

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 24, 2009

A Budget Development Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District was held on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Landra Haber	Regina Rose
John Phillips	Thomas Neufeld
Andrew Kramarchyk	Edward Harsen
Gary Bagnato	

Board Members Absent:

Anthony Welcome

School officials present:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, William Schneider, High School Principal, Tim Farley, Middle School Principal, John Stickles, Elementary School Principal, Melissa Murray

John Phillips, Board President called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

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

Board member, Landra Haber 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."

Board President, John Phillips, made the following announcements:

- Some athletic teams had advanced to sectional competition and the Board wishes them well.
- Upcoming Board of Education meetings: Regular Board meeting on March 3, 2009 and another Budget Development Meeting on March 24, 2009

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve the present agenda as presented

Carried, 7-0

Superintendent's Report/Comments

Superintendent James Dexter mentioned this was the first Budget Roundtable, a dialogue session to facilitate open conversation between the Board of Education and the public. He mentioned the various ways the meeting had been promoted throughout the community.

Superintendent Dexter then reported:

- The Rollout Budget is a first draft and is based on many assumptions especially concerning state aid and federal money.
- The initial budget is a 4.49% increase, budget to budget and will be refined as we move through the budget process.
- He has spoken to legislative representatives and he, along with Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator and other Board Members, will meet with them again next week.

Budget Roundtable

The floor was opened to any and all members of the public who wished to speak or ask questions of the Board of Education. Topics included:

- State and federal aid
- Budget-to-budget increase amount
- Football
- Areas of the budget where spending might be focused or reduced

Rollout Budget

Business Administrator, Gregory Giammarco, reviewed the Rollover Budget, which had an overall increase of 4.49% including:

- 4.2% increase in instruction
- 11.2% increase in transportation
- 3.6% increase in employee benefit

The Board reviewed various lines within the budget

Board Open Discussion

The Board discussed the following topics:

- timeline for adopting the 2009-2010 Budget
- Potential for adding and additional Budget Development Meeting
- Various ways to reduce the impact on taxpayers without sacrificing student achievement

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND ROSE

To extend the meeting for 30 minutes (until 10:30 p.m.)

BAGNATO - YES

NEUFELD - YES

HABER - NO

PHILLIPS - ABSTAIN

HARSEN - YES

ROSE - YES

KRAMARCHYK -YES

Carried, 5-1-1

Public Participation – Agenda Items Only

No members of the public present.

Adjournment

As the previous motion made by KRAMARCHYK and seconded by ROSE was to extend the meeting only until 10:30p.m. and no further motions had been made extending the meeting, Board President, John Phillips declared the meeting automatically adjourned at 10:30p.m.

Meetings:

03/03/09 (Tue) - Next Regular Board Mtg – 7PM – ICMS LIBRARY
(with Student Recognition Prior)

03/05/09 (Thu) – Columbia County School Boards – 7PM - Kozels

Committee Meetings:

02/24 (Tue) – Communications Committee Meeting – 5:30PM – CO

03/04 (Wed) – Policy Committee Meeting – 5pm – CO

Budget Development Meetings:

03/24/09 (Tue) – Budget Development Meeting – 7PM MS Library

03/31/09 (Tue) – Budget Development Meeting – 7PM MS Library

04/07/09 (Tue) – Budget Development Meeting – 7PM MS Library

OUTLINE OF IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 3, 2009 (FRI)	1ST ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE PUBLICATION (45 Calendar Days Prior to Vote)
APRIL 6, 2009 (MON)	PICK-UP CANDIDATE PETITIONS From Clerk (Date as published in Legal Notice)
APRIL 20, 2009 (MON)	RETURN CANDIDATE PETITIONS To Clerk by 5PM (30 Calendar Days Prior to Vote) (Date as published in Legal Notice)
APRIL 21, 2009 (TUES)	Vote on BOCES Administrative and Capital Budget and Election of BOCES Board Members
APRIL 27, 2009 (MON)	VOTER REGISTRATION DATE (3-7pm) Held in Central Office
MAY 4, 2009 (MON)	VOTER REGISTRATION DATE (3-7pm) Held in Central Office
MAY 5, 2009 (TUE)	POSTING OF SCHOOL BUDGET DOCUMENTS (14 Days Prior to Annual Vote)

Distributions:

Salary Budget Proposal

Power Point Slides

Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk