

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 24, 2009

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

All Board Members Present:

Gary Bagnato	Thomas Neufeld
Landra Haber	John Phillips
Edward Harsen	Regina Rose
Andrew Kramarchyk	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, Primary School Principal, Paul Thompson, Athletic Director and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Others Present:

Chuck Shattenkirk, Booster Club
Cheryl Trefzger, Booster Club
Tim Stewart, Football Coach

Board President John Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Board Member, Anthony Welcome 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:

- Prior to the March 31, 2009 Budget Development Meeting, at 6:30 p.m., an informational session has been scheduled to answer questions regarding Board Candidate Petitions and running for the School Board
- Thomas Neufeld received an award from NYSSBA for completing training

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK
To approve the agenda as presented
Carried, 8-0

Superintendent's Report/Comments

JPD reported:

- "Grease" will run Thursday through Saturday and all three showings of the production have sold out
- Martin H. Glynn and Martin Van Buren Buildings are hosting museum exhibits and all BOE members are invited to attend
- Tonight's meeting will bring a number of reports:
 - Ad Hoc Athletic Advisory Report
 - Report BOCES Expenditure and the types of BOCES services
 - Report on Draft 2 Appropriations Budget
- When NYS passes a budget there will be new state aid runs
- The current draft of the Budget features a 3.99% increase budget-to-budget and 3.25% on the levy
- The Board has been given details of fund balance and various capital in the context of long-term fiscal status

Ad Hoc Athletic Advisory Committee, Meeting Report

Bill Schneider reported on the meetings of the Ad Hoc Athletic Advisory Committee. After the first year of the Pilot Program of ICC Football, the Ad Hoc Athletic Advisory Committee met to review the program and brought the Board two proposals for changes to the program for the 2009-2010 school year.

MOTION ROSE 2ND HARSEN

To have the Superintendent prepare an amendment to the motion regarding football made at the September 9, 2008 Board of Education meeting to reflect the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Athletic Advisory Committee's Proposal Number 1 Carried, 8-0

Meeting Open For Public Participation

No one signed in for public participation.

Reports/Presentations:

Business Administrator, Gregory Giammarco, reviewed and answered questions regarding the following topics:

- A. Review of Anticipated BOCES Expenditures
- B. Review and Revision of Appropriations 2009-2010
- C. Estimated Revenues on Levy Calculation
- D. Review of Bus Purchase Proposal

With the budget-to-budget increase at 3.99% and the levy at 3.25%, the draft budget reflects many revisions. Superintendent James P. Dexter and Business Administrator, Gregory Giammarco commented that this budget was as low as it could go without cutting program. The Board inquired about various ways to reduce the increase.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Superintendent Dexter and Business Administrator Giammarco planned to provide the Board with options to reduce the levy.

MOTION ROSE 2nd KRAMARCHYK

To extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m.

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

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

7(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2008-2009 & the 2009-2010 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 03/05/09, 03/12/09, 03/16/09, 03/17/09

7(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve transportation lease agreement requests submitted by Connie Smith, St. John the Baptist Church for the use of one (1) school bus on April 5, 2009 for transportation between Bond Funeral Home and Stillpoint House

7(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip request, per Board Policy #4531:
(Transportation to be provided by parents)

DESTINATION: Odyssey of the Mind State Competition, Binghamton NY
 DATE: April 4, 2009
 PARTICIPANTS: 7 Students
 CHAPERONES: 2 Coaches

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 8-0

Board Open Discussion

The Board discussed the following topics:

- Board Member, Landra Haber's attendance at the NYSSBA training "Need Help Passing Your School's Budget?"
- Shared Services Among Districts
- Policy Committee Membership - Thomas Neufeld was added to the Policy Committee

Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

No one from the public wished to speak with the Board.

AdjournmentMOTION BAGNATO 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m.

Carried, 8-0

Board Meetings:

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

04/07/09 (Tue) – Regular Board Meeting – 7PM

Committee Meetings:

04/02 (Thu) – 5:00 PM – Policy Committee – C.O.

04/22 (Wed) – 5:00 PM – Audit Committee – C.O.

Annual Boces Dinner Meeting:

April 1, 2009, 5:45 PM, Columbia Greene Educational Center

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)

Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk