

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

MAY 1, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was preceded by an Executive Session at 6 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

President Bagnato called the meeting to order.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

James Dexter, Superintendent
Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

To adjourn to Executive Session at 6 p.m. to discuss specific students and personally identifiable information
Carried, 9-0

Executive Session was adjourned at 7 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

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, Robert McCloskey, Special Education Director, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, Sherrill Phillips, Transportation Supervisor, Todd DiGrigoli, Food Service Director, Juan González, IT Coordinator and Tamara Proniske, District Clerk

MOTION REIS 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve the agenda with additions and modifications as presented.
Carried, 9-0

MOTION HELPER 2ND HABER

To approve the 04/05/07 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes as prepared

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

Carried 8-0-1

MOTION HELPER 2ND HABER

To approve the 04/24/07 – Special Board Meeting Minutes as prepared

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

Carried 8-0-1

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Anne Pulver, parent, addressed the board regarding the fact that a number of parents were disappointed to learn that the 5th grade boat trip would not take place this year. After a discussion pertaining to guidelines in our field trip policy that require trips to be curriculum-based, Jim said the PTA would be willing to fund this trip, perhaps on a Saturday, and the district would provide transportation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Jim brought the following to the board's attention:

- There will be a power-point presentation tonight from Lucas Matacchiero, high school student who is working on an eagle scout leadership project.
- Retirements on tonight's agenda include Nancy Stewart, -7th Grade Math teacher, and Theresa Scarano & Tamara Proniske of Central Office – Jim noted that all of this year's retirees will be honored on June 22 at a gathering in the HS Auditorium
- Recently released graduation results indicate that 86% of our students graduated with a Regent's diploma and 55% graduated with a Regent's diploma with Advanced Designation – this appears to be the highest percentage in the RCG BOCES system.
- ICC will host the NYSSMA competition this weekend
- Administrators and Supervisors reported on activities taking place in their respective buildings or departments.

Senior Trip Request – Six Flags New England

The board heard a request from representatives of the senior class who asked for permission to continue planning for a trip to Six Flags, New England. They will travel by Hunter Motor Coach on Saturday, June 2nd. The final price per person is dependent upon the number of students going and a third of the class must commit in order for the trip to occur.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

Audit Committee Meeting of 05/01 – Gary Bagnato said the committee heard a report from our internal auditor, Phyllis Albano, who reviewed the findings of the recent risk assessment she conducted on the financial operations of the district.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES:

PROPOSED EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – Lucas Maticchiero, HS Student, presented a power-point outlining what he is proposing for his Boy Scout Leadership Badge. He will be designing and building small sheds that can then be used for our sport's facility equipment storage. He will be completing this project over the summer.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PRESENTATION – Juan González, IT Coordinator gave an in-depth power-point report on the security systems we have in place that protect our entire computer network. Also, Juan provided a listing of computer equipment the district was able to purchase through a \$55,000 technology grant sponsored by Senator Saland.

CURRICULUM REPORT - MIDDLE SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM – Maureen Van Deusen, Middle School Principal, described a program she would like to pilot whereby an extra class period would be scheduled at the end of the day for 6th grade students who are on the verge of failing 1 or 2 subjects. Maureen said this “extended day concept” would provide additional instruction two days a week in specific areas in which a student is experiencing difficulty. The long term goal of this program would be to reduce the number of failures at the end of the year and subsequently the need to attend summer school.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS:

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 04/30/07</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$7,021,360.36	\$8,722,677.55
SPECIAL AID FUND	152,184.93	189,966.24
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	23,204.55	43,594.49
CAPITAL FUND	357,623.76	352,402.37
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	296,696.91	317,887.36
NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	688.21	727.24

MOTION MARTIN 2ND HELPER

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented
Carried, 9-0

MOTION MARTIN 2ND HABER □

To approve the following resolutions contained under the Consent Agenda:

8(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and/or CSE Recommendations for the 2007-2008 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 04/04/07, 04/19/07, 04/24/07

8(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, *additional* Teaching Substitutes, *conditionally, pending SED safety clearance*, for the 2006-2007 school year.

8(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

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

- a) PRI Student - for approximately 2 weeks - (physician's statement on file)
- b) HS Student - continuation until the end of the year (physician's statement on file)
- c) HS Student - continuation until the end of the year (physician's statement on file)

8(D) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by BRIAN SMITH, from the position of K-12 Physical Education Teacher, (HS) effective 04/03/07 (*currently on the district preferred eligibility list*)

8(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, *additional* INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES and EXTRACLASS ACTIVITY ADVISORS, for the 2006-2007 school year as listed

8(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, COURTNEY MAHAR, to the probationary position of Technology Teacher (MS), effective September 1, 2007

8(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, MELISSA CALL, to the probationary position of Elementary Teacher (PRI), effective September 1, 2007

8(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, JACOB PATENAUDE, to the probationary position of 7-12 Mathematics Teacher (HS), effective September 1, 2007

8(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION

To approve a 2006-2007 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the AVERILL PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT for (11) students attending a private school within the district

(*Robert C. Parker School*) in the amount of \$4,115.43 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract.

8(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION

To approve a 2006-2007 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the NORTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT for (9) students attending private schools within the district (*Loudonville Christian, St. Gregory's, St. Pius*) in the amount of \$3,512.16 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract.

8(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent , KIM ZORZI as a Term Substitute, effective May 12, 2007 through June 30, 2007

8(L) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN

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

- Certificate of Substantial Completion – Bus Garage Lift/Total Tool, Ltd.

CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED, 9-0

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

9(A) MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND PELLETTIERI

To accept, with regret, the resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement, from THERESA A. SCARANO, Accounts Payable Clerk, effective June 29, 2007 (*employed 9/70-6/71 & 8/78-present*)
Carried, 9-0

9(B) MOTION MURPHY, 2ND HELFER

To accept, with regret, the resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement, from TAMARA N. PRONISKE, Clerk-Typist, effective June 29, 2007 (*employed 10/72*)
Carried, 9-0

9(C) MOTION MURPHY, 2ND PELLETTIERI

To appoint Inspectors, Assistant Clerks, and Custodian of Machines for the 2007-2008 Annual Budget Vote & Board of Education Election to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 as listed.
Carried, 9-0

9(D) MOTION MURPHY, 2ND REIS

To appoint WILLIAM SCHNEIDER, as permanent Chairman for the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 and the 2007-2008 Annual Budget Vote & Election to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007
Carried, 9-0

9(E) MOTION MURPHY 2ND HABER

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Ichabod Crane Middle School of \$86 from TARGET's "Take Charge of Education" School Fundraising Program and to approve an increase in the 2006-2007 budget in the amount of \$86 from \$33,957,625 to \$33,957,711 and to increase the following Appropriation Code:

A2110-510-04-0000 - Middle School Principal Reserve - in the amount of \$86
Carried, 9-0

9(F) MOTION PELLETTIERI 2ND MARTIN

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, donations totaling \$3,237 from "HANNAFORD HELPS SCHOOLS" as follows to:

- 1) ICMS - \$ 678 - A2110-510-04-000 - Principal's Reserve
- 2) PRI - \$ 825 - A2110-510-01-000 - Principal's Reserve
- 3) HS - \$1260 - A2110-510-05-000 - Principal's Reserve
- 4) MVB - \$ 195 - A2110-510-02-000 - Teaching Supplies
- 5) MHG - \$ 279 - A2110-510-02-000 - Teaching Supplies

and to approve an increase in the 2006-2007 budget in the amount of \$3,237 from \$33,957,711 to \$33,960,948
Carried, 9-0

9(G) MOTION HELFER 2ND HABER

To approve a transportation lease agreement request submitted by the CHURCH STREET PRESCHOOL (*First Presbyterian Church*) for use of one school bus for the purpose of providing transportation for a visitation to and from the Primary School on May 16, 2007

Carried, 9-0

9(H) MOTION HELFER 2ND PELLETTIERI

To approve a transportation lease agreement request submitted by ST PAUL'S PRE-SCHOOL (*Episcopal Church*) for use of one school bus for the purpose of providing transportation for a visitation to and from the Primary School on May 23, 2007

Carried, 9-0

9(I) MOTION MARTIN 2ND HABER

To approve the following field trip request per Board Policy #4531:
(By Charter Bus)

DESTINATION: Montreal, Canada

DATE: May 7, 2007 (Mon)

PARTICIPANTS: 8th grade French Class - approx 20 students

CHAPERONES: (2) - V. Lobel & C. Shull & (5) Parents

Carried, 9-0

9(J) MOTION HABER 2ND MURPHY

To approve transportation lease agreement requests submitted by Denise Holzhauer, Program Director of O.K. KIDS, INC., for the use of one (1) school bus for the purpose of providing transportation for field trips for "Camp O.K. Kids" for the summer of 2007.

Carried, 9-0

9(K) MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve pursuant to the Architect's Certificate for Payment, Construction Contract Payment for the MHG Fuel Tank Replacement

INVOICE #	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	FOR
#4	Shaker Flats Landscaping, Inc.	\$3,352.96	MHG Fuel Tank

Carried, 9-0

9(L) MOTION HELFER 2ND HABER

To accept the resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement from NANCY STEWART, 7-12 Mathematics Teacher (MS), effective October 25, 2007
(employed 9/78)

Carried, 9-0

9(M) MOTION MARTIN 2ND HABER

To approve the following field trip request per Board Policy #4531:
(By Hunter Motor Coach)

DESTINATION: Six Flags New England – Agawan, MA

DATE: June 2, 2007 (Sat)

PARTICIPANTS: Senior Class

Carried, 9-0

9(N) MOTION REIS 2ND HABER

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of \$12,000 from the Elementary School PTA to be allocated for field trips for Grades K-5 (\$2,000 per Grade Level) and to approve an increase in the 2006-2007 budget in the amount of \$12,000 from \$33,960,948 to \$33,972,948 and to increase the following Appropriation Codes:

A5510-160-01-7003 - Pupil Trans Special Trips K-2 in the amount of \$6,000

A5510-160-23-7003 - Pupil Trans Special Trips 3-5 in the amount of \$6,000

Carried, 9-0

MEETINGS:

05/08 – (Tue) – Assistant Superintendent Interviews - 4:30 p.m.

05/08 – (Tue) – Annual Budget Hearing – 7 p.m. – MS Library

05/15 – (Tue) – Annual Budget Vote & Board Election – HS Gym (8am-9pm)

06/05 – (Tue) – Next Regular Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – MS Library

06/19 – (Tue) - Special Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – MS Library

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

- 05/02 (Wed) - Communications w/District Groups - 6:30 p.m.
- 05/03 (Thu) - ICTA Negotiations - 4:30 p.m.
- 05/09 (Wed) - Policy Meeting - 4:30 p.m. - Central Office
- 05/21 (Mon) - ICTA Negotiations - 4:30 p.m.
- 05/22 (Tue) - Facilities Meeting - 5 p.m. - Central Office

DISTRIBUTIONS:

- Technology Grant Expenditures Sponsored by Senator Saland
- NYS School Report Card Information w/Comparative Data (Levy & Budget)

MOTION HELPER 2nd HABER

To adjourn to Executive Session at 9:55 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals

Carried, 9-0

MOTION REIS 2ND PELLETTIERI

To appoint ANDREW PELLETTIERI as Clerk Pro Tem.

Carried, 9-0

District Clerk, Tamara Proniske, left the meeting.

Landra Haber left the meeting

OTHERS PRESENT AT EXECUTIVE:

James Dexter, Superintendent

Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

MOTION MARTIN 2ND REIS

To adjourn the meeting at 10:37p.m.

Carried, 8-0

Andrew Pellettieri, Clerk Pro Tem

Tamara N. Proniske, District Clerk