

**Ira School Board Meeting
November 1, 2011
7:00PM
Ira Town Office
Official Minutes**

Present: Superintendent Joan Paustian, Business Manager Louis Milazzo, and Board Members Philip Lapp, Russell North, and Kathleen White.

The meeting is called to order at 7:27p.m.

The September 6, 2011 minutes are reviewed and corrected.

Report of the Superintendent:

An Act 153 Committee meeting will be held at the Tinmouth Elementary School at 5:30p.m. on November 28th, Legislators will arrive at 6:30p.m.

Kathleen's board seat is open in March of 2012. Kathleen will not be running for the seat so we will need to seek other candidates. The Bird's Eye View is one vehicle to seek such candidates. The next issue will come out in December.

We currently have 6 approved home-schooled students.

Russell moved to approve the consent agenda. Phil seconds. The consent agenda is approved.

Russell moves to approve warrants #82, 83, and 84. Phil seconds. The warrants are approved.

No old business.

Re: Medicaid monies: As Jan Krantz has taken a new position; she will be unable to run playgroups for Ira children. This leaves us with the question of whether we want to run playgroups. Also, do we want to re-advertise preschool tuition? Both of these avenues are approved uses of available Medicaid monies.

Louis presents Draft #1 of the FY13 budget. Louis notes a surplus of \$80,334.52. This carries over from the FY12 budget. We discuss how we can best apply this surplus. We consider applying some to the FY13 budget for anticipated increases in tuition. We also discuss placing \$50,000.00 into a "reserve fund", which serves as tax stabilization to apply to future budgets. We will consider this further in future meetings.

No public comments.

No other lawful business.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 7:00p.m. The meeting is adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen White
Board Clerk