

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

AUGUST 21, 2007

MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2007 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Landra Haber	John Phillips
Andrew Kramarchyk	Kevin Reis
William Murphy, MD(arrived 7:40)	Regina Rose
Andrew Pellettieri	Anthony Welcome

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Martin

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, William Schneider, High School Principal, Lee Bordick, Interim Middle School Principal, John Stickles, Elementary School Principal, Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tamara Proniske, Central Office Support  
Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Administrative Intern to Greg Giammarco  
Randall Herko, A.I.A, Architect from Bearsch Compeau Knudson  
John Watts, Contractor with Bearsch Compeau Knudson

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

President Phillips announced the fire exits, 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."

President Phillips welcomed Lee Bordick, incoming Interim Middle School Principal.

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

To approve the present agenda with modifications as presented.

Carried, 7-0

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Community member, Mike Birmingham spoke on his analysis of home sales, assessments and tax rates within the Town of Kinderhook.

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

To approve the minutes of the 08/07/07 – Regular Board of Education Meeting

HABER - YES	PHILLIPS - YES
KRAMARCHYK - ABSTAIN	REIS - ABSTAIN
PELETTIERI - YES	ROSE - YES
	WELCOME - YES

Carried, 5-0-2

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Superintendent Dexter:

- Introduced and welcomed Lee Bordick, incoming Interim Middle School Principal
- Reminded the Board of the Annual School Board Conference October 25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>
- Reminded the Board of the Annual district tour on August 29<sup>th</sup>
- Reminded the Board of School Board training on October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Discussed the need for 2 term substitutes for staff with medical issues
- Commented on the high numbers of students at fall sports try-outs
- Discussed the potential acquisition of fitness equipment donated by East Greenbush school district
- Announced the birth of James Steven Marotta, son of Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities

REPORT ON POTENTIAL CAPTIAL PROJECT

Randall Herko, A.I.A, Architect from Bearsch Compeau Knudson and John Watts, Contractor with Bearsch Compeau Knudson reported and answered questions on various aspects of the Primary and Middle School buildings. They also gave recommendations for specific work to be completed. President Phillips stated this topic would be back on the agenda in September.

Dr. William Murphy arrived 7:40PM

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES:

2007-2008 TAX LEVY/WARRANT DISCUSSION

Business Administrator, Gregory Giammarco, presented detailed information and answered questions about the tax levy.

CURRICULUM/ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

Superintendent Dexter gave a power point presentation in the LGI on the 2006-2007 Assessment Data for English Language Arts and Math, grades 3-8; Social Studies, grades 5 and 8; and science, grades 4 and 8. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Maureen Van Deusen reported on patterns in missed questions and strategies for teaching to help students become better students.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Maureen Van Deusen also reported on the New Teacher Orientation scheduled for August 28 -29 and the workshops at the Superintendent's Conference Days, scheduled for September 4 -5.

MOTION REIS 2<sup>ND</sup> HABERTo accept the following motions contained under the Consent Agenda:

## 10(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2007-2008 school year as follows: Meeting dates of: 08/16/2007

## 10(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, *additional* Coaches for the 2007-2008 school year

## 10(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, the teaching substitute list for the 2007-2008 school year

- Substitute Teachers
- College Student Substitutes
- Substitute Teaching Assistants
- Substitute Tutorial

## 10(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, the non-teaching substitute list for the 2007-2008 school year, for food service helpers and substitute bus drivers and attendants and instructional aides

## 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
Tim Stewart	John Wilary	9/4/2007-11/20/2007

## 10(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, BONNIE TROWBRIDGE to the position of SECRETARY TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, at a rate of \$14.85 per hour, effective August 24, 2007

## 10(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, HOWARD GREGG to the position of CLEANER, effective August 31, 2007

## 10(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, SUSAN MALLERY, as a professional educator in the tenure area(s) of ELEMENTARY K-6 for a probationary period of three years, effective September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2010.

## 10(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To amend the effective date of the retirement resignation, submitted by DONNA BEAUDRY, elementary teacher, from June 30, 2007 to August 20, 2007. (accepted at 08/07/07 board meeting)

## 10(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To establish the following Board Sub-Committees for the 2007-2008 school year:

- Negotiations Committee- ICTA
- Policy Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Transportation Committee
- District Calendar Committee
- Transportation/Accident Review Committee
- Board Parliamentarian
- Health and Safety Committee
- Audit Committee
- Communications Committee

## 10 (K) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION

To authorize payments for Summer 2007 work as follows at the rate of 1/200 of salary:

- K-8 AIS Program VICKI SCARZINSKI up to 2 days
- K-12 ESOL Program THERESA LONGI up to 5 days

## 10(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, ERIN UPSON, as a part time .4 FTE professional educator in the tenure area(s) of SPECIAL SUBJECT: MUSIC (K-12) for a period of one year, effective September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2008.

## 10(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, the increase in hours for LISA SCHMITT from part-time clerk-typist to the position of full-time clerk typist, effective September 1, 2007

## 10 (N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation James P. Dexter, Superintendent, MEGHAN JEFFERS, to the position of Term Substitute ( 4<sup>th</sup> grade at MVB) effective September 1, 2007 (approximately 6 weeks)

## 10(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, DEBORAH BINDER, as a SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER, contingent upon successful completion of all 19A requirements, and SUBSTITUTE BUS ATTENDANT effective August 22, 2007

10 (P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation James P. Dexter, Superintendent, MARNI DEMPSY, to the position of Term Substitute ( Art at High School) effective September 1, 2007

HABER - YES  
KRAMARCHYK - YES  
MURPHY - YES  
PELLETTIERI - NO  
Carried, 7-1  
PHILLIPS - YES  
REIS - YES  
ROSE - YES  
WELCOME - YES

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

To establish, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, the position of INTERIM MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, at a rate of \$400 per day and to appoint LEE BORDICK to the position, effective August 17, 2007  
Carried, 8-0

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

To approve a one year extension, until August 31, 2008, 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.

HABER - YES  
KRAMARCHYK - YES  
MURPHY - YES  
PELLETTIERI - YES  
Carried, 7-0-1  
PHILLIPS - YES  
REIS - YES  
ROSE - ABSTAIN  
WELCOME - YES

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

To authorize LANDRA HABER to attend the Annual Business Meeting of the New York State School Boards Association on October 27, 2007 and to authorize her to be the voting delegate for Kinderhook Central School District.

HABER - ABSTAIN  
KRAMARCHYK - YES  
MURPHY - YES  
PELLETTIERI - YES  
Carried, 7-0-1  
PHILLIPS - YES  
REIS - YES  
ROSE - YES  
WELCOME - YES

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

To adopt a tax levy, inclusive of STAR reimbursement, at \$17,448,706 with the tax levy to be at 4.95% over last year's actual levy;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District at the Annual District Vote and Election held on May 15, 2007, was authorized by the voters of the district to expend sums in the total amount of \$35,378,368 during the 2007-2008 school year, and to levy the necessary tax therefor;

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED, that the tax warrant of the Board of Education, inclusive of STAR reimbursement, dated August 21, 2007 in the amount of \$17,448,706 is hereby executed and the collection of said taxes to begin on September 4, 2007 and to end on November 2 giving the Tax Warrant an effective period of 60 days, at the expiration of which time said Tax Collector shall make an account in writing to the Board of Education;

AND BE IT FURTHER DIRECTED that the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> month - Sept 4 to Oct 3	No Penalty
2 <sup>nd</sup> month - Oct 4 to Nov 2	2% Penalty

AND TO ESTABLISH the date of July 26, 2008 as the last date for accepting applications for third party notification of Real Property Taxes in accordance with Chapter 758 of the Laws of 1986

HABER - YES  
 KRAMARCHYK - YES  
 MURPHY - YES  
 PELLETTIERI - NO  
 Carried, 7-1

PHILLIPS - YES  
 REIS - YES  
 ROSE - YES  
 WELCOME - YES

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2<sup>ND</sup> REIS

To extend the meeting for 15 minutes at 10:05PM.

HABER - NO  
 KRAMARCHYK - YES  
 MURPHY - YES  
 PELLETTIERI - YES  
 Carried, 7-1

PHILLIPS - YES  
 REIS - YES  
 ROSE - YES  
 WELCOME - YES

## BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM

Superintendent Dexter presented his final copy of Superintendent's Priority Objectives for 2007-2008 school year.

BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

- Landra Haber wondered where the comfy chairs were
- Kevin Reis initiated a discussion pertaining to the ending time for meetings

MOTION REIS 2<sup>ND</sup> PELLETTIERI

To eliminate the established 10 p.m. ending time for all Regular Board of Education Meetings

HABER - NO	PHILLIPS - ABSTAIN
KRAMARCHYK - NO	REIS - YES
MURPHY - NO	ROSE - NO
PELLETTIERI - YES	WELCOME - NO

Failed, 2-5-1

- Andrew Kramarchyk commenting on the number of students trying out for fall sports, brought up the topic of supplementing our sports program with intramurals.

MEETINGS:

8/29/07 (Wed) DISTRICT TOUR: (gather at Central office) 4:30PM  
 9/11/07 (Tues) BOARD MEETING 7PM  
 10/13/07 (Sat) BOARD RETREAT 9AM - 4PM

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No one asked to speak.

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

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 and to discuss specific students and personally identifiable information  
 Carried 8-0

MOTION REIS 2<sup>ND</sup> PELLETTIERI

To appoint Anthony Welcome as Clerk Pro Tem

HABER - YES	PHILLIPS - YES
KRAMARCHYK - YES	REIS - YES
MURPHY - YES	ROSE - YES
PELLETTIERI - YES	WELCOME - NO

Carried 7-1

District Clerk, Mindy Potts, left the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT AT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ADDITION TO BOARD MEMBERS:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent

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Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal (*arrived at 10:20PM and left at 10:45PM*)

Landra Haber left the meeting at 11:30PM

Board Members left Executive Session to return to the Middle School Library at 12:00 AM

MOTION REIS        2<sup>ND</sup> PELLETTIERI

To adjourn the meeting at 12:00AM

Carried, 7-0

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Anthony Welcome, Clerk Pro Tem

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Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk