

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MAY 5, 2009

Prior to the regular meeting at 6:30pm, a Mentor and Mentee Recognition ceremony was held.

A regular meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Library.

All Board Members Present:

Gary Bagnato	Thomas Neufeld
Landra Haber	John Phillips
Edward Harsen	Anthony Welcome
Andrew Kramarchyk	Regina Rose

School Officials Present:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, William Schneider, High School Principal, Daniel Farley, Assistant High School Principal, Tim Farley, Middle School Principal, Shannon Shine, Assistant Middle School Principal, John Stickle, Elementary School Principal, Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal, Robert McCloskey, Special Education Director, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, Todd DiGrigoli, Food Service Director, Sherrill Phillips, Transportation Supervisor, Juan González, IT Coordinator, Paul Thompson, Athletic Director and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Board President John Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Board Member, Gary Bagnato 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."

President John Phillips made the following announcements:

- noted upcoming dates of the Budget Vote

MOTION HABER 2nd KRAMARCHYK

To approve the agenda with modifications as presented
8-0

Consideration For Approval of Minutes of:

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve the minutes of the 03/31/09 – Budget Development Meeting
Carried, 8-0

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve the minutes of the 04/07/09 – Regular Board Meeting
Carried, 8-0

Meeting Open For Public Participation

Two members of the public spoke on the following topics:

- District Academic Goals
- AP Courses

Reports/Presentations/Updates

A. Permission to Plan - Varsity Basketball Team – Field Trip December 28th, 2009
Will Ferguson, Varsity Basketball Coach requested permission to plan a trip to Florida with the Varsity Basketball team. President John Phillips advised him it was approved to continue planning for the trip.

B. Review of Procedures for the Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools, Policy # 0320

A lengthy discussion ensued. The Board decided to compile information from the evaluation document and then meet to discuss at an executive session.

Committee Meetings

A. Communications Committee

Board Member Thomas Neufeld reported on the meeting of 4/28/09 with district stakeholders which focused on the budget newsletter.

B. Audit Committee (meeting of

Board member Gary Bagnato reported on the meeting of 4/22/09 which focused on the following topics:

- Meeting with Internal Auditor
- Setting dates for external auditor
- Topics of potential audit review in future years

C. Policy Committee (meeting of 4/2/09)

Board President John Phillips noted that by placing policies on the agenda, the following policies are considered to have had a "reading:"

- Reading of Policies
 - # 2220 Board Officers (*revised*)
 - 1st Reading: May 5, 2009
 - # 4321.3 Independent Educational Evaluation (*revised*)
 - 1st Reading: May 5, 2009
 - # 9620 Child Abuse in the Educational Setting (*new*)
 - 1st Reading: May 5, 2009
 - # 9500 Fingerprinting (*new*)
 - 1st Reading: May 5, 2009
 - #1925 Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents (*revised*)
 - 2nd Reading: May 5, 2009
 - #1230 Public Participation at Board Meetings (*revised*)
 - 2nd Reading: May 5, 2009
 - #2310 Regular Meetings (*revised*)
 - 2nd Reading: May 5, 2009
 - #2342 Agenda Preparation (*revised*)
 - 2nd Reading: May 5, 2009
 - #2000 Board Operational Goals (*delete*)
 - 2nd Reading: May 5, 2009
 - #2315 Conduct of Board Meetings (*delete*)
 - 2nd Reading: May 5, 2009

Board member, Regina Rose, reported on the meeting of 4/2/09 which focused on the policies which were given first reading at this Board meeting.

Curriculum Achievement Report

- Review of School Report Cards 2007-2008 School Year
- Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Maureen Van Deusen reviewed and answered questions on the School Report Card

Superintendent's Report – Administrator's Comments

Superintendent James P. Dexter reported on the following topics:

- Meeting with Schodack School District regarding shared services
- Update on Swine Flu
- Preliminary ELA scores
- Bid opening for Phase II of the Capital Project

Middle School Principal Tim Farley and High School Principal Bill Schneider reported on their buildings.

Treasurer's Report and Acceptance Of Warrants:

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 3/31/09</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$ 8,370,419.65	\$ 10,574,269.69
SPECIAL AID FUND	\$ 215,619.67	\$ 190,606.15
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	\$ 47,482.69	\$ 58,121.82
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 207,815.11	\$ 321,015.16
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 284,633.57	\$ 284,764.58
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$ 444,218.62	\$ 426,949.56
NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	\$ 5,312.47	\$ 5,344.98

MOTION HABER 2ND WELCOME

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented
Carried, 8-0

Consent AgendaMOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an *additional* Regular Board of Education Meeting for June 16, 2009

11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and/or CSE Recommendations for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years as follows: Meeting Dates of: 04/06/09, 04/07/09, 04/08/09, 04/21/09, 04/23/09, 04/28/09, 04/30/09

11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, *additions* to the 2008-2009 EXTRA-CLASS ADVISORS, per the attached list

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Substitute Teaching Addenda, conditionally, pending SED safety clearance for the 2008-2009 school year

11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by TIA BREMBS, Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2009

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by ERIC HOEHN, Mathematics Teacher, effective June 30, 2009

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by BRADLEA RAGA, Art Teacher, effective June 30, 2009

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by JENNIFER BLODGETT, Art Teacher, effective June 30, 2009

11(I) 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
Ashley Burke	Jennifer Kline	09/08/09 - 10/23/09
Ashley Burke	Fran Franke	10/26/09 - 12/11/09

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve per Board Policy #6900-(Disposal of District Property), as Surplus & Obsolete, the attached lists:

- Primary School
- Primary School Library
- Middle School
- Middle School Library
- High School Equipment and Texts

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, DEBBIE STROBEL, as a Substitute Bus Attendant, effective May 6, 2009

11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint Inspectors, Assistant Clerks, and Custodian of Machines for the 2009-2010 Annual Budget Vote & Board of Education Election to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 per the attached listing

11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint WILLIAM SCHNEIDER, as permanent Chairman for the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 and the 2009-2010 Annual Budget Vote & Election to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009

11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, an extension of the Term Substitute position of KARI DIMURO, equivalent of one day per week effective April 24, 2009 through June 19, 2009 *(original appointment BOE mtg 01/06/09)*

11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve a request submitted by LAUREN MESSIER for an extension of Child Rearing Leave continuing through the 2009-2010 school year

(original approval through 2007-08 school year, 9-11-07 BOE mtg; extension, 2008-09 school year BOE mtg 5-6-08)

11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve transportation lease agreement requests submitted by Denise Holzhauer, Program Director of O.K. KIDS, INC., for the use of two (2) school buses for the purpose of providing transportation for field trips for "Camp O.K. Kids" for the summer of 2009

11(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

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 20, 2009

11(R) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To allocate funds from the Grant-In-Aid (*Senator Saland - originally accepted BOE Meeting 01/06/09*) to the following appropriation code:

Code: A1621.200-00-0000 - (Equip Maint) in the amount of \$52,206

11(S) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following resolution regarding SEQRA for the District Wide Telephone Replacement Project:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ichabod Crane Central School District Board of Education, hereby declares the Ichabod Crane Central School District as the Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), associated with the District Wide Telephone Replacement Project

11(T) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following resolution regarding SEQRA for the District Wide Telephone Replacement Project:

WHEREAS, the Ichabod Crane Central School District Board of Education (the "Board") has considered the effect upon the environment of the District Wide Telephone Replacement Project listed on the State Environmental Quality Review Act Process Record Sheet submitted at this meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed the project descriptions and SEQR Type II justification documentation prepared and submitted in connection with the Project, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ichabod Crane Central School District Board of Education, acting as Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), hereby determines that the Project is a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to review under SEQRA.

11(U) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following resolution regarding SEQRA for the Martin H. Glynn Elementary School Roof Replacement Project:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ichabod Crane Central School District Board of Education, hereby declares the Ichabod Crane Central School District as the Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), associated with the Martin H. Glynn Elementary School Roof Replacement Project

11(V) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following resolution regarding SEQRA for the Martin H. Glynn Elementary School Roof Replacement Project:

WHEREAS, the Ichabod Crane Central School District Board of Education (the "Board") has considered the effect upon the environment of the Martin H. Glynn Elementary School Roof Replacement Project listed on the State Environmental Quality Review Act Process Record Sheet submitted at this meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed the project descriptions and SEQR Type II justification documentation prepared and submitted in connection with the Project, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ichabod Crane Central School District Board of Education, acting as Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), hereby determines that the Project is a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to review under SEQRA.

11(W) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, AMY GIAMMETTAI to the position of Sound Reinforcement, with remuneration in the amount of \$250.00, which shall be reimbursed to the district by Crane Acting Troupe following the Spring Production

11(X) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, LORRAINE DAVIDSON to the position of Sound Reinforcement, with remuneration in the amount of \$250.00, which shall be reimbursed to the district by Crane Acting Troupe following the Spring Production

11(Y) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip request, per Board Policy #4531:

DESTINATION: Montreal Canada
DATE: May 9, 2009
PARTICIPANTS: 22 Students
CHAPERONES: 4 (Including Judy Granai-Martin)

End Consent Agenda

Carried, 8-0

Discussion/Action Items

MOTION HABER 2ND HARSEN

To approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make budget transfers per the attached listing

Carried, 8-0

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To award bid #2009-09 Vehicle Bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Ruge GMC for a total bid amount of \$37,288 (per the bid opening held on 04/29/09)

Carried, 8-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND BAGNATO

To approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Ichabod Crane Board of Education and the Ichabod Crane Administrator's Association and to authorize Superintendent James P. Dexter to execute the agreement

Carried, 8-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND WELCOME

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Primary School of \$1,498 from HANNAFORD and to increase the 2008-2009 budget in the amount of \$1,498 from \$37,167,422 to \$37,168,920 in the following Appropriation Code:

A2110.510-01-0000 - Ts Ps Reserve

Carried, 8-0

MOTION HABER 2ND WELCOME

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Elementary School of \$500 from Ichabod Crane PTA and to increase the 2008-2009 budget in the amount of \$500 from \$37,168,920 to \$37,169,420 in the following Appropriation Code:

A2110.400-23-0000 - Field Experience Fees

Carried, 8-0

MOTION BAGNATO 2ND NEUFELD

To approve the 2009-2010 Estimated Final Service Request for the QUESTAR III Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties, in the amount of \$ 2,150,604.47 and to authorize the President of the Board of Education, to sign the Final Service Request and AS-7 upon receipt.

Carried, 8-0

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the High School of \$200 from National FFA Foundation, Inc. and to increase the 2008-2009 budget in the amount of \$200 from \$37,169,420 to \$37,169,620 in the following Appropriation Code:

A2610.521-00-3200 - Library Supplies

Carried, 8-0

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the High School of \$1,000 from Hannaford and to increase the 2008-2009 budget in the amount of \$1,000 from \$37,169,620 to \$37,170,620 in the following Appropriation Code:

A2110.510-05-0000 - Ts Hs Reserve

Carried, 8-0

Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

One member of the public asked a question on the following topic:

- Energy Star Awards - State and National recognition

Board Open Discussion

The Board discussed the following topics:

- Concern with student safety and flying
- Board goals
- Paperless
- Voter Exit Survey questions

Executive Session

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND HABER

To adjourn to Executive Session at 10:00 pm to discuss the employment history of particular individuals, to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation, and to discuss specific students and personally identifiable information

Carried, 8-0

MOTION HABER 2ND ROSE

To appoint Anthony Welcome as Clerk Pro Tem

BAGNATO - YES NEUFELD - YES

HABER - YES PHILLIPS - YES

HARSEN - YES ROSE - YES

KRAMARCHYK -YES WELCOME - NO

Carried, 7-1

Adjournment

The meeting was reconvened at 10:31 p.m.

MOTION HABER 2ND NEUFELD

To adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

Carried, 8-0

Meetings

05/12 (Tue) - Annual Budget Hearing - 7PM

05/19 (Tue) - Annual Budget Vote and Board Member Election
8am-9pm - High School Gymnasium

06/02 (Tue) - Regular BOE Meeting - 7PM

06/16 (Tue) - Regular BOE Meeting - 7PM [tentative depending on item 11(A)]

Committee Meeting Dates:

05/06 (Wed) - 5PM - Policy Committee

05/07 (Thu) - 5:30 - Facilities Committee

05/11 (Mon) - Strategic Planning - Academics Committee 6-8pm - HS Library

06/08 (Mon) - 5PM - Audit Committee

Anthony Welcome, Clerk Pro Tem

Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk