

IROQUOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
School Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 20, 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, Mrs. Rita Nicolussi, Mr. Richard Ragen, Jr., Mr. Edward Rickrode, Mrs. Jennifer Sheldon, and Atty. Christine McClure (Solicitor)

Absent: (NONE)

#### Administration:

Present: Mrs. Jennifer Foutz, Mrs. Maria Modzelewski, Mr. Shane Murray, Dr. Thad Urban, Mr. Douglas Wilson, and Mrs. Brenda Tombaugh

Absent: Mrs. Karen Barringer, Mrs. Kimberly Smith, Mrs. Veronica Will, Mrs. Jeannene Willow, and Mrs. Kelly Titus

Guests: Lori Cammarata, Carl Zimmerman, Heather Woodring, and Stacey Dell

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#### 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 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 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 Mr. Rickrode, seconded by Mrs. Sheldon, the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on March 16, 2021, were unanimously approved. (9-0)

#### D. AGENDA CHANGES:

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### **E. Executive Session:**

The Board met in Executive Session beginning at 5:32 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters. Executive Session adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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#### E. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST/CITIZEN COMMENTS:

1. Social Studies Dept. Faculty – presented by Lori Cammarata and Charles Ferruggia
2. ISD Health and Safety Plan Updates – presented by Stacey Dell

**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
7. LOCAL TAX REPORTS (EIT and LST)

On a motion by Mrs. Sheldon, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, the Board unanimously accepted the Business Office Reports. (9-0)

**G. CAFETERIA REPORT:**

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

**H. STUDENTS/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE:**

1. Recommendation to approve college student placements/student teaching experiences:
  - a. Cortney Hedlund, Edinboro University student, assigned to Mrs. Sandy Nuhfer, Junior High ELA, August 24-October 15, 2021
  - b. Abigail Harrington, Edinboro University student, assigned to Mr. Adam Hadbavny, Social Studies, August 24-October 15, 2021
  - c. Jack Corey, Edinboro University student, assigned to Mrs. Jennifer Cadden, HPE, October 19-December 9, 2021
  - d. Heather Riley, Gannon University student, assigned to Mrs. Stacey Dell, English, August 25-October 22, 2021 and Mrs. Jessica Chrapowicz, Junior High ELA, October 25-December 17, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Ragen, seconded by Mr. Rickrode, Items 1(a-d) were unanimously approved. (9-0)

**I. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

1. Intent to Retire:
  - a. Karen Barringer, Assistant Pandemic Coordinator – effective June 30, 2021. Qualifies for the early retirement incentive of \$15,000.
  - b. Susan Kiddo, Pre-K Teacher – effective June 11, 2021. Qualifies for the early retirement incentive of \$15,000.
  - c. Susan Grant, Kindergarten Teacher – effective June 11, 2021. Qualifies for the early retirement incentive of \$15,000.

2. Recommendation to approve transfer to new position:

Heather Woodring – from Instructional Support Aide to Principal's Secretary at Iroquois Elementary School, effective date to be determined.

3. Recommendation to approve new AmeriCorps Volunteer:

Makyla Watson – assigned to Iroquois Elementary School

4. Motion to approve the appointment of Mrs. Rita Nicolussi as the ISD Board representative to serve on the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5 Board. Appointed Board member will serve a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

5. Recommendation to approve new Emergency Substitute Teacher through the IU5 consortium:

Mary Holmes

6. Recommendation to approve a 5-year Lease with Pitney Bowes for the district office postage machine, \$264.26 per month: (Attachment M6)

7. Resolution to approve the Exoneration of Delinquent Property Taxes for three parcels (trailers that have been deleted from the tax rolls): 50-001-006.1.-001.18, 3224 Ventoura Dr.; 50-001-001.0-002.50, 2706 Pearl Ave.; & 50-001-006.0-008.81, 1810 Circle Dr.: (Attachment M7)

8. Recommendation to approve a refund of property taxes for parcel 50-006-071.0-015.00, Spring Creek Mobile Home Park, that was billed incorrectly by the assessment office since 2014. A credit has been issued to reduce the assessed value in the amount of \$7,600 for each tax year: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020: (Attachment M8)

The resulting refund for each year will be:	2014	\$ 145.94
	2015	\$ 150.12
	2016	\$ 155.67
	2017	\$ 161.67
	2018	\$ 167.60
	2019	\$ 167.60
	2020	\$ <u>174.29</u>
		\$1,122.89

9. Recommendation to approve additional invoices from Marshall Stevens for court preparation for the WABTEC appeal, totaling \$2,200.00: (Attachment M9)

