

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

AUGUST 7, 2007

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on TUESDAY, August 7, 2007 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was preceded by an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Landra Haber

John Phillips

William Martin

Regina Rose (*arrived 6:50pm*)

William Murphy, MD (*arrived 7pm*)

Anthony Welcome

Andrew Pellettieri

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

James P. Dexter, Superintendent

Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrew Kramarchyk

Kevin Reis

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:20PM

MOTION MARTIN 2ND WELCOME

To adjourn to Executive Session at 6:25 to discuss the employment history of particular individuals.

Carried, 5-0

MOTION WELCOME 2ND HABER

To appoint John Phillips as Clerk Pro Tem

Carried, 5-0

Board members left Executive Session to return to the Middle School Library to reconvene the meeting at 6:55PM.

Regina Rose arrived 6:50PM

William Murphy, MD arrived 7PM

President Phillips reconvened the regular meeting at 7:03PM

President Phillips conducted the Pledge of Allegiance and read the school 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."*

School officials present:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, Brett Miller, Assistant High School Principal, Shannon Shine, Assistant Middle School Principal, John Stickles, Elementary School Principal, Robert McCloskey, Special Education Director, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, Sherrill Phillips, Transportation Supervisor, Juan González, IT Coordinator, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Others Present:

Tamara Proniske, Central Office Support
Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Administrative Intern to Greg Giammarco

Because he had been approached by a number of people in the about the status of the potential football program, President Phillips wanted the public to know the topic of football would be added to the September 11, 2007 BOE meeting agenda.

MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

To approve the present agenda with modifications as presented.
Carried, 7-0

MOTION MURPHY 2ND HABER

To approve the minutes of the 06/19/07 - Special Meeting
HABER- YES PHILLIPS- YES
MARTIN- YES ROSE- YES
MURPHY- YES WELCOME- ABSTAIN
PELLETTIERI- YES
Carried, 6-0-1

MOTION HABER 2ND MURPHY

To approve the minutes of the 07/10/07 - Organizational and Regular Meeting
HABER- YES PHILLIPS- YES
MARTIN- ABSTAIN ROSE- YES
MURPHY- YES WELCOME- YES
PELLETTIERI- YES
Carried, 6-0-1

MOTION HABER 2ND MURPHY

To approve the minutes of the 07/31/07 - Executive Session
HABER- YES PHILLIPS- YES
MARTIN- YES ROSE- YES
MURPHY- ABSTAIN WELCOME- YES
PELLETTIERI- ABSTAIN
Carried, 5-0-2

No members of the public addressed the Board

REQUEST PERMISSION

The Board gave its permission to the boys and girls cross country teams to plan and fundraise for an overnight trip to attend a meet in September.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTS

The following was brought to the board's attention:

- resignations of: David Rogers and Donna Beaudry
- Board's tour of the facilities is Wednesday, August 29, 2007
- Sherrill Phillips reported the transportation department had the highest NYS DOT pass rate ever, 98.2%

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES :

- Bob McCloskey reported on the increase in demand for speech services since last year
- Steve Marotta reported on the delay in the installation of beacon lights due to NYS paving on Route 9 in the village of Kinderhook
- The Facilities Committee reported on the status of projects and introduced information pertaining to the Primary School roof and the potential Capital Project

ATTENDANCE AND CONDUCT REPORT

Administrators reported on each building's annual attendance and conduct for January- June 2007.

The board and administration had concerns about attendance, specifically in correlation with test scores and asked for the data we had from tracking of the students through Starbase. The Board also suggested we revisit the attendance policy with a larger group including students, teachers, and parents. As follow-up Superintendent Dexter asked John Stickles to pull information from Starbase. Superintendent Dexter did not recommend any change in the code of conduct or attendance policies.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS:

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 06/30/07</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$8,215,456.14	\$7,095,834.29
SPECIAL AID FUND	\$ 785,030.93	\$ 162,473.90
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	\$ 37,564.58	\$ 30,502.77
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 349,824.35	\$ 319,960.10
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$ 305,009.52	\$ 283,135.81
NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	\$ 808.68	\$ 933.32

MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

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

MOTION HABER 2ND WELCOME

To accept the following motions contained under the Consent Agenda:

