

MINUTES of the Study Session of the Board of Education of the West Irondequoit Central School District, Town of Irondequoit, Monroe County, New York held Thursday, October 1, 2015, in the District Office, 321 List Avenue, 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, P. Kelly, C. Miga, T. Terranova

Visitors: As per Sign In sheet

CALL TO ORDER

President Burns called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Mrs. Cunningham seconded by Mr. Seeley to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

District Resident/Address	Issue/Concern
Mrs. Ruth Leusch Mr. Elmer Leusch 63 Cooper Road Rochester, NY 14617	Mr. and Mrs. Leusch commented on the Cooper Road library and their hope that it will be used for educational purposes and their concern about their property devaluing.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Crane reported that he recently attended the National Coalition on School Diversity and shared highlights. More than 300 people attended representing eight inter-district transfer programs. The Urban-Suburban Program is the oldest and smallest of the inter-district programs. Mr. Crane also reported that he attended the NYSCOSS Fall Conference where Commissioner Elia stressed the importance of assessments. Mr. Crane also spoke with NYSSBA President Tim Kremer who is a member of Governor Cuomo's Common Core Task Force about tests being separate from APPR. Lastly, Mr. Crane reported that 12 students attended the Facing Race Embracing Equity Conference. He shared the progress report and highlights.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

No Report.

REPORT OF LEADERSHIP STAFF

Curriculum

1. 2014-15 District Student Performance Overview

Mrs. Miga and Mrs. Finter provided a student performance overview. Discussion and questions followed.

2. Update of Full-Day Kindergarten

Mr. Crane reviewed the timeline and research behind the decision to move forward with full-day kindergarten. Mrs. Miga and Mrs. Cramer provided an update on full-day kindergarten followed by discussion and questions. Lastly, Mr. Crane shared that beginning in 2016, through the Urban-Suburban Program, West Irondequoit families may apply to the program and their preschool student may have the opportunity to attend UPK at School 50 due to a socio-economic UPK grant that the Rochester City School District has been awarded.

Personnel

Agenda

Dr. Terranova reviewed the Personnel agenda dated October 15, 2015.

Business

Audit Committee

Mr. Brennan reported that the Audit Committee met earlier this evening to review the External Audit.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Brennan reported that the focus of the recent Facilities Committee meeting was the Cooper Road library property. Clark Patterson Lee reported on the condition of the library and other properties owned by the district. The library is reported to be in good shape and the committee discussed potential uses for the property and associated costs. Mr. Brennan also noted that Campus Construction and Clark Patterson Lee will be providing construction updates at each of our Business Meetings.

Helmer Nature Center/West Irondequoit Foundation

Mr. Brennan reported that he attended the recent Helmer Nature Center meeting where Ms. Mazzola provided updates. Mr. Brennan also attended a recent WIF meeting where there was discussion about WIF assisting with the gift to HNC from the Merz estate. The roll of WIF would be to generate interest income. Freed Maxick and Harris Beach are assisting with the legalities. It is anticipated that WIF will vote on this October 19, 2015.

Smart Schools/Technology Plan

Mr. Ertel provided an update on the progress of the Technology Plan followed by discussion and questions.

Pupil Personnel Services

Recommendation of the Committee on Special Education

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the recommendations dated October 1, 2015 of the Committee on Special Education for the 2015-16 school year be approved as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Outreach

Mrs. Crumlish provided an update on the survey and shared a copy. Discussion and questions followed. The Board will move forward with the survey.

B. Update on “Fast Facts on District Budgeting” brochure

Mr. Brennan reviewed the updated brochure.

C. Proposed Field Trips

1. Camp Cutler, Naples, NY – Rogers School

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the field trip for Rogers Outdoor Education to Camp Cutler, Naples, NY, June 9-10, 2016, at an estimated cost of \$25 per student, \$400 from the PTSA, and \$1,500 from the District be approved as presented.

Motion Carried: 6-0-1

Mr. Vay abstained but requested it be noted that he is in full support of this field trip.

2. Camp Cutler, Naples, NY – Iroquois School

Upon motion by Mr. Vay seconded by Dr. Steckley the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the field trip for Iroquois Outdoor Education to Camp Cutler, Naples, NY, June 16-17, 2016, at an estimated cost of \$25 per student, \$400 from the PTSA, and \$1,500 from the District be approved as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

D. Surplus AV Equipment

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list dated September 23, 2015 of District electronic equipment be declared surplus and turned over to Maven Technologies for recycling or proper disposal.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

E. Surplus Art Equipment – Kiln

Upon motion by Mr. Vay seconded by Mr. Evans the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dake Junior High School Kiln be declare surplus and disposed of properly.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

F. Consultation Contract – Affordable Health Care Act

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Irondequoit Board of Education approve a contract with US Employee Benefits not to exceed \$13,000 to support the District with the required reporting to the IRS under the Affordable Care Act requirements.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

G. Revised Policy

#7241 Student Directory Information

In order to protect the personal information of our students, this revised policy narrows directory information that can be obtained under the Freedom of Information Law that will not be used for school-related purposes. This revised policy would replace our current 7241.

Policy #1410 titled “Policy” states that the Board may motion to waive the second reading and complete the adoption of the policy at its first reading.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the second reading of policy #7241 Student Directory Information be waived.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that revised policy #7241 Student Directory Information be approved as presented.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Committee Reports/Correspondence

Mrs. Burns	Mrs. Burns reported that the Fall Harvest Festival is this Sunday at HNC. Mrs. Burns reported that she also attended the TLC meeting, Curriculum Nights at I H S and Colebrook, the MCSBA Fall Law Conference, the MCSBA Legislative Committee meeting and shared highlights from the draft position papers.
Mrs. Cunningham	Mrs. Cunningham reported that she attended the recent WIF meeting and shared highlights. Mrs. Cunningham also attended Curriculum Night at I H S and commented that it was well attended.
Mr. Evans	Mr. Evans reported that he attended the recent WIF meeting and commented that it was a good meeting. He also attended the MCSBA Law Conference and met with Mr. DesRosiers where he visited classrooms at Rogers.

Mr. Seeley	Mr. Seeley reported that he attended the MCSBA Labor Relations meeting on Civil Service and shared the highlights.
Dr. Shafer	Dr. Shafer reported that he attended the MCSBA Fall Law Conference where Superintendent contracts were discussed and also Commissioner Elia spoke.
Dr. Steckley	No Report.
Mr. Vay	Mr. Vay thanked Mr. Seeley for attending the MCSBA Labor Relations meeting in his absence.
Mr. Crane	No Report.

Review of Board Study Sessions and Future Meetings

Business Meeting	Thursday, October 15, 2015	7:00 p.m.	District Office
Board Picture	Thursday, October 22, 2015	4:15 p.m.	Listwood Library
Focus Area Presentations	Thursday, October 22, 2015	4:30 p.m.	District Office
Study Session	Thursday, November 5, 2015	7:00 p.m.	Brookview

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Evans with a second by Mr. Seeley the Board of Education adjourned at 10:36 p.m. to discuss WITA Negotiations.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:35 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Seeley with a second by Mr. Evans.

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.)