10. Recommendation to approve tuition-waiver, non-resident enrollment of District employees' children for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year:
  - a. Chase Anthony Cocolin, Grade 5  
Parent/Employee: Nick Cocolin, High School Business Ed Teacher  
District of Residence: Erie City SD
  - b. Mia Bella Cocolin, Grade 5  
Parent/Employee: Business Ed Teacher  
District of Residence: Erie City SD
  - c. Luke Davis, Grade Pre-K (AM session preferred)  
Parent/Employee: Ricki Davis, Elementary Life Skills Teacher  
District of Residence: North East SD
  - d. Joseph Doverspike, Grade 11  
Parent/Employee: Amy Doverspike, High School Math Teacher  
District of Residence: Millcreek Twp SD
  - e. Jackson Doverspike, Grade 9  
Parent/Employee: High School Math Teacher  
District of Residence: Millcreek Twp SD
  - f. Emma Frank, Grade 1  
Parent/Employee: Rebecca Frank, Elementary Learning Support Teacher  
District of Residence: Millcreek TWP SD
  - g. Tyler Frank, Grade Pre-K (AM session preferred)  
Parent/Employee: Rebecca Frank, Elementary Learning Support Teacher  
District of Residence: Millcreek TWP SD
  - h. Kelly Marie Hart, Grade 10  
Parent/Employee: Andrea Hart, High School Math Teacher  
District of Residence: Wattsburg Area SD
  - i. Brennan Donald Hart, Grade 7  
Parent/Employee: Andrea Hart, High School Math Teacher  
District of Residence: Wattsburg Area SD
  - j. Joshua Kidd, Grade 7  
Parent/Employee: Jessica Kidd, High School Emotional Support Teacher  
District of Residence: Erie City SD
  - k. Elijah Kidd, Grade 5  
Parent/Employee: Jessica Kidd, High School Emotional Support Teacher  
District of Residence: Erie City SD
  - l. Willow Kidd, Grade 5  
Parent/Employee: Jessica Kidd, High School Emotional Support Teacher  
District of Residence: Erie City SD
  - m. Brodie Douglas Luke, Grade 10  
Parent/Employee: Erica Luke, 5th Grade Elementary Teacher  
District of Residence: North East SD

- n. Vanessa Jeanne Luke, Grade 6  
Parent/Employee: Erica Luke, 5th Grade Elementary Teacher  
District of Residence: North East SD
  - o. Keenan Schlee, Grade 3  
Parent/Employee: Christina Schlee, 2nd Grade Elementary Teacher  
District of Residence: Erie City SD
  - p. Ethan Belfiore, Grade 11  
Parent/Employee: Rebecca Stanopiewicz, IES Instructional Support Aide  
District of Residence: Millcreek Twp SD
  - q. Grace Sweet, Grade 9  
Parent/Employee: Jamison Sweet, IES Instructional Support Aide  
District of Residence: Harborcreek Twp SD
11. Recommendation to approve the 2021-2022 CONTRACT with IU5 for the Language Instructional Education Program (LIEP): (Attachment M11)
  12. Recommendation to approve the purchase of 300 DELL Chromebooks and 300 Google Chrome Education Licenses through CDW-G: (Attachment M12)

On a motion by Mr. Coblenz, seconded by Mr. Rickrode, Items 1(a-c), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10(a-p), 11, and 12 were unanimously approved. (9-0)

#### J. POLICY COMMITTEE:

On a motion by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Abele, the Board unanimously accepted this report. (9-0)

#### K. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1. Recommendation to award the bid for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years for Grass-Cutting services to Empire Landscaping per the attached bid tabulation. No other bids received. (Attachment BG1)
2. Recommendation to approve renewal of Waste Management 3-year CONTRACT for trash and recycling services, effective August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2024. The contractual rate will have no changes for the first year of the contract but will increase 2% for Years 2 and 3: (Attachment BG2)

Year 1	2021-2022	No Change from Prior Year	\$6,989.08
Year 2	2022-2023	2% Increase	
Year 3	2023-2024	2% Increase	

3. Recommendation to approve a CONTRACT with Roof Consulting Services, LLC for a detailed roof evaluation, \$3,650.00. (Attachment BG3)
4. Recommendation to approve request from outside group to use District facilities:

Red Cross Lifeguarding classes, requested by Mike Kujawinski, using IHS pool and community lobby on the following dates and times. Category 2. Fees to apply: None since District students will benefit from the program. Iroquois students will receive \$50.00 discount on \$150 registration fee for the class.

April 16, 2021      5 PM – 8 PM  
April 17, 2021      8 AM – 4 PM  
April 18, 2021      Noon – 4 PM

On a motion by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Rickrode, Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 were unanimously approved. (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: 2/25/21
2.    NORTHWEST TRI-COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT #5 REPORT: 2/24/21
3.    LAWRENCE PARK TWP RECREATION PLANNING BOARD REPORT: (NONE)
4.    IROQUOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION REPORT

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

R.    NEW BUSINESS:

1.    Recommendation to approve the intents to retire:
  - a.    Michele Buzard, 4th Grade Teacher – effective June 12, 2021. Qualifies for the early retirement incentive of \$15,000.
  - b.    Rob Chase, Band/Instrumental Music Teacher – effective June 11, 2021. Qualifies for the early retirement incentive of \$15,000.

3. Recommendation to approve the updates to the District Health & Safety Plan:  
(Attachment NB3)

On a motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jackula, Items 1(a-b), and 3 were unanimously approved. (9-0)

2. Recommendation to approve WABTEC Settlement Agreement: (Attachment NB2)

A roll call vote was conducted. On a motion by Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Miller, Item 2 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 unanimously with 9 “yes” votes and 0 “no” votes. (9-0)

S. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

(NONE)

T. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Mr. Ragen, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried as unanimous (9-0), the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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Jeremy R. Coblentz, Board Secretary