10(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and/or CSE Recommendations for the 2007-2008 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 07/18/07, 7/26/07

10(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, *additional* EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY ADVISORS, for the 2007-2008 school year as presented

10(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, *additional* 2007-2008 INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES as presented

10(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an increase .2 FTE for Speech Services

10(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERNS for the period of time listed as follows:

STUDENT TEACHER	ASSIGNMENT	DATES
Ashley Hotaling	Joan Murphy	August 23-October 19, 2007
Denise Fried	Melanie Moon	August 23-October 19, 2007

10(F) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by STEPHANIE GARDINIER, MIDDLE SCHOOL SECRETARY, effective July 31, 2007 for the purpose of accepting another position within the district

10(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, STEPHANIE GARDINIER, to the position of SECRETARY TO THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTION, pursuant to the Terms & Conditions of Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (*adopted on 9/13/05*) with remuneration of \$38,300 per year, effective August 1, 2007

10(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, JODIE (JAQUE) LAFEMINA, as a professional educator in the tenure area(s) of SPECIAL SUBJECT: MUSIC K-12 for a probationary period of three years, effective September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2010.

10(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, BENJAMIN EARLY, as a professional educator in the tenure area(s) of ACADEMIC SCIENCE for a probationary period of three years, effective September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2010.

10(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, BARBARA SPATARO, to the position of PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE professional educator in the tenure area(s) of SUPPORT SERVICES: SCHOOL MEDIA SPECIALIST for a period of one year, effective September 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

10(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, CORRINA PELKEY, as a professional educator in the tenure area(s) of SPECIAL SUBJECT: GENERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SPECIAL SUBJECT: REMEDIAL MEETING (K- 12) for a probationary period of two years, effective September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2009.

10(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, MICHELE WEBB, to the position of TEACHING ASSISTANT in the SPECIAL SUBJECT TEACHER ASSISTANT (K-12) tenure area for a probationary period of three years, effective September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2010

10(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, CYNTHIA GANNON, to the position of TEACHING ASSISTANT in the SPECIAL SUBJECT TEACHER ASSISTANT (K-12) tenure area for a probationary period of three years, effective September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2010

10(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, DARA REXHOUSE, to the position of TEACHING ASSISTANT in the SPECIAL SUBJECT TEACHER ASSISTANT (K-12) tenure area for a probationary period of three years, effective September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2010

10(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, JAMES HOSLEY, as a PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE professional educator in the tenure area(s) of SPECIAL SUBJECT: PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION for a period of one year, effective September 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

10(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, ELIZABETH ADDISON, as a PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE professional educator in the tenure area(s) of SPECIAL SUBJECT: ART (K-12) for a period of one year, effective September 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

10(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, TIMOTHY STEWART, as a professional educator in the tenure area(s) of SPECIAL SUBJECT: HEALTH (K-12) AND SPECIAL SUBJECT: PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION (K-12) for a period of three years, effective September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2010

10(R) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT, APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, NANCY MATUSIAK, provisionally pending final approval from Columbia County Civil Service, to the position of 1.0 (FTE) CERTIFIED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, effective September 1, 2007, at a salary of \$25,000, and to approve the terms and conditions of the employment agreement, and to authorize the Board President to execute the employment agreement.

10(S) deleted

10(T) deleted

10(U) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION

To authorize FRANCES MALYS to issue working papers (Middle School) effective August 1, 2007

10(V) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, the following non-teaching substitute lists for 2007-2008 school year:

- Occasional Central Office Support
- Clerical Support
- Registered Nurses

10(W) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, SUMMER SCHOOL PERSONNEL for the 2007 Summer School Program, to be held as follows:

SUMMER SCHOOL PERSONNEL	SUBJECT
MARK BURCH	EARTH SCIENCE
MARY ANN GILL	SUBSTITUTE
PATRICK SANGER	SUBSTITUTE
RENA SWEENEY	SUBSTITUTE
SHARON GAFFNEY	SUBSTITUTE

10(X) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve per Board Policy #6900-(Disposal of District Property), Computer Equipment and Miscellaneous Technology/Business/Practical Arts Equipment and Accessories as Surplus & Obsolete as presented

