

# ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

## MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 31, 2009

### All Board Members Present:

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

### School Officials Present:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, Daniel Farley, Assistant 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:

Mike Smith, Booster Club

Board President, John Phillips, called the meeting to order at 7:02 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:

- Crane Acting Troupe's production "Grease" was a big hit
- Past Board President, William Neander, passed away. Superintendent James P. Dexter and Board President, John Phillips recalled some memories of Mr. Neander and his time on the Board. A moment of silence was observed in his honor.

### MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To approve the agenda as presented

Carried, 8-0

### Superintendent's Report/Comments

Superintendent James P. Dexter reported the following:

- BOCES Annual Dinner-Business Meeting on April 1, 2009
- New State aid figures were released earlier in the day. The new "run" is a reflection of Federal Stimulus monies
- Publicly acknowledge Mrs. Helfer and all those who were involved with the play

Meeting Open For Public Participation

No one wished to address the Board.

Reports/Presentations:

- A. Review and Discussion of Appropriations 2009-2010
- B. Review Budget, Estimated Levy Calculation

Beginning with the State Aid runs, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator and James P. Dexter, Superintendent reviewed the Budget, Appropriations and Levy Calculations and answered questions from the Board. The recommended budget represents a 3.99% increase budget-to-budget and a 3.25% increase in the levy and takes into consideration not only the 2009-2010 school year but also the fiscal stability of the district in 2010-2011 and future years.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Discussion Action Items

MOTION KRAMARCHYK                      2<sup>ND</sup> ROSE

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received an updated report from the Ad-Hoc Athletic Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc athletic advisory committee is composed of various stakeholders to study the educational, logistical and fiscal issue, and

WHEREAS; the committee has provided the Board with a comprehensive report and a recommendation to continue the pilot program (contingent on outside funding),

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education will modify the resolution passed on September 9, 2008 and will reauthorize a second year of a pilot program under the terms and conditions herein:

- The program is to continue on a pilot basis. The district is authorized to field a junior varsity (JV) and Varsity team for the 2009-2010 school year upon receipt of \$39,085 by April 1, 2009. An additional balance of \$3,604 will be transferred from the Trust and Agency Fund (monies previously donated to the district from the Booster Club for the sole purpose of funding the football program) unless that same balance is received from the Booster Club by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. The Booster Club will remain the "official" fund raising organization. Furthermore, the Booster club is authorized by the district to continue to raise monies for the three-year pilot.
- The Board can not, and does not, make a commitment beyond the scope of this resolution, and therefore, can not make any promise or guarantee that the program will be incorporated into the general fund in the near future, or that additional facilities and/or fields will be created or modified or such upgrades will be contained within the scope of a capital project to accommodate the program.

- The District is solely responsible for the administration of all aspects of the program, and the program must adhere to the same policies and procedures as all other district run athletic teams.

That the existence of the football team must be reviewed by the Board of Education in subsequent years and upon the conditions as set forth by a future Board of Education.

BAGNATO – YES                      NEUFELD – YES  
 HABER – ABSTAIN                PHILLIPS – YES  
 HARSEN – YES                      ROSE – YES  
 KRAMARCHYK – YES              WELCOME – YES  
 Carried, 7-0-1

Board Open Discussion

The Board discussed the following topics:

- BOCES Annual Dinner-Business Meeting on April 1, 2009
- The Board’s professional and focused manner in regards to Budget discussions

Public Participation – Agenda Items Only

Two members of the public addressed the Board:

- Mike Smith thanked the Board members for their hard work on the budget and their support of football program
- Emelia Teasdale, reporter formerly with the Independent, informed the Board that a new paper for Columbia County was on-line and would be in print in local stores on April 16, 2009

Adjournment

MOTION HABER    2<sup>nd</sup> KRAMARCHYK  
 To adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m!  
 Carried, 8-0

Board Meetings:

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*

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

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Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk