

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

AUGUST 4, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane School was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Gary Bagnato

Edward Harsen

Bruce Naramore

Thomas Neufeld

John Phillips

Regina Rose

Board Members Absent:

John Antalek

Andrew Kramarchyk

Anthony Welcome

School Administrators Present:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, Daniel Farley, Assistant High School Principal, Tim Farley, Middle School Principal, Shannon Shine, Assistant Middle School Principal, John Stickle, Elementary School Principal, Robert McCloskey, Special Education Director, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Board President, John Phillips, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He then 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."

MOTION HARSEN 2ND NARAMORE

To approval of the Agenda with modifications as presented, including moving consent agenda items 11K and 11L to discussion action items

Carried, 6-0

Public Hearing

At this time, a Public Hearing was conducted on revisions/changes to the Attendance Policy #5100 and the Code of Conduct Policy #5310.

Superintendent James Dexter briefly outlined the changes to the Attendance Policy #5100:

- Students missing school for religious purposes may still be eligible for Exemplary and Perfect Attendance awards

Superintendent James Dexter briefly outlined some of the changes to the Code of Conduct Policy #5310:

Changes included but were not limited to new language in the policy concerning:

- o Bullying
- o Digital content on mobile communication devices
- o Discipline for student behavior off District property

Both the Code of Conduct Policy and the Attendance Policy will be printed and distributed to all staff and students at the start of school with a parental sign-off sheet attached to each.

John Phillips Board President opened the meeting for public discussion. Seeing no one wishing to speak, President Phillips closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION ROSE 2ND BAGNATO

To approve the minutes of:

07/07/09 – Organizational and Regular Meeting

Carried, 6-0

Meeting Open For Public Participation

One member of the press mentioned subscriptions Columbia Paper were now available.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee (Meeting of 7/21/09)

Board Member, Regina Rose reported and answered questions on policies on the agenda having first readings.

Board President mentioned that policies listed on the agenda are considered to have a "reading."

Reading of Board of Education Policies

First reading:

- #6210 Petty Cash Accounts (*new*)
- #6220 Extra-Classroom Activity Fund (*new*)
- ##### Digital Content on Mobile Communication Devices (*new*)
- #8333 Use of Mobile Communication Devices While Operating District Vehicles (*new*)
- #4700 Status of High School Students (*new*)
- #9241 Posting of Part-Time/Seasonal and Temporary Positions (*new*)
- #6900 Disposal of District Property (*revised*)
- #6800 Payroll Procedures (*revised*)
- #6625 Capital Assets Accounting (*revised*)

Second Reading:

- # 2160 & #2160-R School Board Member and Employee Ethics and Regulation (*revised*)

Third Reading:

Adoption of the following policies under Consent Agenda:

- # 2210 Board Organizational Meeting (*revised*)
- #4321.14 Special Education Personnel (*new*)

Facilities Committee (Meeting of 7/15/09)
Report on Capital Project

Board Member Edward Harsen reported on the progress of the Capital Project, Phase 2. Work is going according to plan. Air quality samples are showing no asbestos and no mold found. The Facilities Committee will begin work on a five-year building plan in the fall of 2009.

Curriculum Achievement Report

- Accountability Status, Special Education – Bob McCloskey
Director of Special Education, Bob McCloskey reported and answered questions regarding the post-high school transition goals which need refinement in the language used on the IEPs
- Report on 2008-2009 Student Achievement
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Maureen Van Deusen gave a presentation and answered questions on Student Achievement for 2008-2009 at Ichabod Crane and compared the figures to regional and statewide scores and to previous years.

