

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

APRIL 5, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2007 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was preceded by an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Bagnato	William Murphy, MD
Landra Haber	Andrew Pellettieri
Edward Helfer	John Phillips ( <i>arrv 6:35</i> )
Andrew Kramarchyk	
William Martin	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Reis

President Bagnato called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

James Dexter, Superintendent  
Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

To adjourn to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals and to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law  
Carried, 7-0

John Phillips arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The regular meeting was convened at 7:05 p.m.

President Bagnato conducted the Pledge of Allegiance, announced the fire exits 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."*

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

William Schneider, High School Principal, Maureen Van Deusen, Middle School Principal, John Stickles, Elementary Principal, Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, Sherrill Phillips, Transportation Supervisor, and Tamara Proniske, District Clerk

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

To approve the agenda with modifications as follows: Item 8(N) to be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion/Action portion of the agenda as Item 9(T)

Carried, 8-0

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

To approve the 03/06/07 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes as prepared

BAGNATO	YES	MARTIN	YES
HABER	YES	MURPHY	YES
HELPER	ABSTAIN	PELLETTIERI	YES
KRAMARCHYK	YES	PHILLIPS	YES

Carried 7-1

## MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one from the public asked to speak.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – ADMINISTRATOR 'S

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

- Welcomed Shannon Shine, as the new Middle School Assistant Principal – he will start as of July 1.
- The 2007-2008 draft calendar is on the agenda for approval
- Mentioned the retirement of Jean Michaniw, music teacher at the Primary School and her incredible leadership of the “morning program”
- Noted there will be actual police training drills conducted in the middle school building over the spring break
- As of April 18<sup>th</sup> – there will be a new buzzer system for entry to the middle school
- Regarding the district-wide Health & Safety Program – a sub-committee will look at ways in which we can strengthen how we deal with tobacco on school property – let Jim know if you are interested in serving on the committee
- Administrators and supervisors in attendance provided updates on activities occurring in their buildings or departments

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES

Reports from Committees:

Facilities Meeting of 04/05/07 – Andy Kramarchyk said there were two items addressed: 1) Update on the MHG Elevator Project; 2) Capital Projects and the 5-year plan in order to use the remaining Excel Aid. The committee will be discussing the possibility of another referendum, this winter, and will be identifying those renovations that are of the highest priority. The next Facilities Meeting is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 02/28/07</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$9,104,238.05	\$7,021,360.36
SPECIAL AID FUND	154,534.76	152,184.93

SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	57,190.99	23,204.55
CAPITAL FUND	357,273.47	357,623.76
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	293,703.10	296,696.91
NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	644.21	688.21

MOTION MARTIN 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented

Carried, 8-0

MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> MARTIN

To approve the following resolutions contained under the Consent Agenda:

## 8(A) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, *additional* Interscholastic Coaches and Extraclassroom Activity Advisors for the 2006-2007 school year

## 8(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2006-2007 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 03/8/07, 03/12/07, 03/13/07, 03/15/07, 03/22/07, 03/27/07, 03/29/07

## 8(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve a request for home tutorial services for the following student:

- a) HS Student - (for approximately 6 weeks - physician's statement on file)
- b) MS Student - (for approximately 3 weeks - physician's statement on file)

## 8(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERNS for the period of time listed as follows:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATES
Jason Manchuk	Paul Thompson	03/12 - 05/04/07

## 8(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, a Teaching & Non-Teaching Substitute Addendum, conditionally, pending SED safety clearance for the 2006-2007 school year

## 8(F) CONSIDERATION FOR

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, SHANNON SHINE, to the position of Middle School Assistant Principal, in the Assistant Principal tenure area, effective July 1, 2007

## 8(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, MEHGAN PETTIT to the probationary position of Special Education Teacher (MS), effective February 8, 2007 (*Donna Millet-Han resigned as of 2/7/07*)

8(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To authorize James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, to execute a JUUL agreement with a particular employee and to thereby extend the probationary period until August 31, 2008

8(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, JOHN NOVAK to the position of Bus Driver (3.5 Hrs) contingent upon the successful completion of the 30 hour Bus Driver Course, effective April 16, 2007

8(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, CYNTHIA FOLMSBEE to the position of Bus Driver (3.5 Hrs) contingent upon the successful completion of the 30 hour Bus Driver Course, effective April 16, 2007

8(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, MICHELLE WEAVER to the position of Bus Driver (3.5 Hrs) contingent upon the successful completion of the 30 hour Bus Driver Course, effective April 16, 2007

8(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, DARLENE ALECKSYNAS, to the position of Substitute Bus Driver, effective April 16, 2007

8(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, ERMELINDA RINGWOOD, to the (2 Hr) Food Service Helper position (Primary), effective April 16, 2007

8(O) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by STEPHEN JALANTI, 12 month Clerk-Typist (MS), effective April 5, 2007

8(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve a request submitted by LARA MAROTTA, for a leave of absence to commence on or about September 30, 2007 through the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.

8(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the High School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report as of the following date:

<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 02/28/07</u>
Account Balance	\$82,826.61	\$71,876.76

8(R) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report as of the following date:

<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 02/28/07</u>
Account Balance	\$21,430.33	\$22,014.33

8(S) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, per Part 174 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Tuition Rates Actual for 2005-2006 and Estimated Tuition Rates for 2006-2007 as follows:

<u>TUITION RATES ACTUAL - 2005-2006</u>	<u>TUITION RATES ESTIMATED - 2006-2007</u>
FULL DAY GRADES K - 6 - \$5,094	FULL DAY GRADES K-6 - \$6,236
GRADES 7-12 -\$5,800	GRADES 7-12 - \$6,555
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT:</u>	<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT</u>
FULL DAY K-6 (60% OF DAY) - \$24,509	FULL DAY K-6 (60% OF DAY) - \$33,647
FULL DAY K-6 (20% OF DAY) - \$15,373	FULL DAY K-6 (20% OF DAY) - \$20,748
GRADES 7-12 (60% OF DAY) - \$25,215	GRADES 7-12 (60% OF DAY) - \$33,966
GRADES 7-12 (20% OF DAY) - \$16,079	GRADES 7-12 (20% OF DAY) - \$21,067

8(T) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION

To approve and authorize a payment to ROBIN SULLIVAN at a rate of 1/200<sup>th</sup> of her salary for attendance at the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Competition held on March 3, 2007.

8(U) AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESIDENT TO SIGN

To authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the following documents:

- COBRA Insurance Administration *(from Rose & Kiernan)*
- MHG Elevator Project - Contract w/AOW Associates, Inc.
- MHG Elevator Project - Contract w/Harkins Mechanical & Construction LLC
- MHG Elevator Project - Contract w/Brownell Electric Corp
- MHG Elevator Project - Contract w/ SJB Services, Inc for Special Inspection & General Testing Services

8(V) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent , JULIE BOLDUC as a Term Substitute, to fill a leave of absence of a Primary School teacher, effective May 7, 2007 through June 30, 2007 *(f/Deb Rivero)*

8(W) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent , BENJAMIN EARLY as a Term Substitute for a teaching vacancy in High School Science, effective April 30, 2007 through June 30, 2007

## 8(X) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by ALLISON DeSIENO, Elementary teacher, effective May 1, 2007 (*2<sup>nd</sup> year of a LOA*)

CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED, 8-0

## DISCUSSION/ACTION

9(A) MOTION HELPER 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, submitted by JEAN F. MICHANIW, effective June 30, 2007 (*employed 9/71*)

Carried, 8-0

9(B) MOTION HELPER 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To approve a revision to the 2006-2007 School District Calendar in order to provide for unused Emergency Days as follows:

EMERGENCY DAYS AVAILABLE	SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER
We have used two (2)	5/07/07, 5/18/07, 5/24/07
If use (3)	5/18/07 & 5/24/07
If use (4)	5/24/07

Carried, 8-0

9(C) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> MARTIN

To approve, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, the 2007-2008 School District Calendar as presented.

Carried, 8-0

Tenure Appointments

9(D) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, KARA ABATTO to tenure in the area of Elementary K-6, effective

Carried, 8-0

9(E) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, JESSICA BORRELL to tenure in the area of Special Subjects - Art K-12, effective August 31, 2007

Carried, 8-0

9(F) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, SANDRA HARRINGTON to tenure in the area of Special Subjects - Art K-12, effective September 25, 2007

Carried, 8-0

9(G) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, JENNIFER KLINE to tenure in the area of Elementary K-6 , effective September 1, 2007

Carried, 8-0

9(H) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, MAURA LUDLOW to tenure in the area of Academic Science 7-12, effective September 1, 2007

Carried, 8-0

9(I) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, MICHELLE MANNATO to tenure in the area of School Counseling & Guidance K-12, effective August 23, 2007

Carried, 8-0

9(J) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, ELISA McNEIL to tenure in the area of Elementary K-6 , effective September 1, 2007

BAGNATO	YES	MARTIN	YES
HABER	YES	MURPHY	NO
HELPER	YES	PELLETTIERI	NO
KRAMARCHYK	YES	PHILLIPS	YES

Carried 6-2

9(K) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, ROBIN SULLIVAN to tenure in the area of Teaching Assistant , effective September 1, 2007

Carried, 8-0

9(L) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To approve the following payments to Bearsch Compeau Knudson Architects, for professional services rendered as follows:

INVOICE	AMOUNT	SERVICE DATES	PROJECT #/ITEM
13411	\$1,022.03	01/27/07-02/23/07	#05156.00 (MHG Elevator)

Carried, 8-0

9(M) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Ichabod Crane Primary School of \$174 from TARGET's "Take Charge of Education" School Fundraising Program

Carried, 8-0

9(N) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To approve an increase in the 2006-2007 budget in the amount of \$174 from \$33,957,339 to \$33,957,513 to reflect a donation from TARGET for the Primary School and to increase the following Appropriation Code:

A2110-510-01-0000 – Primary School Principal Reserve – in the amount of \$174

Carried, 8-0

9(O) MOTION MARTIN 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to transfer \$20,000 to reflect private tuition costs for 2006-2007 as follows:]]

TO:

➤ A2250-470-00-3000 in the amount of \$20,000 - (*Tuition - 10 month*)

FROM:

➤ A2250-490-00-9000 in the amount of \$20,000 - (*BOCES*)

Carried, 8-0

9(P) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To approve a transportation lease agreement request submitted by the Town of Kinderhook Parks & Recreation Commission for use of one school bus for the purpose of providing transportation for the Pee-Wee Wrestling Team to the Columbia High School, East Greenbush, on April 24, 2007

Carried, 8-0

9(Q) MOTION MARTIN 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Ichabod Crane High School of \$112 from TARGET's "*Take Charge of Education*" School Fundraising Program and to approve an increase in the 2006-2007 budget in the amount of \$112 from \$33,957,513 to \$33,957,625 and to increase the following Appropriation Code:

A2110-510-05-0000 – High School Principal Reserve – in the amount of \$112

Carried, 8-0

9(R) MOTION HELFER 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of a 17" Samsung Computer Monitor, from Robert Puiatti, a district resident.

Carried, 8-0

9(S) MOTION HELFER 2<sup>ND</sup> MARMTIN

To approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to transfer \$15,800 to fund required Textbook Purchases as follows:]]

TO:

➤ A2110-480-00-0000 in the amount of \$15,800 - (*Texts-New Series*)

FROM:

➤ A2110-143-00-0000 in the amount of \$15,800 - (*Home Tutoring*)

Carried, 8-0

## 9(T) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by JULIE McWAY from the position of Science Teacher (HS), effective May 5, 2007

Carried, 8-0

Comments Heard: Very disappointed that a teacher is resigning six weeks before her students are taking exams.

## BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

- Dr. Murphy noted that Jean Michaniw, who is retiring, also taught students sign language and that she will be a very difficult teacher to replace.
- Andy Kramarchyk – asked how the tuition rates are applied – we do bill for foster children
- Andrew Pellettieri – mentioned school property tax payments and to continue to push for reform, and he suggested an idea for endowments for public schools
- Ed Helfer stated he felt the budget made a lot of sense and he congratulated administration for a job well done.
- John Phillips noted the accomplishments of the Communication Committee that was established in 2005; he thanked those members of the public who participated in the 2007-2008 budget development – he said it was helpful to hear their suggestions.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No members of the public asked to speak.

MEETINGS -

- 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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

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

MOTION MARTIN 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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Tamara N. Proniske, District Clerk