

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

**MINUTES**

Board of Education

May 12, 2009

The ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING of the Ichabod Crane Central School Board of Education was held on TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009, at the Ichabod Crane Middle School, Valatie, New York at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Thomas Neufeld

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, John Stickles, Elementary School Principal, Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, Paul Thompson, Athletic Director and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Others Present:

John Watts, Bearsch Compeau Knudson  
11 members of the public in attendance

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

Board President John 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."*

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON BUDGET TOPICS ONLY

Two members of the community spoke on the following topics:

- Tax increase compared to other districts
- No staff nor program cuts in next years budget

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

To dispense with reading of Budget Hearing Notice which was available for inspection with the District Clerk

Carried, 7-0

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009

8:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

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:

CHAIRMAN: William Schneider MACHINE INSPECTOR: Paul Butcher

INSPECTORS: (At Machines)

Arlene Oldrich	Maureen Bonacker
Dale Hallenbeck	Peggy Butcher (Chief Inspector)
Bev Hamecher	Shirley McThenia

Alternates: Tamara Proniske, Mindy Potts

ASSISTANT CLERKS: (At Voter Registration Tables)

Mary Geiger	Mena Mazure
Pat McDermott	Rebecca Fingar
Marilyn Ryan	Mary Eckel
Phyllis Shafer	Mary Sager
Terry Scarano	Michael Birmingham

Alternates: Lynda Giammarco, Mary Kay Pawlows, Nancy Connors, Tamara Proniske, Mindy Potts

Chairman Schneider announced there are 4 seats to be filled on the Board of Education. The term of Landra Haber will expire on June 30, 2009. The terms of Edward Harsen and Thomas Neufeld will expire on May 19, 2009 and there is one seat currently vacant. The District Clerk has received petitions from the following for nomination to the Board of Education:

- John Antalek
- Edward Harsen
- James Antalek
- Thomas Neufeld
- Bruce E. Naramore

Chairman Schneider presented the following Propositions:

Proposition #1

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 \$38,447,102 during the school year 2009-2010 and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

Proposition #2

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York be authorized to acquire to acquire four (4) SCHOOL BUSES at a maximum aggregate cost of \$290,000, 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?

PRESENTATION OF 2009-2010 SCHOOL BUDGET PROPOSAL (Prop #1)

James Dexter, Superintendent and Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

Superintendent Dexter noted the budget documents were available in all district offices and explained that the budget was developed to avoid year-to-year levy fluxuations and reviewed comparative data among neighboring districts and the amount of money spent per pupil.

Business Administrator Gregory Giammarco explained the budget was a one-year financial plan and reviewed the process for developing the 2009-2010 budget which included input from administrators, teachers, staff and tax payers at a number of meetings which were over the course of many months.

PRESENTATION OF 2009-2010 SCHOOL BUS PROPOSAL (Prop #2)

James Dexter, Superintendent, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

Superintendent Dexter noted the district has in place a long term plan for replacement of school buses which takes into account the district's needs and the usage of the buses including additional routes to different locations as mandated by law. He also noted this is a scaled back version from the district's multi-year plan, which initially called for the purchase of six buses. The district would have to cut back on transportation services if this is not approved by voters.

The following documents were available for public inspection:

2009-2010 GENERAL FUND BUDGET DOCUMENT INCLUDES:

- APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET
- REVENUE BUDGET
- COMPLETE BUDGET SUMMARY
- THREE COMPONENT BUDGET (ADMIN/PROGRAM/CAPITAL)
- PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD
- SALARY DISCLOSURE INFORMATION  
FOR SUPERINTENDENT & ASST. SUPERINTENDENT
- PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD
- SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT CARD

2007-2008 AUDIT REPORT

The budget hearing was declared closed at 7:26 p.m.

REPORT on Receipt of Bids, Phase II, Capital Project – Bearsch Compeau Knudson Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities discussed the scope of the project. John Watts of Bearsch Compeau Knudson Architects described the bid and the bid submissions. The Board Facilities Committee met on Thursday 5/7/09 to discuss the bids and Phase II of the capital project.

DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

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

To award, to the lowest responsible bidder, the bid submitted by Rosch Brothers, Inc. for CONTRACT NO 1 – GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, to be performed in accordance with BCK Project No. 07104.20, Capital Improvements, Phase II, approved by the voters on 12/11/07, for a base bid of \$528,800 with the alternate GC-1, Linoleum Sheet Flooring, in the amount of \$25,000 for a contract award of \$553,800

*(per bid opening conducted 05/05/09)*

Carried, 7-0

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

To award, to the lowest responsible bidder, the bid submitted by Campito Companies for CONTRACT NO 2 – MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION, to be performed in accordance with BCK Project No. 07104.20, Capital Improvements, Phase II, approved by the voters on 12/11/07, for a contract award of \$1,128,792

*(per bid opening conducted 05/05/09)*

Carried, 7-0

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

To award, to the lowest responsible bidder, the bid submitted by Harold R. Clune, Inc. for CONTRACT NO 3 – ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION, to be performed in accordance with BCK Project No. 07104.20, Capital Improvements, Phase II, approved by the voters on 12/11/07, for a base bid of \$166,400 with the alternate EC-1, Classroom Lighting in the amount of \$18,300 for a contract award of \$184,700

*(per bid opening conducted 05/05/09)*

Carried, 7-0

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

To award, to the lowest responsible bidder, the bid submitted by Campito Companies, Inc. for CONTRACT NO 4 – PLUMBING CONSTRUCTION, to be performed in accordance with BCK Project No. 07104.20, Capital Improvements, Phase II, approved by the voters on 12/11/07, for a contract award of \$196,922

*(per bid opening conducted 05/05/09)*

Carried, 7-0

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

To authorize the Superintendent to sign:

- Notice to Proceed - CONTRACT NO 1 – GENERAL CONSTRUCTION –  
Rosch Brothers, Inc.
- Notice to Proceed - CONTRACT NO 2 – MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION –  
Campito Companies
- Notice to Proceed - CONTRACT NO 3 – ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION –  
Harold R. Clune, Inc.
- Notice to Proceed - CONTRACT NO 4 – PLUMBING CONSTRUCTION –  
Campito Companies

Carried, 7-0

Board President, John Phillips made the following announcements:

- Voter Exit Survey sign-up from communication committee
- Tentative dates for Executive Session to discuss Superintendent review
- Board Goals

MOTION WELCOME 2<sup>ND</sup> BAGNATO

To adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Carried, 7-0

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Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk