

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

APRIL 3, 2007

A Budget Development Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2007 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Bagnato	William Martin
Landra Haber	William Murphy, MD
Edward Helfer	John Phillips
Andrew Kramarchyk	Kevin Reis
Andrew Pellettieri (<i>arrv 9:30</i>)	

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

James Dexter, Superintendent

President Bagnato called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS PRESENT

James Dexter, Superintendent, Gregory Giammarco, School Business Administrator, William Schneider, High School Principal, Brett Miller, High School Assistant Principal, Maureen Van Deusen, Middle School Principal, John Stickles, Elementary Principal, Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal, Sherrill Phillips, Transportation Supervisor, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, Juan González Technology Coordinator, and Tamara Proniske, District Clerk

President Bagnato conducted the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement as follows: *"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 MARTIN 2^N PHILLIPS

To approve the agenda as prepared

Carried, 6-0_

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Kathryn Vaughn, parent, spoke on behalf of the New Visions program and said she hoped her daughter would have the opportunity to attend.
- Cindy Williams, parent, said she was disappointed to learn that the 5th grade field trip on the Hudson River would not take place this year – John Stickles was present to explain that this trip was not curriculum related, however, two other field trips to Cherry Hill and the Capital were planned.
- Veronica Mangione, parent, applauded the board's decision to add another Kindergarten teacher and an additional teaching assitant

- Michael Birmingham, resident, also said he was pleased to see that board was adding a Kindergarten teacher, an additional T.A., and a .4 music teacher – said he would still like to see spending brought within the rate of inflation

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Jim Dexter brought the following to the Board's attention:

- informed the board of the death of a recent ICC graduate, Dana Flax, due to an accident that occurred while she was attending college in Baltimore
- the Town of Kinderhook would be honoring the (3) teams that won sectionals at their meeting of April 9th
- Universal Pre-K – State Aid Runs – this has been increased from \$58,000 to \$106, 000 however, we can not collect as we do not run this program - Jim is proposing that a committee be established to review whether we can afford and sustain a program long-term.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES:

2007-2008 BUDGET PROPOSAL- DRAFT #4

Draft four of the proposed budget was presented. Jim Dexter stated although we did benefit from an increase in state aid, the increase was consistent with our overall projections. The increase will, however, provide us with options for including additional staff. Based upon these updated state aid projections, he recommended the following positions be added:

- (1) Kindergarten position in order to increase the sections from 7 to 8.
- (1) Additional Teaching Assistant position for the general education program in the Primary School. (*making a total of 3 positions - one for each grade level*)
- Restoration of the (.4 FTE) Instrumental Music Position which was eliminated two years ago.

The creation of these three positions brings the budget-to-budget increase to **4.356%** and the levy will remain at **4.95%**. The following propositions were adopted by the Board and will be presented to the voters on May 15th at the Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Election:

- Proposition #1 - 2007-2008 Budget - totaling **\$35,378,368**
- Proposition #2 - Purchase of School Buses – totaling **\$515,000**

Greg Giammarco reviewed the contingent budget cap worksheet. He explained that should we have to go to a contingent budget, \$124,725 would have to be removed from the \$35,378,368 total budget.

Universal Pre-K – Discussion was held on formulating a committee to determine the feasibility of establishing this program at ICC beginning in 2008-2009. Jim noted that teachers have expressed concern about the readiness of incoming Kindergarten students who could benefit from a preschool program. The review would also consider transportation costs, classroom space and long term sustainability.

6. DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS6(A) MOTION MARTIN 2ND HABER

To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2007-2008 Budget as recommended by Administration as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York be authorized to expend the total amount of \$35,378,368 during the school year 2007-2008 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

Carried, 8-0

6(B) MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND HABER

To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #2, the 2007-2008 Bus Proposal as recommended by Administration as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York be authorized to purchase SCHOOL BUSES during the 2007-2008 school year at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$515,000 and to raise said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary by levy of tax in annual installments on the taxable property of the District, and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue obligations of the District in accordance with the Local Finance Law?

Carried, 8-0

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BOARD OPPEN DISCUSISON

Board members complimented administration for crafting a budget that they hoped the public would support. They also thanked the public for their involvement throughout the budget development process and the students who spoke in support of programs.

MEETINGS:

- 04/04 - (Wed) - 4:30PM ICTA NEGOTIATIONS
- 04/05 - (Thu) - 5PM - FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING - C.O.
- 04/05 - (Thu) - 7PM - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- 04/24 - (Tue) - 7PM - SPECIAL BOARD MEETING (*BOCES Vote & Election*)
- 04/25 - (Wed) - 6PM - AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING - C.O.
- 04/30 - (Mon) - 5PM - SPECIAL MEETING (*Feedback f/Search Comm.-Asst. Supt.*)
- 05/01 - (Tue) - 7PM - REGULAR BOARD MEETING - ICMS LIBRARY

ANNUAL BOCES DINNER MEETING

- 04/04 - (Wed) - 5:45 Business Meeting
- 7:00 Dinner (Franklin Terrace Banquet Facility - Troy)

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APRIL 2, 2007 (Monday)	PICK-UP BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE PETITIONS FROM DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE
APRIL 16, 2007 (Tuesday)	RETURN BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE PETITIONS TO DISTRICT CLERK BY 5PM
APRIL 23, 2007 (Monday)	VOTER REGISTRATION DATE (3-7pm) Held in Central Administration Office (Middle School)
April 30, 2007 (Monday)	VOTER REGISTRATION DATE (3-7pm) Held in Central Administration Office (Middle School)
MAY 8, 2007 (Tuesday)	ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING - 7PM Held in Middle School Library
MAY 15, 2007 (Tuesday)	ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & BOARD MEMBER ELECTION HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM 8AM TO 9PM

MOTION MARTIN 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

Carried, 8-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND PHILLIPS

To appoint KEVIN REIS as Clerk Pro Tem

Carried, 8-0

OTHERS PRESENT AT EXECUTIVE SESSION

James Dexter, Superintendent

Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

Andrew Pellettieri arrived at 9:30 p.m.

MOTION MARTIN 2ND HELFER

To adjourn tonight's meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Carried, 9-0

Kevin Reis, Clerk Pro Tem

Tamara N. Proniske, District Clerk