

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 9, 2010

A Budget Roundtable meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria.

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, 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, Todd DiGrigoli, Food Service Director, Juan González, IT Coordinator, Paul Thompson, Athletic Director and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Board President John Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the fire exits and conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board President John Phillips announced this was a meeting which has been rescheduled when the February 23, 2010 meeting was canceled due to weather.

Board Vice President Andrew Kramarchyk 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 NARAMORE 2ND ANTALEK

To approve the agenda as presented

Carried, 9-0

Board President John Phillips made the following announcements:

- A transition committee has been appointed to handle the necessary arrangements with Questar III if Superintendent James P. Dexter - a finalist in the search for the WSWHE BOCES District Superintendent - be appointed to that position
- The Board has taken steps to move toward paperless Board meetings

Reports and Comments

A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent James P. Dexter noted the following:

- The website contains information on various aspects of the District including the budget presentation from last week's Board meeting and other relevant budget documents.
- SED has issued supplemental information regarding cost per student

B. Board Comments

Board members commented on various topics:

- Thanked the public for attending this meeting and for correspondence sent prior to the meeting
- The public is encouraged to send correspondence if they do not speak tonight, public input is valued
- Public concern should be directed to state leaders
- Details in the draft 2010-2011 budget show cuts have been made district-wide
- Cuts to budgets are being made in districts statewide
- Fiscal concerns may be for multiple years, not just this year
- Class size
- Special Education Program
- Shared Services with Schodack Central School District
- Appointment of an Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Vacancy Committee
- The next budget development meetings are on March 23 and March 30

Board Member Regina Rose read a prepared statement.

Budget Roundtable

The rescheduled roundtable meeting gave the public an opportunity to address the Board with concerns and questions regarding the 2010-2011 budget. Approximately 25 people signed up to address the Board and have questions answered. Topics included:

- Special Education
- Music/Theatre programs
- Courses at the High School
- Sports
- Approximate percentage of change to the tax levy
- Proposed bus purchases
- Potential for wage freezes
- Contacting state representatives
- Tuition for non-district residents
- School lunch prices
- Class size
- Early retirement incentives
- Technology and teaching

The Board appreciated the number of people who attended the meeting and appreciated the comments and questions from the public. The Board also encouraged people to continue attending budget development meetings and corresponding with the Board. Board members can be emailed through the District Clerk MPotts@IchabodCrane.org or USPS letters can be addressed to: Ichabod Crane Board of Education, 2910 Route 9, Box 820, Valatie, NY 12184

Board Member Edward Harsen briefly left the meeting.

MOTION ROSE 2ND NEUFELD

To suspend the adopted 10:00 p.m. meeting end time and to stay until all agenda items have been addressed

ANTALEK - YES	KRAMARCHYK- YES	PHILLIPS- YES
BAGNATO - YES	NARAMORE- YES	ROSE- YES
HARSEN - ABSENT	NEUFELD- YES	WELCOME- YES

Carried, 8-0-1

Board Member Edward Harsen returned to the meeting.

MOTION WELCOME 2ND ROSE

To move agenda item #8:

Board Open Discussion

- Demographic/Enrollment and Capacity Studies
- Facilities Review Related Enrollment Decline

to the next Board meeting agenda

Carried, 9-0

Public Participation – Agenda Items Only

Three members of the public commented on the following topics:

- Clarification that the public doesn't want everything back in the budget but that they want the Board to consider what people have said tonight
- Assistant Superintendent for Instruction position
- The value of the faculty's and administration's opinions on class size

Executive Session

MOTION

To adjourn to Executive Session at 10:57 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals

Carried, 9-0

MOTION NARAMORE 2ND ANTALEK
 To appoint Anthony Welcome as Clerk Pro Tem

ANTALEK - YES KRAMARCHYK- YES PHILLIPS- YES
 BAGNATO - YES NARAMORE- YES ROSE- YES
 HARSEN - YES NEUFELD- YES WELCOME- NO
 Carried, 8-1

The meeting was reconvened at 12:01 a.m.
 MOTION BAGNATO 2ND KRAMARCHYK
 To adjourn the meeting at 12:05 a.m.
 Carried, 9-0

Meetings:

March Board Meetings

03/23/10 (Tues) - 7PM - ICMS Library- Budget Development
 03/30/10 (Tues) - 7PM - ICMS Library- Budget Development

Committee Meetings

03/10/10 (Wed) - Communications Committee - 6PM - CO
 03/31/10 (Wed) - Facilities Committee - 5:30PM - CO

Outline of Important Dates

APRIL 2, 2010	(FRI)	1 ST ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE PUBLICATION (45 Calendar Days Prior to Vote)
APRIL 5, 2010	(MON)	PICK-UP CANDIDATE PETITIONS From Clerk (Date as published in Legal Notice)
APRIL 19, 2010	(MON)	RETURN CANDIDATE PETITIONS To Clerk by 5PM (30 Calendar Days Prior to Vote) (Date as published in Legal Notice)
APRIL 26, 2010	(MON)	VOTER REGISTRATION DATE (3-7pm) Held in Central Office
APRIL 26, 2010	(MON)	Board Candidate Bios Published on the District Website
APRIL 27, 2010	(TUES)	Vote on BOCES Administrative and Capital Budget and Election of BOCES Board Members
MAY 4, 2010	(TUE)	POSTING OF SCHOOL BUDGET DOCUMENTS (14 Days Prior to Annual Vote)
MAY 6, 2010	(MON)	VOTER REGISTRATION DATE (3-7pm) Held in Central Office

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Anthony Welcome
 Clerk Pro Tem

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Mindy M. Potts
 District Clerk