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## FOIA request

1 message

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**Rod Copas** <rod.copas@yahoo.com>  
To: Jenny Mims <jmims@iwest.k12.il.us>

Mon, Mar 4, 2019 at 10:51 AM

Dear Jenny

In the Foia Request I sent on Feb. 26 I requested ( #3 Copy of Contract to buy Land as described in the Gilman Star.)

Your Response was ( No contract to purchase land-contingent on passing referendum)

I believe your response is incorrect to my FOIA. Quoting from the Gilman Star " FROM THE DESK OF LINDA DVORAK AT LAST NIGHT'S BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING THE BOARD VOTED TO PURCHASE, ON CONTINGENCY OF A REFERENDUM PASSING, THE LAND AT 600 EAST AND ROUTE 24 FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL AND FUTURE CAMPUS. THIS LAND IS JUST WEST OF THE SUB/BP AND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROUTE 24."

I am requesting your immediate review of this matter. This statement by Linda Dvorak says the board voted to Purchase on contingency, so there is an agreement and a contract if referendum passes.

So to clarify all this in case there is any miss understandings.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act of Illinois, I am requesting the following records.

#1 Any and all records that reference the discussion, contingent vote, agreement of any kind that references the land at 600 East and Route 24 for the High School. To include the cost of purchase the land if the referendum passes. This should include meeting minutes and agendas. Also include any communications between any school official and the land owner.

The purpose of this request is to access and disseminate information regarding the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principle purpose of personal or commercial benefit. I am requesting the records be provided in electronic format if that is how they are stored. If they are in paper and the copier can convert them to electronic format I would appreciate receiving them electronically.

Respectfully Rodney Copas 239 East Us Hwy 24 Onarga Ill 60955 Phone 815-471-4240

*The mission of Iroquois West District 10, in partnership with family and community, is to challenge our students academically, socially, emotionally, and physically, thus fostering intellectual and personal skills necessary to be productive citizens and life-long learners in a global society.*

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
IROQUOIS WEST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #10  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA

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February 19, 2019	7:00 P.M.	High School Board Room	Gilman
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- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- II. **Approval of Consent Agenda** (Enclosures)
  - A. Approval of the open session minutes from the regular meeting on January 22, 2019
  - B. Expense/Vendor Report
    - 1. Authorization of checks for bills
    - 2. Authorization of payroll
  - C. Deposit File Listing
  - D. Approval of Imprest Fund Reimbursement in the amount of \$2,989.35
  - E. Approval of Financial Reports
  - F. Treasurer's Report
  - G. Activity Fund Reports
  - H. Overnight and Out-of-State Field Trip Request
    - 1. FCCLA to State Conference in Springfield, IL on April 4-6, 2019
  - I. Facilities Use Request
    - 1. Village of Onarga to utilize Middle School Gymnasium for Basket Bingo on April 7, 2019
- III. **Welcome to Visitors** – Call for Comments or Questions from the Public
- IV. **Communications** – Reports and Presentations
  - A. Those Who Excel – Angela Lachtara and Patty Tammen
  - B. Correspondence
  - C. Special Education
  - D. Board Committee Reports
  - E. Administrative Reports
    - 1. Principals'
      - a. Mr. Houberg - HS (Enclosure #1)
      - b. Mr. Ehmen - MS (Enclosure #2)
      - c. Mrs. Duncan - UES (Enclosure #3)
      - d. Mr. Harkins – GES (Enclosure #4)
      - e. Mrs. Carlson – DES / Curriculum Director (Enclosure #5)
      - f. Athletic Director (Enclosure #6)
      - g. Mr. Walter – ONARGA ACADEMY
      - h. Discipline Reports (Enclosure #7)
      - i. Concussion Reports (Enclosure #8)
      - j. Other (A.D.s / Dir. Of Trans. / Dir. Of Tech.)
    - 2. Superintendent's Report
      - a. FOIA Requests
      - b. MS ISEA Advisory Board Committee Representative
      - c. E-Learning
      - d. 2019-2020 Calendar
- V. **Unfinished Business**
  - A. Proposed IW Bus Transportation Policy
- VI. **New Business**
  - A. Resolution Recognizing Iroquois West Board Scholars
  - B. Bus Bids
  - C. Revise 2018-2019 School Calendar
  - D. Certified Staff Seniority List 2019

- E. Non-Certified Staff Seniority List 2019
- F. Let Mowing Bids
- G. Special Board Meeting – April 24, 2019
- H. Closed Session (Exception 1, 5)
  - 1. (#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).
  - (#5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).
- I. Action on Closed Session Items:
  - 1. Land
  - 2. Administrator Evaluations
  - 3. Staffing

- VII. **Discussion Items**
- VIII. **Other Business**
- X. **Adjournment**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF IROQUOIS WEST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
**February 19, 2019 – 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 February 19, 2019 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, Kyle Kraft – Secretary, Rodger Bennett, Norma Classen, Domitila Garcia and Anthony Miller.

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,  
Christina Duncan, Jim Harkins, Ashley Carlson

Others present were: Jenny Mims - Recording Secretary, Amy Schunke, Deb Talbert,  
Patty Tammen, Angela Lachtara, Mary Kate Luallen, Paul Culkin,  
Bob Kramer

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

DES Tower was added as Superintendent's Report Item E.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the open session minutes from the regular meeting on January 22, 2019; 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 \$2,989.35; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report; Activity Fund Reports; Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trip Request for FCCLA to State Conference in Springfield, IL on April 4-6, 2019; Approval of Facilities Use Request for Village of Onarga to utilize the Middle School Gymnasium for Basket Bingo on April 7, 2019, pending proof of insurance.

Rodger Bennett made a motion to approve consent agenda items; Kyle Kraft seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller – Yea. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**WELCOME TO VISITORS**

President Haase welcomed all visitors.

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Those Who Excel – Dr. Dvorak wanted to thank Paul Culkin for keeping the buses running during our recent bad weather. He always goes the extra mile. Mr. Harkins also thanked Paul for everything he does for the district. Mr. Houberg nominated Patty Tammen and Angela Lachtara last month for Those Who Excel. They are heading the RTI program which gives extra help to students in English and Math. Their students are very appreciative. They were all given a token of appreciation.

Correspondence – None

Special Education – None

Board Committee Reports – None

## Administrative Reports

**Houberg** – Nolan Ahlden has been accepted into the Naval Academy.

**Ehmen** – The STEM night has been rescheduled for 3-12-19 at 5:30 pm.

**Duncan** – Nothing to add.

**Harkins** – Nothing to add.

**Carlson/Curriculum** – Nothing to add.

**Onarga Academy** - Not present.

**Athletic Director** – Not present.

**Technology Coordinator** – Not present.

**Dvorak** – The District received a FOIA request from Mr. Kramer that mirrors exactly what the Douglas County people requested. Mr. Copas requested information on new positions created, Dr. Dvorak's contract, and principal positions. Mr. Stone has been invited to sit on the IESA Advisory Board Committee – a nice feather in IW's cap. The staff has been surveyed about their thoughts on E-Learning days. More were in favor than not. Dr. Dvorak is not 100% sold on the idea, but has instructed the Committee to come up with procedures. The General Assembly is currently considering two bills regarding E-Learning. The board typically approves next year's calendar around this time, however, the state has not released the form to enter it yet. Once that is received and the calendar meets all state requirements, it will be presented to the board for approval. The superintendent notified the board that an employee had hit the tower at Danforth Elementary. A1 Crane is taking it down and Lee Excavating will be taking it away. There will be no school for DES tomorrow and no internet for a while. IW has requested a grant for broadband expansion and we are hopeful that we will be receiving it.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Proposed IW Bus Transportation Policy

Mr. Harkins presented the updated proposed Transportation Policy, effective next school year, which states students will be picked up at one address every morning and dropped off at one address every afternoon. Rodger Bennett made a motion to approve the policy as presented; Vicki Killus seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Nay, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 6-1.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Resolution Recognizing Iroquois West Board Scholars

Anthony Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution Recognizing Iroquois West Board Scholars; Norma Classen seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### Bus Bids

Anthony Miller made a motion to enter into a three year lease for school buses with Central States Bus Sales, Inc.; Norma Classen seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### Revise 2018-2019 School Calendar

Iroquois West has taken three emergency days.