Superintendent's Report – Administrator's Comments

Superintendent James P. Dexter reported on the following topics:

- Report from Dr. Seversky will be discussed at the next Board meeting and Dr. Seversky will be present at the October Board meeting to discuss the report in detail
- State deficit and District spending targets
- Shared services meeting with Schodack CSD on October 3, 2009
- Summer programs: Invitations, Summer School, Drivers Education

Treasurer's Report And Acceptance Of Warrants:

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 06/30/09</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$ 7,743,912.11	\$ 3,542,114.56
SPECIAL AID FUND	\$ 614,980.95	\$ 89,020.43
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	\$ 42,143.62	\$ 68,583.55
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 534,599.78	\$ 532,051.61
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 447,223.17	\$ 447,361.63
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$ 374,968.78	\$ 388,443.69
NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	\$ 5,426.83	\$ 5,464.86

MOTION NEUFELD 2ND ROSE

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented
Carried, 6-0

Consent Agenda

MOTION BAGNATO 2ND NEUFELD

To accept the following items contained under the consent agenda:

11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept CPSE and/or CSE Recommendations for 2009-2010 school year as follows:
Meeting Date(s) of: 07/14/09, 07/21/09, 07/28/09

11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent,
DISTRICT-WIDE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS, CURRICULUM LIASONS, TEAM LEADERS &
GRADE LEVEL APPOINTMENTS for the 2009-2010 school year per the annexed listing

11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent,
EXTRA-CLASS ADVISORS AND ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS for the 2009-2010 school
year per the annexed listing

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent,
INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES APPOINTMENTS for the 2009-2010 school year per the
annexed listing

11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

RESOLVED, to accept in full the report and recommendation of James P. Dexter, the
duly designated hearing officer in the matter of the Civil Service Law, Section 75
disciplinary action against Samantha Oliver, and to accordingly terminate Ms. Oliver
from employment effective immediately.

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Whereas RENEE KAMINSKY holds a valid New York State Public School
Teacher Certificate No. 1938133 in the certification area(s) of ACADEMIC SCIENCE
and

Whereas James P. Dexter, Superintendent of the Ichabod Crane Central
School District, recommends RENEE KAMINSKY be appointed as a permanent
substitute professional educator, now therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School
District in compliance with Education Law 3012 and 8 NYCRR Part 30.3 does hereby
appoint RENEE KAMINSKY to the position of permanent substitute in the tenure
area(s) of ACADEMIC SCIENCE for a probationary period of one (1) year to commence
on September 1, 2009 and to expire on June 30, 2010.

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Whereas CADIE CARGILE who is eligible for New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in the certification area(s) of Mathematics 7-12 (pending NYS Education Dept. approval) and

Whereas James P. Dexter, Superintendent of the Ichabod Crane Central School District, recommends CADIE CARGILE be appointed to a probationary position, conditionally, pending New York State Education Department certification and safety clearance, now therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District in compliance with Education Law 3012 and 8 NYCRR Part 30.3 does hereby appoint CADIE CARGILE to the position of professional educator in the tenure area(s) of Academic MATHEMATICS for a probationary period of three (3) years to commence on September 1, 2009 and to expire on August 31, 2012.

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APOINTMENT

Whereas CURT BARFORD who is eligible for New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in the certification area(s) of Chemistry 7-12 (pending NYS Education Dept. approval) and

Whereas James P. Dexter, Superintendent of the Ichabod Crane Central School District, recommends CURT BARFORD be appointed to a probationary position, conditionally, pending New York State Education Department certification and safety clearance, now therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District in compliance with Education Law 3012 and 8 NYCRR Part 30.03 does hereby appoint CURT BARFORD to the position of professional educator in the tenure area(s) of Academic SCIENCE for a probationary period of three (3) years to commence on September 1, 2009 and to expire on August 31, 2012.

11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, *additional* SUMMER SCHOOL PERSONNEL for the 2009 Summer School Program, as follows:

SUMMER SCHOOL PERSONNEL	SUBJECT
Linda Knight	Geometry Regents Review
Meredith Freebern	Geometry Regents Review
Bobbi Jean Bennett	Regents Exam Proctor
Jason Brewer	Regents Exam Proctor
Nancy Konkle	Regents Exam Proctor

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION

To amend to the Terms and Conditions for Confidential/Non-Bargaining Employees located in Central Office, effective July 1, 2009: Noreen Bayduss, Amy Boothby, Stephanie Gardinier, Nancy Matusiak, Wilhelmena Mazure, Mindy Potts, Louise VanAlstyne, and Karen Wied-Carpenter and to authorize the Board President to execute the agreements (*adopted on 9/13/05*)

11(K) moved to discussion action

11(L) moved to discussion action

11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION

To adopt the following policies pursuant to Board Policy #2410 -
Formulation, Adoption and Amendment of Policies:

- # 2210 Board Organizational Meeting (*revised*)
- #4321.14 Special Education Personnel (*new*)

11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

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

- IT Department

11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION

To adopt the following mandated policies:

- Code of Conduct Policy #5310
- Attendance Policy #5100

11(P) Removed from agenda

11(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

To appoint JAI KIM, MD to the Ichabod Crane Medical Board for the 2009-2010 school
year, effective July 1, 2009 and to authorize the Board President to execute the
agreement

11(R) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, upon the recommendation of Superintendent James P. Dexter, the
resignation of TARA JANET, Teacher, effective July 30, 2009

11(S) AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESIDENT TO SIGN

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

- Agreement with The Devereux Foundation
- Agreement with Campito Plumbing and Heating, Inc. (Plumbing Construction,
Capital Project - Phase 2)
- First Supplement to the Grant Disbursement Agreement

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 6-0

MOTION ROSE 2ND HARSEN

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of \$100 from David, Jennifer, Ashley and Brianna Pulver, to the Middle School (Team 8P) and to approve an increase in the 2009-2010 budget in the amount of \$100 from \$38,477,102 to \$38,477,202

in the following Appropriation Code:

A2110.510-04-0081 - Supplies Team 8P - in the amount of \$100

Carried, 6-0

MOTION ROSE 2ND HARSEN

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of \$100 from David, Jennifer, Ashley and Brianna Pulver, to the Middle School and to approve an increase in the 2009-2010 budget in the amount of \$100 from \$38,477,202 to \$38,477,302

in the following Appropriation Code:

A2110.510-04-0000 - Ts Ms Reserve - in the amount of \$100

Carried, 6-0

MOTION ROSE 2ND HARSEN

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of \$1,000 from Ichabod Crane PTA, to the Elementary School and to approve an increase in the 2009-2010 budget in the amount of \$1,000 from \$38,477,302 to \$38,478,302

in the following Appropriation Code:

A2110.400-23-0000 - Field Experiences Fees Elementary - in the amount of \$1,000

Carried, 6-0

MOTION ROSE 2ND HARSEN

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

INVOICE	AMOUNT	SERVICE DATES	PROJECT #/ITEM
205912	\$9,576.83	2/1/09-3/31/09	7104.2 Capital Project - Phase 2

Carried, 6-0

MOTION HARSEN 2ND ROSE

To approve payment in the amount of \$1,364.27 to Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., in accordance with professional services performed in connection with Continuing Disclosure Undertaking

Carried, 6-0

MOTION NEUFELD 2ND NARAMORE

To approve pursuant to the Architect’s Certificate for Payment, Construction Contract Payments

Payment #	Vendor	Amount	Project
#2	Campito	\$154,914.79	07104.2 Capital Project Phase 2 – <u>Mechanical</u> Construction
#3	Campito	\$159,360.60	07104.2 Capital Project Phase 2 – <u>Mechanical</u> Construction
#2	Campito	\$ 8,778.00	07104.2 Capital Project Phase 2 – <u>Plumbing</u> Construction
#3	Campito	\$110,020.45	07104.2 Capital Project Phase 2 – <u>Plumbing</u> Construction
#2	Rosch Brothers	\$268,565.00	07104.2 Capital Project Phase 2 – <u>General</u> Construction
#2	Harold R. Clune	\$ 85,999.00	07104.2 Capital Project Phase 2 – <u>Electrical</u> Construction

Carried, 6-0

MOTION HARSEN 2ND ROSE

To approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make the following budget transfers:

Account Code	Account Name	From	To
A 2250.150.04-3000	Special Ed Teacher MS	35000	
A 2250.400-00-0310	Cont. Svc Fees- District of Residence		35000
A 9060.800-00-0000	Health insurance	90800	
A 2110.480-00-0000	Texts new series		90800

Carried, 6-0

MOTION NARAMORE 2ND HARSEN

To approve a one year extension, until August 31, 2010, of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ichabod Crane Central School District and O.K. Kids, Inc., and to authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement and to further designate James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools as the “official designee” pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding, Item V-A.

Carried, 6-0

MOTION NEUFELD 2ND BAGNATO

To award the 2009-2010 FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT BID to the lowest responsible bidder per the attached listing: *(per the bid opening held on 07/15/09)*

Carried, 6-0

MOTION HARSEN 2ND BAGNATO

WHEREAS, the steam heat exchangers are critical components to the Ichabod Crane High School heating plant, and were discovered on or about July 22, 2009 upon inspection to be inoperable,

And, WHEREAS the time required to properly develop a capital project, seek voter approval, develop detailed plans and specifications, and to seek and attain State Education Department approval, is far greater than the time remaining until this system will be required to be fully placed into service to maintain adequate space temperatures within portions of the Ichabod Crane High School,

And, WHEREAS there is a certainty of weather conditions which, without extraordinary action by the Board of Education, would preclude the maintenance of minimum State Education Department standards for room temperatures within the schoolhouse,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education declare the replacement of heat exchangers in the Ichabod Crane High School, and associated work as may be required, to restore functionality to the High School heating plant to be deemed an emergency action; and to further authorize the Superintendent of Schools to proceed forthwith, as may be required, to cure this issue in the most expeditious manner possible.

Carried, 6-0

MOTION HARSEN 2ND ROSE

To establish, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, a (.4 FTE) Speech Teacher position, funded through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Carried, 6-0

MOTION HARSEN 2ND ROSE

To establish, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, a (.6 FTE) School Psychologist position, currently at the High School, funded through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Carried, 6-0

Board Discussion Item

The Board discussed the following topics:

- Shared services meeting with Schodack CSD
- State's blocking Medicaid claims from school districts

Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

No one from the public wished to address the Board at this time.

Executive Session

MOTION BAGNATO 2ND HARSEN

To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular individuals and to discuss negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

MOTION HARSEN 2ND NEUFELD

To appoint John Phillips as Clerk Pro Tem
Carried, 6-0

Others present at Executive Session:

Superintendent James P. Dexter
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Maureen Van Deusen
Business Administrator Gregory Giammarco

Adjournment

The meeting was reconvened at 10:23 p.m.

MOTION BAGNATO 2ND PHILLIPS

To adjourn at 10:23 p.m.
Carried, 6-0

Meetings

Regular BOE Meetings:

08/18 (Tue) - Special Board Meeting - MS Library - 7 PM (*Tax Warrant*)
09/01 (Tue) - Facilities Tour - Central Office - 5PM
09/08 (Tue) - Regular Board Meeting - MS Library - 7PM
09/24 (Thu) - Columbia County School Boards Planning Committee
10/03 (Sat) - Meeting with Schodack School Board, Location and Time TBD

Committee Meetings:

08/10 (Mon) - Audit Committee - Central Office - 5PM
08/19 (Wed) - Facilities Committee - Central Office - 5:30PM
09/16 (Wed) - Policy Committee - Central Office - 4PM

Topics For Next Board Meeting

- Tax Levy

X

John H. Phillips
Clerk Pro Tem

X

Mindy M. Potts
District Clerk