

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

JANUARY 23, 2007

A Budget Development Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was preceded by a Facilities Committee Meeting held at 6 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Bagnato Andrew Pellettieri
Landra Haber John Phillips
Edward Helfer
Andrew Kramarchyk

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Martin
William Murphy, MD
Kevin Reis

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS PRESENT

James Dexter, Superintendent, Gregory Giammarco, School Business Administrator, William Schneider, High School Principal, Brett Miller, High School Assistant Principal, Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal and Tamara Proniske, District Clerk .

President Bagnato announced the fire exits and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

President Bagnato conducted the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement as follows: *"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 PHILLIPS 2ND PELLETTIERI

To approve the agenda as prepared
Carried, 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Jim Dexter noted a number of distributions for tonight's meeting:

- Budget Component Summary Information (Appropriations must include the Administrative Component, the Program Component and the Capital Component
- 2006-2007 Enrollment Report
- Class Size Analysis Charts for High School and Middle School

Jim asked Bill Schneider and Michael Behrens to update the board regarding the search for a Family and Consumer Science teacher for the high school. Bill explained that efforts to replace this teacher have not been successful; however, there is an opportunity to hire a second technology teacher who has experience in technology instruction, interior design, and CAD. Bill stated that the lack of being able to offer the FCS course will not effect any graduating senior.

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2007-2008 BUDGET

(13) members of the public were in attendance.

Two residents, Amy Sample and Michael Birmingham addressed the board regarding the 2007-2008 budget development process. Amy Sample read a statement indicating she felt the budget needed more clarity and that expenses should be rigorously reviewed. Michael Birmingham asked when the BOCES Budget would be reviewed and he referenced the tax levy increases for the past few years and the per student cost.

Gary Bagnato, Board President noted that this was the second of several budget development meetings. James Dexter noted that summaries of budget meetings would be posted on our website and available to the public at budget meetings.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Lynda Van Alstyne, Chairperson of the Physical Education Department presented the department's budget and reviewed an additional proposal for a five-year purchase plan for cardiovascular equipment for the high school fitness room.

The following 2007-2008 budget proposals for the High School were presented by William Schneider, High School Principal:

- ELA (English Language Arts)
- Music (District-Wide)
- LOTE (Language Other Than English)
- Art
- Social Studies
- Math
- Guidance Department

Barbara Byrne, Chairperson of the Science Department presented the department's budget and reviewed a request for additional funding for a new course, "Environmental Science", to be offered next year in the high school.

Michael Behrens, Chairperson of the Technology & Business Department presented the department's budget and reviewed his proposal to purchase replacement equipment for the High School Technology program.

The following 2007-2008 budget proposals for the Middle School were presented by Maureen Van Deusen, Middle School Principal:

- 6th 7th & 8th Grade Team Program Budget Requests
- 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Language Arts
- Library Department
- Reading (District-wide)

Kathy Mooney, District-wide Remedial Reading, Writing & Math Coordinator presented the ESL (English as a Second Language) budget which includes a request for an increase in staffing from two to three ESL teachers due to the increased enrollment of second language students in the district.

Karen Brink, Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Liaison presented the social studies budget and reviewed the request for additional funds for supplies for the program.

Steve Fielman, Grades 6-8 Science Curriculum Liaison presented the science budget and a request for replacement equipment and lab tables. Jim Dexter stated that the mounting equipment requested by Steve can be purchased out of the district's Title II-D grant.

Barbara Ireland, Grades 6-8 Math Curriculum Liaison presented the math budget and a request for additional funds for the purchase of calculators and textbooks. Due to the program need, the baseline budget was adjusted to account for the need to purchase textbooks. The request for calculators will be entered as a request in the technology budget.

PROPOSAL FOR GRADE 6 EXTENDED DAY PILOT PROGRAM

Maureen Van Deusen addressed the board regarding an alternative to attending summer school for 6th graders who have failed. She reviewed a proposal to pilot an extended day model to address quarterly failures using the current 6th grade. The cost of the program was estimated at (1) teacher at \$50.64/per session for (28) sessions totaling \$1,417.92.

Landra Haber left the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one was present.

ADDITIONAL JANUARY/FEBRUARY BUDGET DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

- 01/23/07 - 7PM - ICMS LIBRARY - (preceded by a Facilities Meeting at 6 pm)
- 01/30/07 - 7PM - ICMS LIBRARY
- 02/13/07 - 7PM - ICMS LIBRARY

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To adjourn tonight's budget meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Carried, 5-0

Tamara N. Proniske, District Clerk