

# ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

## MINUTES

Board of Education

APRIL 8, 2008

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District was held on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

### Board Members Present:

Landra Haber	John Phillips
Andrew Kramarchyk	Kevin Reis
William Martin ( <i>arrived 9:27pm</i> )	Regina Rose
William Murphy, MD ( <i>arrived 7:15pm</i> )	Anthony Welcome
Andrew Pellettieri ( <i>arrived 7:36pm</i> )	

### School Officials Present:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, John Stickles, Elementary School Principal, Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

### Others Present:

John Knudson, Bearsch Compeau Knudson  
Richard Kimball, Administrative Intern

Board President, John Phillips, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Board Vice President, Andrew Kramarchyk, 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."

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

To approve the present agenda as presented.

Carried, 6-0

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public spoke on smaller class size.

Board Member, William Murphy, MD arrived at 7:15 p.m.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Superintendent, James Dexter, reported briefly on:

- Bearsch Compeau Knudson present to talk about the Capital Project
- The 4.49 budget increase
- Anticipating state aid runs to come soon
- NYS School Report Card
- Update on the cost per pupil
- Museum projects at Martin H Glynn and Martin Van Buren

## REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES:

John Knudson, from Bearsch Compeau Knudson, reported on the Receipt of Bids for Phase 1 of the Capital Project which involves the Primary School Roof, Middle School Roof and the Bus Garage Roof. Mr. Knudson answered questions from the Board regarding:

- Mold
- Timetable for work to be done
- Locations of summer programs at the buildings

Board Member, Andrew Pellettieri arrived 7:36 p.m.

Greg Giammarco reported to the Board briefly on the revised 2008-2009 budget.

## DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

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

To award, to the lowest responsible bidder, the bid submitted by S.D. Carruthers Sons, Inc. for CONTRACT NO 1 – ROOF CONSTRUCTION, to be performed in accordance with the 2008 Capital Improvements (Primary School, Middle School, and Bus Garage roofs), approved by the voters on 12/11/07, for a contract award of \$851,800  
*(per bid opening conducted 04/02/08)*

Carried, 8-0

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

To authorize the President to sign:

- Notice to Proceed – 2008 Capital Improvements

Carried, 8-0

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

To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2008-2009 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 \$36,970,148 during the school year 2008-2009 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2<sup>ND</sup> MURPHY

To amend the motion to add 1 Kindergarten teacher without increasing the levy and to find the money within various budget codes.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Board Member Andrew Pellettieri withdrew his motion.

President Phillips clarified the original motion.

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

To amend the motion:

To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2008-2009 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 \$36,970,148 during the school year 2008-2009 and to levy the necessary tax therefore and to add 1 Kindergarten position

A lengthy discussion ensued.

HABER - NO

PHILLIPS - NO

KRAMARCHYK - NO

REIS - NO

MURPHY - YES

ROSE - ABSTAIN

PELLETTIERI - YES

WELCOME - NO

Defeated, 2-5-1

The Board then voted on the original motion made by HABER and seconded by KRAMARCHYK as follows:

To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2008-2009 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 \$36,970,148 during the school year 2008-2009 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

Carried, 8-0

Board member Andrew Pellettieri briefly left the meeting.

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

To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #2, the 2008-2009 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 acquire seven (7) school buses , at a maximum aggregate cost of \$518,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy of the necessary tax therefore (and to pay interest thereon), to be levied and

collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issuance of bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$518,000?

The Proposition shall appear on the ballot labels of the voting machines and in the absentee ballots in the following abbreviated form:

**PROPOSITION**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York be authorized to acquire seven (7) school buses , at a maximum aggregate cost of \$518,000 and providing that such sum (and the interest thereon) be raised by a tax levy to be collected in annual installments, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof?

Carried, 7-0

Board member Andrew Pellettieri returned to the meeting.

**BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION**

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

To recommend to the administration that the appropriations in the final draft of the 2008-2009 budget be altered as the administration sees fit to include 1 teacher in the Primary School

A lengthy discussion ensued. Board Member Anthony Welcome requested it be noted that his vote on this motion did not reflect his opinion on the importance of smaller class size and he objected to any Board Member implying otherwise.

HABER - NO	PHILLIPS - ABSTAIN
KRAMARCHYK - NO	REIS - NO
MURPHY - YES	ROSE - YES
PELETTIERI - YES	WELCOME - NO

Defeated, 3-4-1

Other topics of Board Open Discussion included:

- CSEA committee member clarification

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Board Member, William Martin arrived at the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

2 members of the public spoke on the creation of a kindergarten teaching position

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

To adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Carried 9-0

MEETINGS

04/22 (Tue) – Special Board Meeting – 7PM – Annual BOCES Vote and Election  
 05/06 (Tue) - Regular Board Meeting – 7PM

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

04/09 (Wed) – 5-8PM – Audit Committee  
 04/10 (Thu) & 04/30 (Wed) – 6-8PM – Strategic Planning/ Academics  
 04/21 (Mon) – 6-8PM – Attendance Ad Hoc Committee  
 04/29 (Tue) – 6:30PM – Communication Committee  
 05/14 (Wed) – 5PM – Policy Committee  
 05/21 (Wed) – 5Pm – Policy Committee (Parent Involvement Policy)

OUTLINE OF IMPORTANT DATES

<b>APRIL 7, 2008</b>	<b>(MON)</b>	<b>PICK-UP CANDIDATE PETITIONS From Clerk (Date as published in Legal Notice)</b>
<b>APRIL 21, 2008</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 22, 2008</b>	<b>(TUES)</b>	<b>Vote on BOCES Administrative and Capital Budget and Election of BOCES Board Members</b>
<b>APRIL 28, 2008</b>	<b>(MON)</b>	<b>VOTER REGISTRATION DATE (3-7pm) Held in Central Office</b>
<b>May 5, 2008</b>	<b>(MON)</b>	<b>VOTER REGISTRATION DATE (3-7pm) Held in Central Office</b>
<b>MAY 6, 2008</b>	<b>(TUE)</b>	<b>POSTING OF SCHOOL BUDGET DOCUMENTS (14 Days Prior to Annual Vote)</b>
<b>MAY 13, 2008</b>	<b>(TUE)</b>	<b>ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING (7pm) Held in Middle School Library</b>
<b>MAY 20, 2008</b>	<b>(TUE)</b>	<b>ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE &amp; BOARD MEMBER ELECTION (8am-9pm) Held in the High School Gymnasium</b>

## Distributions:

- BOCES Services Budget Comparisons
- Detail Budget Report - Football

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Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk