

IROQUOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
School Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
5:30 PM

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Board Members and Officers:

Present: Mrs. Julie Abele, Mrs. Susan Bartlett, Mr. Jeremy Coblentz, Mr. Andrew Jackula, Mrs. Amber Miller (virtual attendance via Zoom), Mrs. Rita Nicolussi, Mr. Richard Ragen, Jr., Mr. Edward Rickrode, Mrs. Jennifer Sheldon, and Atty. Christine McClure (Solicitor) (virtual attendance via Zoom)

Absent: (None)

Administration:

Present: Mrs. Karen Barringer, Mrs. Jennifer Foutz, Mrs. Maria Modzelewski, Mr. Shane Murray, Mrs. Kimberly Smith, Dr. Thad Urban, Mr. Douglas Wilson, and Mrs. Kelly Titus

Absent: Mrs. Veronica Will, and Mrs. Jeannene Willow

Guests: Sarah Skelton

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Iroquois School District Board of Directors was called to order by Board President Julie Abele at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

On a motion by Mrs. Sheldon, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on January 19, 2021, were unanimously approved. (9-0)

D. AGENDA CHANGES:

(None)

E. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST/CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Student Failures presentation – Jennifer Foutz and Doug Wilson

F. BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS:

1. BUDGET TRANSFERS:

(None)

2. APPROVAL OF BILLS:
 - a. PAID BILLS
 - b. UNPAID BILLS
3. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
4. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
5. CAPITAL PROJECT REPORT, BILLS, AND INVESTMENTS
6. STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND REPORT: (None)
7. LOCAL TAX REPORTS (EIT and LST)

On a motion by Mr. Ragen, seconded by Mr. Rickrode, the Board unanimously accepted the Business Office Reports. (9-0)

G. CAFETERIA REPORT:

On a motion by Mr. Coblenz, seconded by Mr. Rickrode, the Cafeteria Report was unanimously approved. (9-0)

H. STUDENTS/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

1. Recommendation to approve professional development opportunities:
 - a. Doug Wilson (IHS) to online Team Building & Collaboration courses, April 18 – June 12, 2021.
 - b. Jeannene Willow (IHS) to online Team Building & Collaboration courses, April 18 – June 12, 2021.
 - c. Doug Wilson (IHS) to online Comprehensive Mental health For School Leaders course, February 7 – April 17, 2021.
 - d. Jeannene Willow (IHS) to online Comprehensive Mental health For School Leaders course, February 7 – April 17, 2021.
 - e. Maria Modzelewski (DAO) to online How to be a Special Ed Prog: Proactive, Responsive & Organized webinar, March 24, 2021. No cost involved.
2. Recommendation to approve new Emergency Substitute Teachers through the IU#5 consortium:

Matthew Cooper
3. Recommendation to approve request for homebound tutoring services:

IHS 9th grade student requesting tutoring services following surgery – February 5, 2021 through April 30, 2021. Assigned tutor: Mr. Carl Zimmerman.

On a motion by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Ragen, Items 1(a-e), 2, and 3 were unanimously approved. (9-0)

I. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

1. Intent to Retire:
 - a. Susan Grant, Elementary Kindergarten Teacher – effective June 11, 2021.
 - b. Robert Chase, Secondary Music Teacher – effective July 15, 2021.
 - c. Karen Barringer, ISD Assistant Pandemic Coordinator/Athletic Director – effective June 30, 2021.
2. Recommendation to approve Erie County Technical School's 2021-2022 General Fund Budget: (Attachment)
3. Recommendation to approve Sub-Grant Contract for Implementation of the Individuals with disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B with the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 for the 2020/2021 SY, in the amount of \$275,122.43. (Attachment)
4. Recommendation to approve Sub-Grant Contract for Implementation of the Individuals with disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Section 619 with the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 for the 2020/2021 SY, in the amount of \$2,155.00. (Attachment)
5. Recommendation to approve request for medical/FMLA leave of absence:

Jessica Kidd – February 26, 2021 through March 5, 2021, and then intermittently through June 11, 2021.
6. Recommendation to approve RESOLUTION for Charter School Funding Reform: (Attachment)
7. Recommendation to approve the Iroquois School District 2021-2022 Academic Calendar: (Attachment)
8. Recommendation to promote from Long-Term Substitute Teacher position to Temporary Professional Contract:

Maria Villamarin – Secondary Foreign Language (Spanish) Teacher, Temporary Professional Contract, PA certified effective January 1, 2021.
10. Motion to approve the RESOLUTION AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT of the Millcreek Township SD, Fairview SD, Northwestern SD, Fort LeBoeuf SD, General McLane SD, Girard SD, Harbor Creek SD, Iroquois SD, North East SD, Union City Area SD, and Wattsburg SD authorizing the execution of a sanitary sewer Right-of-Way with the Summit Township Sewer Authority: (Attachment)

This resolution is a result of the construction of a roundabout in front of the Erie County Technical School campus located at 8500 Oliver Rd., Erie, PA 16509.