10(Y) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To establish the following rates for the 2007-2008 Teacher Mentor program:

- \$400 - mentor compensation (required: minimum of one mentee)
- additional \$200 - each assigned mentee (maximum 2)

10(Z) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip requests for the Marching Band, per Board Policy #4531:

- a) DESTINATION: Fall Foliage Parade, North Adams, MA
DATE: September 30, 2007
PARTICIPANTS: 90 Students
CHAPERONES: 10 w/Robert Richburg
- b) DESTINATION: Autumn Fest Parade, Woonsocket, RI
DATE: October 8, 2007
PARTICIPANTS: 90 Students
CHAPERONES: 10 w/Robert Richburg

10(AA) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip request, per Board Policy #4531:
DESTINATION: NYC The Cloisters Museum and Lincoln Center
DATE: September 29, 2007
PARTICIPANTS: 40 Students
CHAPERONES: 5 w/Sharon Wall

10(BB) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip request, per Board Policy #4531:
DESTINATION: The Clark Art Institute
DATE: May 8, 2008
PARTICIPANTS: 38 Students
CHAPERONES: 4 w/ Sharon Wall

10(CC) AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESIDENT TO SIGN

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

- Wildwood Summer Extension Program contracts

10 (DD) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by LISA BARBARINO, ESL Instructor, effective September 2, 2007 (*employed 07/07*)

10 (EE) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by DEBRA KOTTAGE-PERROTTO, Part-time Professional Educator in the area of Special Subjects- Education of Speech and Hearing Handicapped Children K-12, effective September 2, 2007 (*employed 07/07*)

Carried, 7-0

DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

11(A) MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

To establish the per diem rate of pay for teacher substitutes for the 2007-2008 school year as follows:

	<u>2006-2007</u>		<u>2007-2008</u>	
	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>AFTER 20 CONSECUTIVE DAYS</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>AFTER 20 DAYS</u>
UNCERTIFIED TEACHER	\$ 65/DAY	\$ 75/DAY	\$ 70/DAY	\$ 80/DAY
CERTIFIED TEACHER	\$ 85/DAY	\$ 90/DAY	\$ 90/DAY	\$ 95/DAY
UNCERTIFIED TEACHING ASSISTANT	\$ 60/DAY	\$ 60/DAY	\$ 60/DAY	\$ 60/DAY
CERTIFIED TEACHING ASSISTANT	\$ 75/DAY	\$ 80/DAY	\$ 75/DAY	\$ 80/DAY
TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	\$181/DAY		\$185/DAY	

Carried, 7-0

11 (B) MOTION HABER 2ND PELLETTIERI

To approve an increase in the 2007-2008 budget in the amount of \$2,206 from \$35,378,368 to \$35,380,574 to reflect the donation from the class of 2006 which was accepted at the 07/10/07 regular Board of Education meeting and to increase the following Appropriation Code:

A2110.200-05-2300- HS PE Equipment - in the amount of \$2,206

Carried 7-0

11 (C) MOTION HABER 2ND WELCOME

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Ichabod Crane High School of \$1,000.00 from DUNKIN' DONUTS and to approve an increase in the 2007-2008 budget in the amount of \$1,000 from \$35,380,574 to \$35,381,574 and to increase the following Appropriation Code:

A2855.510-00-3400- Athletic Supplies - in the amount of \$1,000

Carried, 7-0

11(D) MOTION MARTIN 2ND ROSE

To approve pursuant to the Architect's Certificate for Payment, Construction Contract Payment for the MHG Elevator Project

<u>PAYMENT #</u>	<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
# 2	A.O.W. Associates	\$162,381.41

Carried, 7-0

MOTION MURPHY 2ND ROSE

To remove the authority previously given to the superintendent on 7/10/07 regarding the budgetary transfers for the purpose of initiating discussion on budget transfers.

HABER- no

PHILLIPS- no

MARTIN- no

ROSE- YES

MURPHY- YES

WELCOME- YES

PELLETTIERI- YES

Failed 4-3

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2ND MURPHY

To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to approve budget transfers as may be advisable and without prior board approval for the 2007-08 school year between function codes up to \$5,000, and within function and object codes up to \$10,000, so that no individual budget code shall be increased or decreased in aggregate by more than \$10,000 between scheduled board meetings.

to supercede adopted motion from 7/10 which reads:

To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to approve budget transfers between function codes up to \$5,000; and to approve budget transfers within function and object codes up to \$10,000 as may be advisable, without prior Board approval for the 2007-2008 school year (adopted 07/10/07)

NO VOTE TAKEN

MOTION MARTIN 2ND MURPHY

To amend the motion:

To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to approve budget transfers as may be advisable and without prior board approval for the 2007-08 school year between function codes up to \$5,000, and within function and object codes up to \$10,000, so that no individual budget code shall be increased or decreased in aggregate by more than \$10,000 between scheduled board meetings

TO INCLUDE THE WORDING

“and to report those transfers at the next regular board meeting”

HABER- YES

PHILLIPS- YES

MARTIN- YES

ROSE- YES

MURPHY- YES

WELCOME- YES

PELLETTIERI- YES

Carried 7-0

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2ND MURPHY

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HABER- NO

PHILLIPS- NO

MARTIN- NO

ROSE- NO

MURPHY- YES

WELCOME- NO

PELLETTIERI- YES

Failed 2-5

President Phillips commented on the above discussions by stating we will continue to operate under the resolution approved on 7/10/07

Superintendent Dexter said we will continue to report all transfers

11 (F) MOTION HABER 2ND ROSE

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, submitted by DONNA BEAUDRY, elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2007. *(employed 1/82)*

HABER- YES

PHILLIPS- YES

MARTIN- YES

ROSE- YES

MURPHY- YES

WELCOME- YES

PELLETTIERI- NO

Carried, 6-1

11 (G) MOTION MARTIN 2ND HABER

To accept for the purpose of retirement the resignation submitted by DAVID ROGERS, Bus Maintenance Driver in the ICC Transportation Department, effective August 3, 2007 *(employed 11/89)*

Carried, 7-0

11(H) MOTION MARTIN 2ND HABER

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

INVOICE	AMOUNT	SERVICE DATES	PROJECT #/ITEM
13654	\$ 1,391.50	05/26/07-06/29/07	Proj #05156 (MHG Elevator)
13684	\$765.36	05/26/07-06/29/07	Proj#05156 (MHG Elevator)

Carried, 7-0

DISCUSSION ITEM

Superintendent's Priority Objectives

Superintendent Dexter spoke on:

- student achievement
- community outreach
- fiscal accountability
- communication
- safety

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM

President Phillips asked the members to reflect on their availability for the Board Retreat

There was a short discussion on Board Committee members

BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

MOTION MURPHY 2ND PELLITTIERI

To extend the meeting for 10 minutes

HABER- NO

PHILLIPS- YES

MARTIN- YES

ROSE- YES

MURPHY- YES

WELCOME- YES

PELLETTIERI- YES

Carried, 6-1

Board member, Regina Rose, reported on the NYSSBA conference she attended.
 Board member, William Murphy, MD, commented on the regents scores and the question of SED lowering its standards.
 President Phillips thanked the administration for the detailed recommendations for new hires.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Est. 10 min)

Lori Fenoff spoke on the attendance report.

MEETINGS:

8/21/07 (Tues) SPECIAL BOARD MEETING (Tax warrant and tax levy) 7PM

8/29/07 (Wed) DISTRICT TOUR: (gather at Central office) 4:30PM

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

08/08 (Wed) – ICTA NEGOTIATIONS – Central Office (4:30PM for Committee)

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Report on 2006-2007 Assessment Data grades 3-8
- Superintendent's Priority Objectives
- Report from Bearsch, Compeau and Knudson, District Architects

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2ND HABER

To adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of particular individuals.

Carried, 7-0

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2ND WELCOME

To appoint Regina Rose as Clerk Pro Tem

Carried, 7-0

Others present at Executive Session:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent

Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction (*left at 11:15*)

Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator (*left at 11:15*)

MOTION MARTIN 2ND WELCOME

To adjourn the meeting at 11:40PM

Carried, 7-0

Regina Rose, Clerk Pro Tem

Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk