

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF IROQUOIS WEST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
July 17, 2017 – 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Dave Haase called the Board of Education of the Iroquois West District Number 10, Iroquois County, Illinois to order in Regular Session on July 17, 2017 in the Board Room at the Iroquois West High School in Gilman, Illinois. The following officers and members of the Board of Education were present: Dave Haase – President, Vicki Killus – Vice President, Rodger Bennett, and Anthony Miller. Kyle Kraft, Norma Classen, and Domitila Garcia were absent.

A quorum of the members of the Board being present the President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm declared the Board to be in session for the transaction of business.

Administrators present: Dr. Linda L. Dvorak, Joshua Houberg, Duane Ehmen, Jim Harkins, and Christina Duncan

Others present were: Sheila Bernard, Jenny Mims, John Elliott, Kristy Arie, Stacy Connor, Deb Talbert, Tom Bennett, Heather Frank, Luke Lustfeldt

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the open session minutes from the regular meeting on June 19, 2017; Authorization of Expense/Vendor report and authorization of Checks for Bills and authorization of Payroll; Approval of: Deposit File Listing; Imprest Fund Reimbursement in the amount of \$531.80; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Reports for June; Activity Fund Reports; Approval of High School Band and Chorus trip to New York, NY on March 21-25, 2018;

Anthony Miller made a motion to approve consent agenda items; Rodger Bennett seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 4-0.**

WELCOME TO VISITORS

President Haase welcomed all visitors. Dr. Dvorak introduced State Representative Tom Bennett. He shared that Springfield has passed a "Budget of sorts". There is money in the budget for schools but it is evidenced based. SB1 bill still needs to be passed. Currently it exists as a bailout for Chicago at around 5 million dollars which will not leave much for other schools. The decision is in the hands of the Governor right now. SB12 is another slightly different bill on the table. He also spoke of the Tier system which defines allocation amounts. The board asked questions about Block grants and expectations if Governor Rauner vetoes it.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Board Committee Reports - None

Administrative Reports

Houberg – Nothing to add.

Ehmen – Introduced Luke Lustfeldt, who is a former aide that has been hired as the new 6th & 7th Grade English Language Arts teacher. He will also be coaching for IW

Duncan – Nothing to add.

Harkins – Nothing to add.

Carlson/Curriculum – Not Present

Onarga Academy - Not present.

Athletic Director – Not present.

Technology Coordinator – Not present.

Dvorak – Dr. Dvorak Shared that not only are Anthony Miller, Norma Classen, and Vicki Killus attending the Joint Annual Conference this year, but also Ashley Carlson due to a grant from the school. So Dr. Dvorak will also attend this year. The Superintendent spoke of the FY18 budget numbers. This is due by August 1, but with the budget being questionable she will plug in last year's numbers and hope for the best. We are having the FY17 audit and things are looking good for all but transportation which we are in the hole on. Teachers have cut their spending by 12% and we have received some grants that have helped. We are better off than some schools. The state still owes IW \$884,692. We have received some transportation money but not all of it owed. Dr. Dvorak asked the board to note that the September board meeting is on a Wednesday due to the need for 30 day budget display. Next, Dr. Dvorak had Josh Houberg explain a new teacher orientation program that IW will be doing to assist in supporting and attracting new teacher to our district. Mr. Houberg explained it will be a half day on August 17, and will cover topics such as ELIS, Handbooks, Classroom expectations, IT assistance. There will be mentoring and a first day script offered. The superintendent explained that we had 2 FOIA requests. She also gave an update on all of the HLS work that has been completed. The MS and HS are done. GES will be done shortly. There is still some painting and playground work to be finished. Trees have been cut and a leak at UES will be completed. The HS chimney is crumbling and will need repair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Gymnasium Mural- Kristy Arie

Dr. Dvorak introduced Kristy Arie to speak about repainting the mural. Kristy stated that after 11 years here at IW she still doesn't completely understand the current Gym mural expect to note that it involves mascots. Too many visitors also ask the meaning of the mural. She shared a new plan for a mural designed by Craig Massey that still incorporates all of the mascots with the IW logo prominent in the middle. It tells a story and makes a lot of sense. This will look well with the new curtains and banners for the gym. The proposed mural was passed around and everyone liked it.

Vicki Killus made a motion to approve the new mural be painted in the Gymnasium as presented; Anthony Miller seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 4-0.**

Approval and Award of Bids for Bread, Milk and Fuel

Rodger Bennett made a motion to approve and award bid for bread to Aunt Millie's Bakeries, approve and award bid for milk and juice to CloverLeaf Farms, approve and award bid for pick-up at pump diesel fuel to K & H Truck Plaza with the exception of the Thawville Location and to Heritage FS for the Thawville location; pick-up at pump unleaded regular gasoline to K & H Truck Plaza; Diesel Exhaust Fluid to K & H Truck Plaza and Bulk Oil to Ken's Oil Service; Anthony Miller seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 4-0.**

Friday May 25, 2018 Graduation Date for Class of 2018

Vicki Killus made a motion to approve Friday May 25, 2018 as the Graduation Date for the Class of 2018; Anthony Miller seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 4-0.**

Booster Club – Football Field Bricks

Stacy Connor from the booster club explained the fund raiser that they had for bricks to create a monument for the football field. They wanted to style it similar to Watseka's but instead have a 2 pillars with an arch that will be placed at the concession stand entrance. The bricks will be in the pillars and as more bricks are sold can be placed in the pillars. Jason Ahlden has the design that she shared a picture of and they will be coordinate with Bill Robinson to ensure no water or electric lines are cut.

Anthony Miller made a motion to approve the Booster Clubs Pillar Proposal for the use of the Fundraiser bricks; Vicki Killus seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 4-0.**

Executive Session

Rodger Bennett made a motion to enter executive session at the High School Board room at 7:45 pm for reasons: (#1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Tony Miller seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 4-0.**

Rodger Bennett made a motion to exit executive session at 7:51 pm; Anthony Miller seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 4-0.**

Rodger Bennett made a motion to approve closed session minutes for July 17, 2017; Anthony Miller seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 4-0.**

Rodger Bennett made a motion to employ Kristy Arie to paint for Health Life and Safety; seconded by Anthony Miller; Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 4-0.**

Vicki Killus made a motion to hire 2 full time aides for the kindergarten classrooms; Anthony Miller seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 4-0.**

ADOURN

Rodger Bennett made a motion to adjourn; Anthony Miller seconded. Upon Voice Vote, **the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.**

Kyle Kraft, Secretary

Date

Dave Haase, President