym). No away fans permitted.

On a motion by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the Board unanimously approved Item 4. (9-0)

5. Motion to confirm District's submission of the Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts to the PA Department of Education: (Attachment)

On a motion by Mr. Coblenz, seconded by Mr. Rickrode, the Board unanimously approved Item 5. (9-0)

6. Motion to approve the facsimile signature for Jeremy Coblenz, Board Secretary, as an authorized officer.

On a motion by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the Board unanimously approved Item 6. (9-0)

E. Executive Session:

The Board met in Executive Session beginning at 6:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Executive Session adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried as unanimous (9-0), the meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Jeremy R. Coblenz, Board Secretary