

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 6, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane School was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Gary Bagnato	Thomas Neufeld
Landra Haber	John Phillips
Edward Harsen	Regina Rose
Andrew Kramarchyk	Anthony Welcome
William Murphy, MD	

School officials present:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, William Schneider, High School Principal, Daniel Farley, Assistant High School Principal, Tim Farley, Middle School Principal, Shannon Shine, Assistant Middle School Principal, John Stickles, Elementary School Principal, Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal, Robert McCloskey, Special Education Director, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, Todd DiGrigoli, Food Service Director, Sherrill Phillips, Transportation Supervisor, Juan González, IT Coordinator, Paul Thompson, Athletic Director and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Others present:

Kevin Kelly

Board President, John Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Board President, John Phillips announced the fire exits and conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

In-coming Board Member, Edward Harsen read the District's Mission Statement:

"In our quest for excellence, the Ichabod Crane Central School District is dedicated to preparing all students to meet the challenges of our future and to appreciate the value of their own lives by nurturing each individual's unique talents, instilling a desire for life-long learning, and fostering a strong spirit of community."

Board President, John Phillips made the following announcements:

- Coming up this month are two Budget Development meetings on Tuesday, January 20 and Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00pm

- Thanks to the many people who volunteered at the Red Cross Shelter set up at the High School during the recent ice storm and subsequent power outage which affected district residents and surrounding areas

Board Member William Murphy, MD briefly left the meeting.

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve the present agenda with modifications as presented

Carried, 7-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND WELCOME

To appoint, EDWARD HARSEN, to fill the vacant position on the Board of Education, effective upon filing of the Oath of Office with the District Clerk and expiring May 19, 2009

Carried, 7-0

District Clerk, Mindy Potts, administered and filed Edward Harsen's oath of office.

MOTION HABER 2ND BAGNATO

To approve the minutes of the following meetings:

11/06/08 - Regular Meeting

12/02/08 - Regular Meeting

BAGNATO- YES

NEUFELD-YES

HABER- YES

PHILLIPS-YES

HARSEN- YES

ROSE -YES

KRAMARCHYK- ABSTAIN

WELCOME -YES

MURPHY- ABSENT

Carried, 7-0-1

Meeting Open For Public Participation

One member of the public asked a question about State Budget Cuts. Superintendent James Dexter responded briefly to the question and announced that State Aid runs would be discussed in detail at the first Budget Development Meeting on January 20, 2009.

Reports/Presentations/Updates

Permission to Plan:

- Montreal Trip - Middle School French Students

Middle School Principal Tim Farley requested permission to plan and was available to answer questions regarding a potential trip to Montreal

- Senior Class Trip - Class of 2009

Senior Class Advisors, Erica Svatek and Bernadette Torre and Kylie Watt Treasurer and Secretary of the class of 2009 requested permission to plan and answered questions regarding a potential trip to Ocean City, Maryland in June

Board Member William Murphy, MD returned to the meeting.

- Six Flags New England Trip – Riders Marching Band President and Vice President of the Riders Marching Band along with Robert Richburg requested permission to plan and answered questions regarding an annual trip. The Board gave permission to plan to each of the three requests.

Policy Committee Minutes (Meeting of 12/17/08)

Board Member Anthony Welcome reported to the Board on the following policies which were given a first reading:

- #1150 School Budget and Bond Referenda (*revised*)
1st Reading: January 6, 2009
- #6240 Investments (*revised*)
1st Reading: January 6, 2009
- #5460 & 5460-R Suspected Child Abuse and Maltreatment & Regulation (*revised*)
1st Reading: January 6, 2009
- #9645 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct "*Whistleblower*" (*new*)
1st Reading: January 6, 2009
- #1440 Complaints About School Personnel (*revised*)
1st Reading: January 6, 2009
- #1612 Relations with BOCES (*revised*)
1st Reading: January 6, 2009

Board President John Phillips noted that by placing policies on the agenda, the policies are considered to have had a "reading:"

- #6870 Participant Directed Tax Deferred Retirement Accounts Policy (*new*)
3rd Reading: January 6, 2009
(*Adoption of the Above Policy - Under Discussion/Action Agenda*)
- #1510 Public Sales on School Property (*revised*)
2nd Reading: January 6, 2009
- #1400 Public Complaints (*revised*)
2nd Reading: January 6, 2009
- #5305A Extra-Curricular Eligibility Policy – Middle School (*revised*)
2nd Reading: January 6, 2009

Board Sub-Committee

Board Member, Regina Rose reported briefly and answered questions regarding the proposed revision of the following policy:

- Policy and Procedures for the Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools
#0320, 0320-A & 0320-B (*revised*)
1st Reading: January 6, 2009

Facilities Report Card

Facilities and Operations Director Steve Marotta reported briefly and answered questions regarding the Facilities Report Card previously distributed to the Board. (acceptance under Consent Agenda)

NYSSBA Conference Reports

Superintendent James Dexter and Business Administrator Gregory Giammarco reported on the workshops they attended at the Annual NYSSBA Conference on October 16-19, 2008.

Presentation of Award

President Phillips presented Andrew Kramarchyk and Gary Bagnato with certificates from NYSSBA acknowledging their attendance at Board member workshops and conferences earning them 40 credit hours of training.

Tentative Agreement with Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA)

Superintendent James Dexter highlighted many the changes with the contract noting that if anyone had questions or would like additional details, he or she can contact the Central Office. Superintendent Dexter also publicly commended the CSEA leadership team for their work during the negotiations. *(Ratification under Discussion Action)*

Spotlight on Shared Decision Making

John Stickles, Elementary School Principal, reported briefly and answered questions regarding the Elementary Shared Decision Making, which has focused most recently on developing a statement to communicate and clarify the usefulness and effectiveness of homework in grades 3-5.

Curriculum Achievement Report

- Strategic Plan – Grade 5 Extended Day
John Stickles briefly reported and answered questions regarding the initiation of the Grade 5 Extended Day Program.
- High School Advanced Placement and College Social Studies Courses and Electives
Ernie Waldman, Social Studies Department Chair, and teachers, Patrick Sanger and Randy Goold presented ideas for new courses at the High School: “20th Century America at War” and “Modern America Through Film.” The Board asked the teachers to move forward with the new courses.

Superintendent’s Report – Administrators’ Comments

Superintendent James Dexter made the following announcements:

- ELA Assessments begin next week
 - Regents are at the end of the month
 - Welcome to Dan Farley, new Assistant Principal at the High School
 - Publicly thank Interim Assitant Principal, Brian Alyward
- Bill Schneider, High School Principal and Todd DiGrigoli, Food Service Manager briefly reported on his building or department.

Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of Warrants:

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 11/30/08</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$ 14,757,276.69	\$ 13,965,823.80
SPECIAL AID FUND	\$ 342,776.75	\$ 560,740.60
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	\$ 23,549.28	\$ 17,910.08
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 216,000.51	\$ 260,555.27
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 283,406.73	\$ 283,700.23
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$ 376,715.58	\$ 369,556.16
NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	\$ 5,032.09	\$ 5,083.51

MOTION MURPHY 2ND ROSE

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented

Carried, 9-0

Consent AgendaMOTION MURPHY 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve the following items contained under the consent agenda:

13(A) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, *additional* EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY ADVISORS, for the 2008-2009 school year per the attached listing

13(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Substitute Teaching and Non-Teaching Addenda, conditionally, pending SED safety clearance for the 2008-2009 school year

13(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, CHRISTINE WHITE to the position of professional educator in the tenure area of SPECIAL SUBJECT: TEACHER ASSISTANT (K-12) for a probationary period of three years, to commence on January 5, 2009 and to expire on January 4, 2012

13(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, KARI DIMURO as a Term Substitute, effective January 9, 2009 through March 20, 2009

13(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERNS for the period of time listed as follows:

STUDENT TEACHER	ASSIGNMENT	DATES
Robert Piel	Mary Beth Watrous	January 13 – March 6, 2009
Douglas Lenseth	John Wilary	January 5- April 30
Eric Sposato	John Wilary	January 5- April 30
Julianne McDonough	Maureen Van Tassel	March 16 – May 12, 2009

13(F) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Primary School of \$41 from School Pop and to increase the 2008-2009 budget in the amount of \$41 from \$36,981,692 to \$36,981,733 in the following

Appropriation Code:

A2110.510-01-0000 - Ts Ps Reserve

13(G) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the High School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report as of the following date:

AS OF 11/30/08

Account Balance: \$ 90,214.74

13(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following payments to Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, for professional services rendered as follows:

<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Service Dates</u>	<u>Project</u>
#19369114	\$240.00	11/04/08-11/30/08	403(b) planning

13(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

RESOLVED, pursuant to Education Law, Section 913, to approve the medical evaluation of an employee, at District expense, as recommended by the Superintendent.

13(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip request, per Board Policy #4531:

DESTINATION: Great Escape, Lake George

DATE: June 5, 2009

PARTICIPANTS: 116 Students

CHAPERONES: 10

13(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION

To approve a 2008-2009 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the NORTH GREENBUSH COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT for (17) students attending a private school within the district (LaSalle Institute) in the amount of \$3,481.77 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract.

13(L) CONSIDRATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the Facilities Report Card as presented

13(M) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION

To authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the following document(s):

- Relevy Report - Certification Form (Rensselaer County)
- Change Order - AOW Associates, Inc.
- BAN Renewal \$575,000
- Perkins School for the Blind (CSE Student)
- Contract Advanced Therapy

13(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, BRITTANY LaVALLEY to the position of 2 Hour Food Service Helper (PRI), effective January 7, 2009

13(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, LISA MORRISSEY to the position of 2.5 Hour Food Service Helper (MHG), effective January 7, 2009

13(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, LISA WILLS to the position of 3 Hour Food Service Helper (HS), effective January 7, 2009

13(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2008-2009 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 01/06/09

End of Consent Agenda.

Carried, 9-0

MOTION ROSE 2ND MURPHY

To suspend the automatic adjournment at 10:00pm rule for tonight's meeting

BAGNATO- YES	NEUFELD-YES
HABER- NO	PHILLIPS-YES
HARSEN- NO	ROSE -YES
KRAMARCHYK- NO	WELCOME -NO
MURPHY- YES	

Carried, 5 - 4

Board Discussion Item

The Board briefly discussed developing Board Goals.

Discussion Action ItemsMOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND MURPHY

To ratify the 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011 & 2011-2012 contractual agreement between the Ichabod Crane Central School District and Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), and to authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract

Carried, 9-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND MURPHY

RESOLVED, to approve the issuance of a Civil Service Law, Section 75 Notice of Discipline against a certain employee, as discussed in executive session and to authorize the Board President to execute such Notice of Discipline

Carried, 9-0

MOTION HABER 2ND MURPHY

To approve the Strategic Plan for Academics as per attached listing

Carried, 9-0

Board Member Regina Rose briefly left the meeting.

MOTION BAGNATO 2ND MURPHY

To approve an increase in the 2008-2009 budget in the amount of \$181,114 from \$36,981,733 to \$37,162,847 to reflect two Grants-In-Aid (Senator Saland) and to increase Appropriation Codes in accordance with Section 1718 of Education Law as follows:

Code: A2630.500-00-0000 - (Computer Supply) in the amount of \$41,114

Code: A2610.523-00-3200 - (Ref Books K-12) in the amount of \$4,000

Code: TBD - in the amount of \$136,000

Carried, 8-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND HABER

To approve the following payments to Bearsch Compeau Knudson Architects, for professional services rendered as follows:

INVOICE	AMOUNT	SERVICE DATES	PROJECT #/ITEM
197537	\$70,636.48	08/01/08-09/30/08	Proj #07104.10 (Roof Project)

Carried, 8-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND WELCOME

To approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make the budget transfers per the attached listing

Carried, 8-0

MOTION HABER 2ND WELCOME

To adopt the following policies pursuant to Board Policy #2410 –
Formulation, Adoption and Amendment of Policies:

- #6870 Participant Directed Tax Deferred Retirement Accounts Policy

Effective Date: January 6, 2009

Carried, 8-0

Board Member Regina Rose returned to the meeting.

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND HABER

To approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$4,360,000 in Serial General Obligation Bonds and to authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the documents

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 6, 2009 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE KINDERHOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$4,360,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS DISTRICT BUILDINGS AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$4,360,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Kinderhook Central School District (the "District"), at a special meeting of such voters duly held on the 11th day of December, 2007, duly approved a proposition authorizing the issuance of serial general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,360,000, to finance the reconstruction of various District buildings, including site work, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus or appurtenances required for the purposes for which such buildings will be used and costs incidental to same, the expenditure of such sum for such purposes, and the levy of the necessary tax therefor, to be levied upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law;

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The District shall reconstruct various District buildings, including site work thereat, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which reconstructed buildings are to be used and pay incidental costs related thereto, at a maximum cost of \$4,360,000, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the District at a special meeting held on December 11, 2007.

Section 2. The District is hereby authorized to issue its serial general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$4,360,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution (the "Purpose") is the reconstruction of various District buildings, including site work thereat, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such renovated and reconstructed buildings are to be used and incidental costs related thereto.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of the Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$4,360,000, (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Purpose, and (c) the District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose from funds received from the State of New York as building aid and grants and funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 97 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is thirty (30) years.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues and the use of substantially level or declining debt service, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to attest any Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the District.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. After taking into account all New York State EXCEL grants and building aid received by the District, there shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of the District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 9. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the Bonds and notes, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 10. This Resolution shall be published in full by the District Clerk together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the District. The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of

law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Carried, 9-0

MOTION WELCOME 2ND HABER

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, SHARON GAFFNEY on tenure in the area of School Media Specialist - Library, effective March 8, 2009

Carried, 9-0

MOTION WELCOME 2ND HABER

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, JENNIFER WELCOME on tenure in the area of Elementary K-6, effective February 6, 2009

- BAGNATO - YES
- HABER - YES
- HARSEN - YES
- KRAMARCHYK - YES
- MURPHY - ABSTAIN
- NEUFELD - YES
- PHILLIPS - YES
- ROSE - YES
- WELCOME - YES

Carried, 8-0-1

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND HABER

To authorize the payment of \$238,596.81 to Custom Energy, L.L.C. in full settlement of amounts owing to the same and to authorize the Superintendent to execute a stipulation of settlement and release on behalf of the District, subject to attorney review

Carried, 9-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND HABER

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of \$25 from Glendora Buell, to the High School and to approve an increase in the 2008-2009 budget in the amount of \$25 from \$37,162,847 to \$37,162,872 in the following Appropriation Code:

A2110.510-05-0000 - HS Principals Reserve - in the amount of \$25

Carried, 9-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND HABER

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of \$62 from School Pop, to the Elementary School and to approve an increase in the 2008-2009 budget in the amount of \$62 from \$37,162,872 to \$37,162,934 in the following Appropriation Code:

A2110.510-02-0000 - Ts-MVB/MHG Reserve - in the amount of \$62

Carried, 9-0

Public Participation – Agenda Items Only
No one from the public wished to speak.

Executive Session

MOTION HABER 2ND BAGNATO

To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law and to discuss the employment history of particular individuals

Carried, 9-0

MOTION MURPHY 2ND HABER

To appoint William Murphy, MD as Clerk Pro Tem

BAGNATO - YES NEUFELD - YES

HABER - YES PHILLIPS - YES

HARSEN - YES ROSE - YES

KRAMARCHYK - YES WELCOME - ABSTAIN

MURPHY - YES

Carried, 8-0-1

Others present at Executive Session:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent

Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

Board Members not in attendance at Executive Session:

Gary Bagnato

Adjournment

The meeting was reconvened at 11:03.

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Carried, 8-0

Meetings:

01/20 & 01/27 (Tues) –2009-2010 Budget Development Meetings
7PM – ICMS LIBRARY

02/03 (Tue) - Next Regular Board Mtg – 7PM – ICMS LIBRARY

Committee Meeting Dates:

- 01/14/09 - Policy Committee - Central Office - 5PM
- 01/14/09 - Calendar Committee - Central Office - 3:45PM
- 01/21/09 - Meeting w/Regional School Board Members - 4PM
(at Columbia-Greene Community College)
- 01/26/09 - Audit Committee - Central Office - 5:30PM
- 01/28/09 - Communications Committee - Central Office - 6PM
- 01/21/09 - Facilities Committee - Central Office - Time: (TBD)

William Murphy, MD, Clerk Pro Tem

Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk