

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

MINUTES

Board of Education

January 19, 2010

A Budget Development Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District was held on TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

All Board Members Present:

John Antalek	Gary Bagnato	Edward Harsen
Andrew Kramarchyk	Bruce Naramore	Thomas Neufeld
John Phillips	Regina Rose	Anthony Welcome

School Officials Present:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, John Stickles, Elementary School Principal, Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Others Present:

Ernie Waldman, Adult Education Coordinator

Board President, John Phillips, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Board Member, Gary Bagnato read the District 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."

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND NARAMORE

To approve the agenda as presented

Carried, 9-0

Reports and Comments

Superintendent Report

Superintendent, James P. Dexter, reported on the following:

- Governor's aid reduction proposal
- This is the first of several budget development meetings which were publicized in a number of ways
- Requests from the buildings for anything specific to a department, such as technology or facilities, will be brought to the board during that supervisors presentation
- The contingency cap is 0%

Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, briefly explained the district's use of baseline budget modeling, which functions as a tool to predict expected expenditures for the upcoming year based on actual expenditures during the current year. He also commented on the reduction in state aid runs which had just become available.

Board Comments

Various Board members made statements and asked for information on the following topics:

- Advocating for a 0% increase in expenditures
- Advocating for the Primary school program to be maintained
- Request information on maintaining the current programs with no cuts
- Request information on budget which would create a 2.5% increase to the levy
- Advocating thinking of the future year's budgets as well as the 2010-2011 budget

Meeting Open For Public Participation on Development of the 2010-2011 Budget

One member of the public spoke on a variety of topics.

2010-2011 Budget Presentations

Elementary Schools (MVB & MHG) Presentation

John Stickles, Elementary Principal gave a brief overview of the Elementary School Program and answered the Board members' questions.

Board Member Edward Harsen briefly left the meeting during the Elementary School presentation and returned during the Primary School presentation.

Primary School Presentation

Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal along with Patricia Westover and Melanie Moon, grade level chairs, gave a brief overview of the Primary School Program and answered the Board members' questions.

Summer School Program Presentation

Melissa Murray, Invitations Principal, gave a brief description of the Invitations program, a summer program for incoming Kindergarten through 5th Grade students and answered questions regarding the program.

Adult Education Presentation

Ernie Waldman, Director of the Adult Education Program briefly reported to the Board and answered questions.

Board Open Discussion

The Board discussed the establishment of two ad hoc committees and the membership as follows:

- Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Search Committee
John Antalek, Thomas Neufeld, Edward Harsen and Regina Rose
- Transition Committee
Andrew Kramarchyk, Gary Bagnato, Anthony Welcome and Bruce Naramore

Public Participation – Agenda Items Only

No one from the public was present to address the board.

Executive Session

MOTION HARSEN 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular individuals

Carried, 9-0

MOTION HARSEN 2ND WELCOME

To appoint Anthony Welcome as Clerk Pro Tem

ANTALEK - YES

KRAMARCHYK- YES

PHILLIPS- YES

BAGNATO - YES

NARAMORE- ABSTAIN

ROSE- YES

HARSEN - YES

NEUFELD- YES

WELCOME- NO

Carried, 7-1-1

Adjournment

The meeting was reconvened at 10:08 p.m

MOTION BAGNATO 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Carried, 9-0

Distributions

- Cost Projections 2001-11
- Analysis of Class Size K-5
- Baseline Budget K-5
- Enrollment Report 2009-10
- Budget Components

Additional January/February Board Meetings

- 01/26/10 (Tues) - 7PM - ICMS Library - Budget Development
- 02/02/10 (Tues) - Regular BOE Meeting - 7PM - ICMS Library
- 02/09/10 (Tues) - 7PM - ICMS Library- Budget Development
- 02/23/10 (Tues) - 7PM - BUDGET ROUND TABLE - 7PM - ICMS Library

Committee Meetings

- 01/20/10 (Wed) - Communications Committee meeting - 6PM - CO
- 01/27/10 (Wed) - Policy Committee Meeting 3:30 - CO
- 01/27/10 (Wed) - Ad Hoc Athletic Committee Meeting - 7PM
- 01/28/10 (Thu) - Calendar Committee Meeting 3:30 - CO
- 02/03/10 (Wed) - Facilities Committee Meetinga 5:30 - CO
- 03/08/10 (Mon) - Audit Committee - 5PM in CO

Regional Meeting(s):

- 02/11/10 (Th) - Columbia County School Boards Association, Legislative Committee Meeting - 7PM - ICMS Conference Room

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Anthony Welcome
Clerk Pro Tem

X

Mindy M. Potts
District Clerk