

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

APRIL 24, 2007

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Bagnato	William Murphy, MD
Landra Haber	John Phillips
Edward Helfer	Kevin Reis
Andrew Kramarchyk	

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Martin

Andrew Pellettieri

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

James Dexter, Superintendent

Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

Tamara N. 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 HABER 2<sup>N</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To approve the agenda as prepared

Carried, 6-0\_

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Michael Birmingham said there would be a meeting of the "Taxpayer's Watch Group" at the McNary Center on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. Gary asked if a copy of the minutes of that meeting would be available to be shared with the board.

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

To approve 03/27/07 - Budget Meeting as prepared

BAGNATO	YES	MURPHY	YES
HABER	YES	REIS	YES
HELPER	ABSTAIN		
KRAMARCHYK	YES		

Carried, 5-0-1

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

To approve 04/03/07 - Budget Adoption Meeting as prepared

Carried, 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

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

- tonight’s meeting is for the board to vote on the BOCES Proposed Budget and Board Member Candidates – also, there is a resolution to provide Gary Bagnato, with the authority to execute the AS-7
- a buzzer system has been installed in the middle school - building security teams will be meeting to evaluate the system for use in other school buildings – there is a possibility of conducting a full scale drill with multiple agencies in the future which would include an off site evacuation

John Phillips arrived 7:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6(A) MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2<sup>ND</sup> REIS  
 To approve the 2007-2008 Tentative Administrative Budget for the QUESTAR III Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties, in the amount of \$3,688,744.  
 Carried, 7-0

6(B) MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER  
 To approve the 2007-2008 Estimated Final Service Request for the QUESTAR III Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties, in the amount of \$ 2,771,548 and to authorize the President of the Board of Education, to sign the AS-7 upon receipt.  
 Carried, 7-0

QUESTAR BOARD CANDIDATES

To approve, as follows, the casting of votes by the Board of Education for candidates nominated for (4) four vacant positions on the QUESTAR III Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties, for three-year terms, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. Nominations are as follows:

6(C) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, casts its vote for the election of EDMUND BROOKS (*incumbent f/Chabod Crane*)

YES  NO

6(D) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, casts its vote for the election of DONALD KLINE (*incumbent f/Germantown*)

YES  NO

6(E) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, casts its vote for the election of ROBERT GIBSON (*incumbent f/Brunswick*)

YES  NO

6(F) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, casts its vote for the election of CAROL ORVIS (*incumbent f/East Greenbush*)

YES  NO

BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

- John Phillips suggested a one page handout be developed describing the financial impact of the BOCES budgets in order to provide even further explanation. John, on behalf of the Communication Committee, provided a suggestion sheet for members to offer recommendations regarding the overall topic of communication, i.e., suggestions to enhance our budget preparation, agendas, meetings, etc.
- Edward Helfer, as a member whose tenure on the board is rapidly coming to a close, offered a number of observations and words of encouragement to his fellow board members.
- Dr. Murphy mentioned it had been brought to his attention that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip on the Hudson River was not going to take place; he said, if possible, he would like to see the trip occur. Jim explained that field trips are curriculum based and this particular trip had been basically a reward-type trip.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Amelia Teasdale, reporter from the Independent, stated she was very impressed with our security system

MEETINGS:

- 05/01 (Tue) – Regular Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – MS Library
- 05/08 (Tue) – Annual Budget Hearing – 7 p.m. – MS Library
- 05/15 (Tue) – Annual Vote & Election – 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. – HS Gym

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

- 05/01 (Tue) - Audit Committee Meeting – 6 p.m. – C.O.
- 05/02 (Wed) - Communications w/District Groups – 6:30 p.m.
- 05/03 (Thu) - ICTA Negotiations – 5 p.m.
- 05/21 (Mon) - ICTA Negotiations – 5 p.m.
- 05/22 (Tue) – Facilities Committee Meeting – 5 p.m.

VOTER REGISTRATION

04/30 – (Mon) – Voter Registration – 3-7 p.m. Central office  
(Registration also available in Central Office weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

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

To adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Tamara N. Proniske District Clerk