

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

MAY 8, 2007

The ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING of the Ichabod Crane Central School Board of Education was held on TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007, at the Ichabod Crane Middle School, Valatie, New York at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Bagnato.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Martin

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

James Dexter, Superintendent, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, William Schneider, High School Principal & Meeting Chairman, Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal, Maureen Van Deusen, Middle School Principal, and Tamara Proniske, District Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

(5) in Audience

Gary Bagnato, President, announced the fire exits and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Gary Bagnato 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.*"

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Jill Leinung, expressed her appreciation for the support the board has shown the Music Department and TEMPO. She also thanked the board for restoring the (.4 FTE) music position in the proposed budget.

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND HABER

To dispense with the reading of the Annual Notice which was available for inspection from the District Clerk

Carried, 8-0

Chairman Schneider announced the time and place for voting as follows:

- Tuesday, May 15, 2007 between the hours of 8 a.m. & 9 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium, Valatie, New York

Chairman Schneider read the Qualification of Voters as follows:

1. A citizen of the United States
2. 18 years of age or older
3. A resident of the Ichabod Crane School District for at least thirty (30) days prior to the election
4. Voter registration is required for all residents of the district.

Chairman Schneider read the names of the Election Officials as follows:

INSPECTORS & ALTERNATES	ASSISTANT CLERKS & ALTERNATES	
Peggy Butcher (<i>Chief</i>)	Mary Geiger	Sharon Frank
Mary Jane Beaucage	Pat McDermott	Mena Mazure
Maureen Bonacker	Lynda Giammarco	Mary Sager
Dale Hallenbeck	Phyllis Shafer	Mary Eckel
Caryl Skow	Terry Scarano	Shirley McThenia
Carol Pinkowski	Bev Hamecher	Lisa Schmitt
Tamara Proniske	Tamara Proniske	Nancy Connors

Chairman Schneider announced that three (3) seats are to be filled on the Board of Education as the terms of Gary Bagnato, Edward Helfer and William Murphy, MD will expire on June 30, 2007. The District Clerk has received petitions from the following for nomination to the Board of Education:

- Regina Rose (*present*)
- Gary Bagnato (*present*)
- Anthony Welcome (*present*)
- William Murphy, M.D. (*present*)

Chairman Schneider presented the following Propositions:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2007-2008 Budget

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 \$35,378,368 during the school year 2007-2008 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – 2007-2008 Bus Proposal

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York be authorized to purchase SCHOOL BUSES during the 2007-2008 school year at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$515,000 and to raise said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary by levy of tax in annual installments on the taxable property of the District, and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue obligations of the District in accordance with the Local Finance Law?

Comments on the Proposition #1 were heard.

James Dexter said he was pleased the 2007-2008 proposed budget includes additional staffing that will address a number of programs needs while still maintaining a low tax rate increase. The budget includes the following:

(3) Teaching Assistants for Grades K-2

(1) Elementary Guidance Teacher

(1) Special Education Teacher

(1) IT Support Staff

5 year plan for purchase of physical education equipment

Winter athletic offerings (J.V. Volleyball, Indoor Track

Two field trips per class at the elementary level.

Greg Giammarco stated the tax levy is projected at 4.94% and the property tax rate is expected to be lower than last year (\$13.91 on full value).

With regard to Proposition #2, Greg explained that approximately 68% of all transportation costs will come back in the form of state aid.

The following documents were available for public inspection:

2007-2008 GENERAL FUND BUDGET DOCUMENT WHICH INCLUDES:

- Appropriations Budget
- Revenue Budget
- Complete Budget Summary
- Component Budget (Administrative/ Program/ Capital)
- Property Tax Report Card
- Statement of Compensation & Benefits For Superintendent & Assistant Superintendent
- School District Report Card

2005-2006 AUDIT REPORT

Hearing no further questions, Chairman Schneider declared the Budget Hearing Closed at 7:40 p.m.

The following motion was presented at the conclusion of the Budget Hearing:

MOTION REIS 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To adjourn to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals

Carried, 8-0

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To appoint ANDREW PELLETTIERI as Clerk Pro Tem

Carried, 8-0

District Clerk, Tamara Proniske, left the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT AT EXECUTIVE:

James Dexter, Superintendent

Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

MOTION REIS 2ND HABER

To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Carried, 8-0

Andrew Pellettieri, Clerk Pro Tem

Tamara N. Proniske, District Clerk