

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

AUGUST 1, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2006 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was preceded by an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Bagnato	Andrew Pellettieri
Landra Haber	John Phillips
William Martin (<i>arrv 6:15</i>)	Kevin Reis
William Murphy, MD (<i>arrv 6:25</i>)	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edward Helfer
Andrew Kramarchyk

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Karen McGraw, Assistant Superintendent
Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT AT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mary Roach, Esq.

President Bagnato called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION HABER 2ND REIS

To adjourn to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals.
Carried, 5-0

William Martin arrived at 6:15 p.m. and Dr. Murphy arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

President Bagnato reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

William Schneider, HS Principal, Brett Miller, HS Assistant Principal, Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal, Wilhelmena Mazure, Treasurer, and Tamara 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 REIS 2ND PELLETTIERI

To approve the agenda with modifications as presented.

Carried, 7-0

At this time, a Public Hearing was conducted on revisions/changes to the Attendance Code and the Code of Conduct. Board President Gary Bagnato read the following notice which was published in the Independent and the Register-Star:

"NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, at the Ichabod Crane Middle School, Valatie, Town of Kinderhook, New York, in said District on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, to review revisions and/or additions to the following: Attendance Policy #5100 & Code of Conduct Policy #5310."

A) Discussion of Proposed Revisions to Attendance Policy #5100

Additional wording will be added to Item VI - Participation in After-School or Evening Activities stating that students absent from school may not participate in after school or evening activities.

B) Discussion of Proposed Revisions Code of Conduct Policy #5310

Revisions to this policy were reviewed and discussed. Additional wording under VII - Discipline Code for Student Behavior will now allow the use of bio-sensor K-9 units to search the middle and high schools and the school parking lot. Bill Schneider answered questions posed by board members concerning outside law enforcement and how the dogs would be used on the campus.

The Code of Conduct Policy will be printed and distributed to all staff and students at the start of school. Andy Pellettieri asked about the possibility of having a reminder message appear on computer screens when students and staff log on in order to further communicate this policy.

Hearing no further comments, the Public Hearing was declared closed.

MOTION MARTIN 2ND HABER

To approve the 07/11/06 - Organizational & Regular Meeting Minutes with the following corrections to pg. 7 of the regular meeting minutes: Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:40 p.m. was made by Kevin Reis, not Dr. Murphy, and the vote to adjourn to Executive Session and the appointment of the Clerk Pro Tem were both carried by a vote of 6-0, not 8-0.

Carried, 7-0

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Chris Volney, a member of the Glencadia Runners Club, thanked the Board and administration for allowing the USA Track & Field Junior Olympics event to be held at our new facilities. Chris said the event drew 1,000

participants, with many community members and ICC staff members also volunteering their time. Because the event took place the day after graduation ceremonies a great deal of extra work was required by our maintenance department and in particular, Chris thanked Steve Marotta, Tony Rizzo and William Hempler for their help throughout the day. Chris said he heard many compliments pertaining to the excellent facility we have and he indicated there may be a possibility that when the bidding for the regional championship occurs next year, our complex may be chosen.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Karen McGraw brought the following to the board's attention:

- Bob Thorsey has been informed that the district will be the recipient of an energy award - there will be more details forthcoming however Karen stated this shows our energy efforts are truly making a difference.

Transfers Within Code – Greg Giammarco said there is a transfer request on the modified agenda to authorize a transfer of \$39,918 for textbook appropriations. He explained this will enable a transfer of funds from the allocations in the consolidated code A2110-480-00-000 to the program control codes as listed. The transfer request is in accordance with the resolution approved by the board at the July 11, 2006 meeting that requires there be prior board approval for transfers in excess of \$10,000. Comments pertaining to the board's fiduciary responsibilities and oversight were heard.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS:

Wilhelmena Mazure, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report and provided information on the purpose of each account.

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 06/30/06</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$6,120,065.74	\$3,619,163.85
CAPITAL FUND	819,646.32	791,065.42
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	268,876.45	265,985.03
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	40,136.53	25,166.05
SPECIAL AID FUND	679,369.61	74,642.42
CON NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	280.48	412.83

9(A) MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND MARTIN

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented
Carried, 7-0

READING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

STUDENT WELLNESS POLICY – PROPOSED POLICY - #5600 (New)

2nd Reading: August 1, 2006 – Karen McGraw reviewed this policy which provides for healthy eating and physical activity for all students K-12. The

goals for nutrition education, physical activity, activities designed to promote student wellness and goals for our food service operation were summarized. Landra Haber, a member of the Health & Safety Committee who attended the sub committee meetings, said spirited, healthy discussions had taken place as this policy was being developed.

GRADUATION POLICY – PROPOSED REVISION - POLICY #4700

2nd Reading: August 1, 2006 – Karen McGraw stated that this policy has been revised to reflect that ½ credit of computer/keyboarding is being phased out and will no longer be required for students graduating after 2009. It will continue to be required, however, for students graduating in 2007 through 2009.

MOTION HABER 2ND PHILLIPS

To approve the following motions contained under the CONSENT AGENDA:

11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, ROBERT SAMANIUK to the probationary position of 7-12 Foreign Language Teacher (Spanish), effective August 30, 2006 (*ICMS*)

11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, DARCY THOMAS to the probationary position of K-6 Elementary Teacher, effective August 30, 2006 (*4thMHG*)

11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, TERESA KIRKER to the probationary position of K-6 Elementary Teacher, effective August 30, 2006 (*4thMVB*)

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, JILL SMITH to the position of permanent substitute K-6 Elementary Teacher, effective August 30, 2006 (*2ndPrim*)

11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, ROBERT HANNA to the position of permanent substitute 5-12 Social Studies Teacher, effective August 30, 2006 (*6thICMS*)

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, BETH E. MILLER to the position of probationary K-12 School Psychologist, effective August 30, 2006 (*ICMS & Elem*)

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, MEHGAN PETITT to the position of permanent substitute K-12 Special Education teacher effective August 30, 2006 (*ICMS*)

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by EMILY WOODWARD, from the position of K-12 Special Education teacher, effective July 25, 2006.

11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To accept the resignation submitted by JEAN CALVIN, from the position of permanent substitute K-12 Special Education, effective August 1, 2006

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, JEAN CALVIN to the probationary position of K-12 Special Education, effective August 30, 2006.

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, based upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, *additional* Interscholastic Coaches for the 2006-2007 school year as follows:

- Varsity Golf – Dan Funk
- JV Boys Soccer – Mattias Nordgren

CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED, 7-0

12. DISCUSSION/ACTION12(A) MOTION HABER 2ND PELLETTIERI

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, BRETT MILLER to the probationary position of Assistant Principal, effective August 21, 2006

Carried, 7-0

Brett Miller was introduced to the board by Bill Schneider. Bill thanked all of the members of the assistant principal selection committee for their time and effort.

12(B) MOTION HABER 2ND REIS

To adopt the changes/revisions as discussed at the Public Hearing for Attendance Policy #5100, effective August 1, 2006.

Carried, 7-0

12(C) MOTION MARTIN 2ND HABER

To adopt the changes/revisions as discussed at the Public Hearing for The Code of Conduct Policy #5310, effective August 1, 2006.

Carried, 7-0

12(D) MOTION PELLETTIERI 2ND HABER

To approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to transfer \$11,736 for Speech and Psychology Services for Summer, 2006 as follows:

TO:

➤ A2820-150-00-3000 in the amount of \$11,736 - (*Psych Srvs Instruc Salaries*)

FROM:

➤ A2250-153-00-3000 in the amount of \$1,236 - (*Spec Ed Summer Inst. Salaries*)

➤ A2250-163-00-3000 in the amount of \$8,500 - (*Spec Ed Summer Non-Inst. Salaries*)

➤ A2250-501-00-3000 in the amount of \$2,000 - (*Supplies-Spec Ed Office*)

Carried, 7-0

12(E) MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

To award the bid submitted by TOTAL TOOL Ltd., for CONTRACT NO 1 - BUS LIFT REPLACEMENT performed in accordance with BCK Project No. (02150.00), for a contract award of \$83,600 (*per bid opening conducted 07/20/06*)

Carried, 7-0

Prior to voting on the following motion, questions were raised regarding the procedures followed by the special education office when determining which vendor is chosen and if comparisons are made with regard to rates, etc. In the future, the board asked that they be provided with this type of information before an agreement to provide services is reached.

12(F) MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

To approve an agreement between the Ichabod Crane Board of Education and Carol Boskin, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, to provide TVI services (3) hours per week from July 10, 2006 through August 20, 2006 at a rate of \$67/per half hour, and to authorize the President of the Board to execute the agreement.

BAGNATO	YES	PELLETTIERI	NO
HABER	YES	PHILLIPS	YES
MARTIN	YES	REIS	NO
MURPHY	YES		

Carried, 5-2

12(G) MOTION HABER 2ND PHILLIPS

To approve, subject to legal review, the assignment of a contract by and between Valley Equipment, Inc. and the Ichabod Crane Central School District

to Shaker Flats Landscaping, Inc. for the 2002-2003 Capital Improvement Contract No. 2-Sitework Construction Project and to authorize the Board President to execute the consent to assignment of contract.

Carried, 7-0

12(H) MOTION REIS 2ND PELLETTIERI

To approve, subject to legal review and assignment, pursuant to the Architect's Certificate for Payment, Construction Contract Payments for the 2002-2003 Capital Project as follows: *(approved by the voters on 12/10/02)*

PAYMENT #	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	FOR
(16)	Shaker Flats Landscaping	\$53,839.13	Final Payment Proj # 02150.00

Carried, 7-0

Dr. Murphy left the meeting prior to voting on the following motion:

12(I) MOTION HABER 2ND PHILLIPS

To approve, subject to legal review, the assignment of a contract by and between Valley Equipment, Inc. and the Ichabod Crane Central School District to Shaker Flats Landscaping, Inc. for the Fuel Tank Replacement Construction Project and to authorize the Board President to execute the consent to assignment of contract.

BAGNATO	YES	PELLETTIERI	NO
HABER	YES	PHILLIPS	YES
MARTIN	ABSTAIN	REIS	YES

Motion Failed 4-1-1

MOTION HABER 2ND PHILLIPS

To table the following motion (12(J)), until it can be considered later in the meeting when Dr. Murphy returns and to continue with 12(K), 12(L), 12(M) & 12(N)

Carried, 6-0

12(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL (Tabled)

To approve pursuant to the Architect's Certificate for Payment, Construction Contract Payments for the Martin H. Glynn Fuel Replacement Project as follows:

PAYMENT #	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	FOR
(1)	Shaker Flats Landscaping	\$52,677.70	Fuel Tank

Dr. Murphy returned to the meeting

12(K) MOTION REIS 2ND PELLETTIERI

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, AMANDA EVANS to the position of permanent substitute K-12 Guidance on or about 08/30/06, to be followed by an appointment to the position of part-time

(.4) FTE K-12 Guidance Counselor for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year, and to authorize payment on a per diem basis for up to seven (7) days during the month of August, 2006.

Carried, 7-0

12(L) MOTION REIS 2ND PELLETTIERI

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation from Joseph P. Leffler, SED Student Support Services, (CREATE Computer Equipment) to be used for instructional purposes per the attached letters to Karen McGraw dated July 26 & July 28, 2006

Carried, 7-0

12(M) MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to transfer \$39,918 from for Textbook Appropriations for the 2006-2007 school year per the annexed detail

Carried, 7-0

12(N) MOTION HABER 2ND REIS

To approve the following payments to Bearsch Compeau Knudson Architects, for professional services rendered as follows:

INVOICE	AMOUNT	SERVICE DATES	PROJECT #/ITEM
12923	\$3,700.00	05/27/06 – 06/30/06	Proj #06139.00 (Bus Lift)

Carried, 7-0

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2ND MARTIN

To approve a motion to reconsider the following agenda item 12(I) which had previously failed.

Carried, 7-0

12(I) MOTION HABER 2ND PHILLIPS

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Carried, 7-0

12(J) MOTION HABER 2ND REIS

To approve pursuant to the Architect's Certificate for Payment, Construction Contract Payments for the Martin H. Glynn Fuel Replacement Project as follows:

PAYMENT #	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	FOR
(1)	Shaker Flats Landscaping	\$52,677.70	Fuel Tank

Carried, 7-0

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM

2006-2007 BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Gary Bagnato reviewed the list of board committees for 2006-2007 and asked members to indicate those on which they would serve. A current membership list will be distributed at the next board meeting. A Facilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 7 at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

- Landra mentioned the water retention pools and if they may be a breeding ground for mosquitoes
- Landra asked about the letter sent to parents of juniors and seniors whereby they can opt out of having their child's information released to colleges or military recruiters - because she is not totally clear on this topic she asked if it could be revisited.
- Andrew P. asked if the trees to be planted by DOT along the sidewalk could be moved back from the road a little bit more as there is a chance they may become stressed with the salt that is put down on Route 9 in the winter.
- Dr. Murphy pointed out that the road in front of the high school is incorrectly labeled as Route 9-H instead of Route 9 on the drawings that were distributed for the tree plantings.
- Dr. Murphy asked about our hiring procedures for teaching staff. Karen McGraw outlined the procedures that are followed from the application process review and reference checks to the final interview. She stated the final interview includes a performance piece and that all of the members of the interview team must reach consensus before a candidate is offered a teaching position

MEETINGS:

08/22 (Tue) - Special Board Meeting - 7PM - MS Library (*Tax Warrant*)

09/12 (Tue) - Regular Board Meeting - 7PM - MS Library

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Tax Warrant

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No one was present.

MOTION HABER 2ND REIS

To adjourn to Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals

Carried, 7-0

MOTION HABER 2ND REIS

To appoint WILLIAM MARTIN as Clerk Pro Tem.

Carried, 7-0

District Clerk, Tamara Proniske, left the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT AT EXECUTIVE:

Karen McGraw, Assistant Superintendent

Greg Giammarco, Business Administrator

Board Members left Executive Session to return to the Middle School Library at 10:31 p.m.

MOTION REIS 2ND HABER

To adjourn the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

Carried, 7-0

William Martin, Clerk Pro Tem

Tamara N. Proniske, District Clerk