Norma Classen made a motion to revise the 2018-2019 calendar; Anthony Miller seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### Certified Staff Seniority List 2019

Rodger Bennett made a motion to approve Certified Staff Seniority List 2019 as presented; Norma Classen seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### Non-Certified Staff Seniority List 2019

Anthony Miller made a motion to approve Non-Certified Staff Seniority List 2019 as presented; Kyle Kraft seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### Let Mowing Bids

Kyle Kraft made a motion to direct Superintendent Dvorak to let mowing bids; Vicki Killus seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller – Yea. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### Special Board Meeting – April 24, 2019

Rodger Bennett made a motion to table until March meeting; Norma Classen seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller – Yea. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### Executive Session

Norma Classen made a motion to enter executive session at the high school at 7:40 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). (#5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Anthony Miller seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### Consensus to exit closed session.

Rodger Bennett made a motion to approve closed session minutes for February 19, 2019; Anthony Miller seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Anthony Miller made a motion to accept the positive administrator evaluations as presented; Norma Classen seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Vicki Killus made a motion to convey board interest to Sergio Baruffi for land at 600 East and Rt. 24 for school site, contingent on referendum approval; Norma Classen seconded it. Roll call vote: Rodger Bennett – Yea, Norma Classen – Yea, Domitila Garcia – Yea, Dave Haase – Yea, Vicki Killus – Yea, Kyle Kraft – Yea, Anthony Miller - Yea. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**ADOURN**

Rodger Bennett made a motion to adjourn; Kyle Kraft seconded. Upon Voice Vote, **the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.**

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Kyle Kraft, Secretary

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Date

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Dave Haase, President



Linda Dvorak <ldvorak@iwest.k12.il.us>

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**RE:**

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**Sergio Baruffi** <sergio\_baruffi@incobrasa.com>  
To: Linda Dvorak <ldvorak@iwest.k12.il.us>

Wed, Feb 20, 2019 at 8:06 AM

Dear Mrs. Dvorak,

Thanks for let me know.

Have a good day

Sergio Baruffi

**From:** Linda Dvorak <ldvorak@iwest.k12.il.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 7:29 AM  
**To:** Sergio Baruffi <sergio\_baruffi@incobrasa.com>  
**Subject:**

Hello,

As Mr.Haase conveyed last night, the BOE **is interested** in your land at 600 and 24. This is contingent on the referendum passing.

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WHO I AM MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Linda L. Dvorak, Ed.D.

Twitter: @DrLDvorak



3/4/2019

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Linda Dvorak &lt;ldvorak@iwest.k12.il.us&gt;

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**RE:**

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**Sergio Baruffi** <sergio\_baruffi@incobrasa.com>  
To: Linda Dvorak <ldvorak@iwest.k12.il.us>

Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 12:04 PM

Dear Mrs. Dvorak,

It is Ok for me,

I will keep private information, and the engineers have authorization, to assess the land any time.

Thanks

Sergio Baruffi

**From:** Linda Dvorak <ldvorak@iwest.k12.il.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2018 11:50 AM  
**To:** Sergio Baruffi <sergio\_baruffi@incobrasa.com>  
**Subject:**

Hello,

The BOE is interested in the land we discussed Friday. However, we will not make this public at this time. IWEST will need to consult with the engineer. We will have the engineer come in and assess the land. We will be getting back to you in a couple weeks. Thanks again for your willingness to work with the BOE in this venture.

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