On a motion by Mr. Coblenz, seconded by Mr. Rickrode, Items 1(a-c), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 were unanimously approved. (9-0)

9. Motion to approve the RESOLUTION of the Millcreek Township SD, Fairview SD, Northwestern SD, Fort LeBoeuf SD, General McLane SD, Girard SD, Harbor Creek SD, Iroquois SD, North East SD, Union City Area SD, and Wattsburg SD authorizing the Erie County Technical School to proceed with the Capital Project to renovate the school building at 8500 Oliver Road, and committing to the contribution of their share of the cost of the Capital Project: (Attachment)

On a motion by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Sheldon, Item No. 9 was approved with the following vote results:

Abele – Yes	Jackula –Yes	Ragen – Yes
Bartlett – Yes	Miller –Yes	Rickrode – Yes
Coblentz – Yes	Nicolussi –Yes	Sheldon – Yes

Motion carried with 9 “yes” votes and 0 “no” vote. (9-0)

J. POLICY COMMITTEE:

(None)

K. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

On a motion by Mr. Ragen, seconded by Mr. Coblentz, the Board unanimously accepted the report. (9-0)

L. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

(None)

M. SAFETY COMMITTEE

(None)

N. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

(None)

O. LEGAL REPORT

(None)

P. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

1. ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL REPORT: 12/15/20 Minutes
2. NORTHWEST TRI-COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT #5 REPORT: 12/16/20 Minutes
3. LAWRENCE PARK TWP RECREATION PLANNING BOARD REPORT: (None)
4. IROQUOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION REPORT: (None)

On a motion by Mr. Ragen, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, the Board unanimously approved the Representative Reports. (9-0)

Q. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

1. IROQUOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT
2. IROQUOIS JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Rickrode, the Board unanimously accepted the Administrative Reports presented by Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Foutz. (9-0)

R. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recommendation to approve Emergency Substitute Teacher through the IU#5 consortium:

Hunter Kelly

2. Recommendation to approve alternate District academic calendar for 2021-2022, if needed due to COVID-19 pandemic status: Earlier start date, longer Thanksgiving through New Year's break. (Attachment)

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3. Resignation:

Monica Fitzgerald Beal, Long-Term Substitute Gifted Teacher – effective on or around March 28, 2021. Date TBD since it will be the day she uses her last available paid time off, available sick and personal days, for the birth of her child.

5. Recommendation to approve request for homebound tutoring services:

Iroquois High School 9th grade student requesting tutoring 2/19/21 through 4/2/21, 6-week period.

6. Motion to approve the recommended changes to the District grading policy for the 2021-2022 school year at the recommendation of both the high school and elementary principal.

On a motion by Mr. Coblentz seconded by Mrs. Sheldon, Items 1, 3, 5, and 6 were unanimously approved. (9-0)

4. Recommendation to approve the TENTATIVE AGREEMENT dated November 19, 2020, between the Iroquois Education Association and Iroquois School District for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024: (Attachment)

The District approves the terms negotiated with the IEA in the Tentative Agreement between both parties dated November 19, 2020. Changes to include 2.5% salary increase, changes to the health benefit matrix, and the use of personal days prior to holidays. A draft of the contract is attached. Final signatures by both parties will commence once the final draft is reviewed and agreed upon by both parties.

On a motion by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Abele, Item No. 4 was approved with the following vote results:

Abele – Yes

Jackula –Yes

Ragen – Yes

Bartlett – Yes
Coblentz – Yes

Miller –Yes
Nicolussi –Yes

Rickrode – Yes
Sheldon – Yes

Motion carried with 9 “yes” votes and 0 “no” vote. (9-0)

S. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

(None)

T. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Sheldon, and carried as unanimous (9-0), the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Jeremy R. Coblentz, Board Secretary