

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

MINUTES

Board of Education

March 25, 2008

A Budget Development Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Landra Haber

John Phillips

Andrew Kramarchyk

Kevin Reis

William Martin

Regina Rose

William Murphy, MD (arrived 7:17pm)

Anthony Welcome (arrived 9:20pm)

Andrew Pellettieri

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

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

President Phillips announced the fire exits, conducted the Pledge of Allegiance and 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, announced this was the 7th Budget Development Meeting, April 1st was a regular Board of Education Meeting and April 8th was another Budget Development Meeting, at which the Board was scheduled to adopt a budget. The current budget to budget increase is 4.4993%.

Board President, John Phillips also announced Friday, March 28, 2008 was a Superintendent’s Conference Day. The district conducted a full-scale safety drill, designed with the police and emergency responders. Members of the community may notice activity at the school and the entrances to the campus.

MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

**To approve the present agenda as presented
Carried 7-0**

Board member, William Murphy, MD arrived at the meeting at 7:17p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Superintendent James Dexter mentioned this was the second 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.

Superintendent Dexter briefly reported on:

- **Non-teaching staff recommendations**
- **ICC "Facts of Note," a publication of facts about the district and student achievements including updates on seniors attending two- and four- year colleges**
- **The tax levy which can only be determined only after the state budget is passed**
- **Meetings with Senator Saland and Assemblyman Gordon have allowed us to make estimates based on reasonable projections**

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:

- **Decreasing class size at the Primary School**
- **Increasing teaching assistants at the Primary School**
- **Fuel costs and energy consumption**
- **Long term plan for staffing**

Greg Giammarco, Business Administrator and Superintendent, James Dexter, reported on:

- **Revised Appropriations for the 2008-2009 budget**
- **Revenue Projections**
Superintendent Dexter noted the revenue projections were based on anticipated NY State in the following areas:
 - **Technology Computer Hardware Aid**
 - **BOCES Aid**
 - **Foundation Aid**
 - **High Tax Aid**
- **Follow-up on 2008-2009 Estimated BOCES Appropriations**

Board Member Anthony Welcome arrived at 9:20 p.m.

BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the following topics:

- **The BOCES Budget**
- **William Martin formally announced he would not be running for re-election to the Board of Education**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Teacher, Karen Vecillio thanked the Board for considering the requests for staffing at the Primary School, noting the teachers had anticipated bringing these requests to the Board at the February Roundtable but were put off by the weather on February 26th.

MOTION MURPHY 2ND MARTIN

To adjourn to Executive Session at 10:00 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular employees

Carried, 9-0

MOTION ROSE 2ND REIS

To appoint Anthony Welcome as Clerk Pro Tem.

Carried, 9-0

Others Present at Executive Session:

Superintendent James Dexter *(left the meeting at 10:10pm)*

The Board reconvened the meeting at 12:05 a.m.

MOTION REIS 2ND HABER

To adjourn the meeting at 12:12 a.m.

Carried, 9-0

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

04/01 (Tue) – 5-6:30 PM – CSEA Negotiation Committee

04/3 (Thu) – 5PM – Policy Committee

04/09 (Wed) – 5-8PM – Audit Committee *(Tentative)*

03/26 (Wed) & 04/21 (Mon) – 6-8PM – Attendance Ad Hoc Committee

04/10 (Thu) & 04/30 (Wed) – 6-8PM – Strategic Planning/ Academics

04/29 (Tue) – 6:30PM – Communication Committee

NEXT BOE MEETING

4/01/08 (Tue) – 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting – MS Library

OUTLINE OF IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 2, 2008	(WED)	ANNUAL BOCES DINNER MEETING
APRIL 4, 2008	(FRI)	1ST ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE PUBLICATION (45 Calendar Days Prior to Vote)
APRIL 7, 2008	(MON)	PICK-UP CANDIDATE PETITIONS From Clerk (Date as published in Legal Notice)
APRIL 21, 2008	(MON)	RETURN CANDIDATE PETITIONS To Clerk by 5PM (30 Calendar Days Prior to Vote) (Date as published in Legal Notice)
APRIL 22, 2008	(TUES)	Vote on BOCES Administrative and Capital Budget and Election of BOCES Board Members
APRIL 28, 2008	(MON)	VOTER REGISTRATION DATE (3-7pm) Held in Central Office
MAY 5, 2008	(MON)	VOTER REGISTRATION DATE (3-7pm) Held in Central Office
MAY 6, 2008	(TUE)	POSTING OF SCHOOL BUDGET DOCUMENTS (14 Days Prior to Annual Vote)

Anthony Welcome, Clerk Pro Tem

Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk