

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the West Irondequoit Central School District, Town of Irondequoit, Monroe County, New York held Thursday, January 21, 2016, in the Dake Junior High School, 350 Cooper Road, Rochester, NY

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Burns, A. Cunningham, B. Evans, M. Seeley, J. Shafer, M. Steckley, J. Vay

ALSO PRESENT: J. Brennan, J. Crane, S. Ertel, K. Finter, C. Miga, P. Kelly, T. Terranova

Visitors: As per Sign In sheet

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Mr. Evans seconded by Dr. Steckley to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

PROMISE PROJECT UPDATE

Mark Esposito from Campus Construction provided an update on the Promise Project.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – RECOGNITION OF FACULTY/STAFF

The Board of Education and Mr. Crane recognized faculty and staff for honors received in 2015 and thanked everyone for all that they do for our students and community.

At 7:22 p.m. a brief recess took place to honor those being recognized and the meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Mrs. Cunningham with a second by Dr. Shafer the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the December 17, 2015 Business Meeting, the December 23, 2015 Special Meeting and the January 7, 2016, Study Session be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

GOOD NEWS

Ms. Melidona and Ms. Smith presented the Good News.

PUBLIC COMMENT

District Resident/Address	Issue/Concern
Mr. Robert Ament 499 Pine Grove Avenue 14617	Commented on Iroquois needing additional reading material for students, not doing enough in grades 4-6 to promote STEM, his child heard the “N” word at Iroquois, the vote for Board leadership at the reorganizational meeting and claims that groups went door-to-door telling residents not to vote for Mr. Dawson during the 2010-11 election. Please note: A “Point of Order” was called to remind Mr. Ament about allegations and personal attacks.
Joab Louis Gateway2Change	Shared that the Superintendent’s Leadership Initiative organized the Summit with the Gateway2Change students from Ferguson, MO.
Gina DiPaola Gateway 2 Change	Thanked the District for supporting the more than 200 students that participated in the Student Summit on Race.
Hannah O’Neil Gateway2Change	Shared that the Superintendent’s Leadership Initiative group met this morning and the topic was what to do to follow-up.
Mary Harriman Gateway2Change	Commented how proud she is of the West Irondequoit Community.
ALL	The Gateway2Change group sends their thanks to the Board. They shared that they hope to attend the upcoming Summit in Ferguson, MO.

REPORTS OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. Melidona and Ms. Smith reported that they visited Briarwood and Listwood Schools. Students there enjoy reading workshop, science experiments and math and have ideas for the extra rooms at Listwood. They would have Saturday school. Link Crew has been busy tutoring freshman and getting ready for mid-terms. They also reported that mid-terms were next week and the following week I-Fest will be held. Scott Fitch will present “Pause Before you Post” and there will be sporting events. Lastly, they commented on the Student Summit on Race and what a great experience it was.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Upon motion by Dr. Steckley with a second by Mr. Seeley the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statements dated December 31, 2015 be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

REPORT OF LEADERSHIP STAFF

Curriculum

Review of Biennial Shared Decision Making Plan
Mrs. Finter reviewed the process and protocols.

Personnel

Resignations/Appointments/Other

Upon motion by Mr. Seeley seconded by Mrs. Cunningham the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the personnel agenda dated January 21, 2016, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

Business

Audit Committee

No Report.

Facilities Committee

Dr. Terranova, Mr. Evans and Mr. Vay reported on the recent Facilities Committee meeting where there was discussion about the surplus funds in the Promise Project due to being further ahead with the project due to the mild weather. The Committee is looking at projects that can be accomplished using these funds rather than waiting for future budgets. These projects will be in conjunction with the 5-Year Plan.

Pupil Personnel Services

Recommendation of the Committee on Special Education

Upon motion by Dr. Steckley with a second by Mr. Vay the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the recommendations dated January 21, 2016 of the Committee on Special Education for the 2015-16 school year be approved as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

A. Policy Approval

1. #5675 Student Grading Information Systems
2. #3413 Discrimination, Harassment and the Dignity for All Students Act

Upon motion by Mrs. Cunningham with a second by Dr. Shafer the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that new policy #5675 Student Grading Information Systems and revised policy #3413 Discrimination, Harassment and the Dignity for All Students Act be approved as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Field Trips

- 1. Field Trip to London, U.K. – March 28-April 4, 2016

Upon motion by Mr. Evans with a second by Mr. Vay the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the field trip to London on March 28-April 4, 2016, at no cost to the District, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

- 2. DECA State Career Conference, Rochester, NY – March 9-11, 2016

Upon motion by Mr. Seeley with a second by Mrs. Cunningham the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the field trip to the DECA State Career Conference, March 9-11, 2016, at no cost to the District, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

B. 2016 Interscholastic Sport Equipment & Supply Bid

Upon motion by Mr. Evans with a second by Dr. Steckley the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Irondequoit Central School District in accordance with Section 103 General Municipal Law, award the 2016 Interscholastic Sports Equipment & Supply bid to the following:

Vendor	Bid Amount	Action
Longstreth	\$656.73	Partial Bid/Award
Morley Athletic Co.	\$5,149.90	Partial Bid/Award
Laux Sporting Goods	\$5,669.63	Partial Bid/Award
Hat World, Inc. dba Lids Team Sports	\$1,380.00	Partial Bid/Award
TOTAL AWARD	\$12,856.26	

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

C. Policy Review

- 1. #6110 Code of Ethics for all District Personnel

The policy is derived from the General Municipal Law, Sections 800-809, and acknowledges the authority of that law over anything in the policy which may conflict with it. The Erie 1 sample condenses the law and uses snippets of the law’s language as its text. The same ground can be covered in slightly clearer, less legal language which will still frame the ethical expectations for officials and employees. This would replace our current policy.

- 2. #3310 Public Access to Records

The Board, not the Superintendent, appoints The Records Access Officer per Policy 1330. Further, language is added that will protect the district from excessive costs of complying with FOIL requests. In addition to a per-copy fee, established by the Board annually during the Organizational Meeting, an additional fee for time beyond two hours that employees spend in assembling requested records as well as the cost of any necessary professional

services required to comply with the request (e.g., legal counsel) will be charged to the person/entity making the request.

This would be considered the first reading with the second and approval anticipated at the February 4, 2016 Study Session.

D. Revised Independent Consultant Contract

1. Makini Beck

The Board discussed this contract and requested additional information. This item has been postponed until February 4, 2016.

E. Voting Location Discussion

Mr. Crane reviewed concerns around the use of the Irondequoit High School Music Room for our annual budget vote and election. Discussion occurred and the Board agreed to proceed with the request to the St. Paul Blvd. Fire Department to use their large meeting room as the vote/election location on May 17, 2016.

F. Update on Title 1, APPR and Opt Out

Mr. Crane provided an update on Test Refusals, NYS Common Core Standards & APPR. He shared updates on Pearson Standardized Tests and the fact that we will honor parents who choose Test Refusal. Title 1 funding could be compromised unless 95% of students participate and perform on standardized tests. The NYS Report Card will indicate the participation percentage and families look at the Report Card when deciding on a community to live with their family. Dr. Terranova provided an update on APPR. He shared a handout that outlined how teacher scores will be calculated for 2015-16 and 2016-17.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Committee Reports/Correspondence

Mrs. Burns	Mrs. Burns reported that she attended the Student Summit on Race and commented on the great presentations. She also attended the panel discussion on Cultural Competencies, the entry meeting for the State Comptroller's Audit, a Rogers School concert. Mrs. Burns reported that the MCSBA Communications Outreach Committee worked to put together topics for Board Members when they meet with Legislators on February 6. Mrs. Burns also thanked Mr. Seeley for his work on the Becoming a Board of Education Candidate PowerPoint. Lastly, Mrs. Burns wants residents to feel welcome at Board meetings.
Mrs. Cunningham	Mrs. Cunningham reported that she attended Iroquois concerts. She was not able to attend the PTSA meeting but sent her report. Mrs. Cunningham asked the Board to keep two crossing guards in their thoughts. Lastly, she commented how proud she is of our kids and does what's right for them with confidence.
Mr. Evans	Mr. Evans reported that he attended the recent Facilities Committee meeting and the Helmer Nature Center meeting was cancelled.

Mr. Seeley	Mr. Seeley thanked Dr. Terranova for getting back to him on a question so quickly on a holiday. He reported that he attended the MCSBA Information Exchange Committee and commented on the great job Dr. Terranova did. He also attended the MCSBA Labor Relations Committee where the topic was the \$15 minimum wage and what it would do to districts.
Dr. Shafer	Dr. Shafer reported that he attended the MCSBA Information Exchange Committee where the topic was APPR.
Dr. Steckley	Dr. Steckley attended the Student Summit on Race and commented on the number of Districts attending and the great energy. She also attended Iroquois concerts and commented that she appreciates the District's support for ski club.
Mr. Vay	Mr. Vay commented on the slide that was on the screen this evening as the Board meeting began. He said that the numbers made him proud and the 0% dropout rate is impressive.
Mr. Crane	Mr. Crane commented on the handout Board members were given this evening about the Senior-Graduate Workshop. Mr. Crane also shared a note from a 1953 Irondequoit High School graduate who saw the PBS program about the Urban-Suburban Program. He shared that Gina DiPaola and Joab Louis were nominated for the Princeton Prize on Race Relations. Also, Gina was involved with the showing of the Girl Up documentary.

Review of Board Study Sessions and Future Meetings

Community Session/Becoming a Board Member Candidate			
Board Workshop	Wednesday, January 27, 2016	5:30 p.m.	District Office
Community Session/ Test Refusals, NYS Common Core Standards & APPR	Monday, February 1, 2016	7:00 p.m.	District Office
Study Session	Thursday, February 4, 2016	7:00 p.m.	Rogers School
Community Session/ Pre-K and Full-day Kindergarten	Thursday, February 11, 2016	7:00 p.m.	District Office
Business Meeting	Thursday, February 25, 2016	7:00 p.m.	District Office

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Vay with a second by Mr. Evans the Board adjourned into Executive Session at 9:53 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s).

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:08 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Upon motion by Mr. Vay with a second by Mrs. Cunningham the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the written agreement between the Superintendent of Schools of the West Irondequoit Central School District and an employee of the District, fully executed on January 20, 2016.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

Upon motion by Mr. Evans with a second by Dr. Steckley the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the personnel Addendum A dated January 21, 2016 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:10 p.m. following a motion by Dr. Steckley with a second by Dr. Shafer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kelly
School District Clerk

(Copies of all above-mentioned actions are filed with the supplemental file of the minutes of the meeting.)