

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Landra Haber	John Phillips
Andrew Kramarchyk	Kevin Reis
William Martin (<i>arrived 7:08</i>)	Regina Rose
William Murphy, MD	Anthony Welcome

MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrew Pellettieri

School officials present:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, William Schneider, High School Principal, Brett Miller, Assistant High School Principal, Lee Bordick, Interim Middle School Principal, Shannon Shine, Assistant Middle School Principal, John Stickles, Elementary School Principal, Melissa Murray, Primary School Principal, Robert McCloskey, Special Education Director, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, Todd DiGrigoli, Food Service Director, 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

Board President, John Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:05 and announced the fire exits.

Board President John Phillips asked for a moment of silence in honor of Patriots Day and those lost in the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Board President John Phillips conducted the Pledge of Allegiance and read Ichabod Crane Central School's 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 HABER 2ND REIS

To approve present agenda with modifications as presented
Carried, 8-0

MOTION REIS 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve the minutes of the 08/21/07 – Special Board of Education Meeting

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| HABER - YES | PHILLIPS - YES |
| KRAMARCHYK - YES | REIS - YES |
| MARTIN - ABSTAIN | ROSE - YES |
| MURPHY - YES | WELCOME – YES |

Carried, 7-0-1

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION(*Est. 30 minutes*)

- Paul Green spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Liza Bohn spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Joshua Bohn spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Joe Carey spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Austin Hamilton spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Rory Hamilton spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Cheryl Trefzger spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Chuck Shattenkirk spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Karen Horn spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Dee Spain spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Karen Vecellio urged the Board to consider the best allocation of funds when deciding on the football resolution.
- Jim Armstrong expressed concerns about money and field usage if the football resolution passed.
- David Daly spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Anne Hamilton spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Jennifer Vasquez spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.
- Mary Kramarchyk spoke of the Town of Kinderhook’s support by way of field availability and spoke of Doug McGivney’s support of the proposed football resolution.
- Scott Norton spoke in favor of the proposed football resolution.

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND ROSE

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been approached on multiple occasions by community members who have advocated for a football team; and

WHEREAS, in response to these request, the Board of Education convened an Ad-Hoc athletic advisory committee composed of various stakeholders to study the educational, logistical and fiscal issue, and

WHEREAS; the committee has provided the Board with a comprehensive report along with a recommendation to begin a pilot program (contingent on outside funding),

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education will authorize a pilot program under the terms and conditions herein:

- The program is authorized to begin on a pilot basis. The district is authorized to begin planning for the establishment of a junior varsity team for the 2008-2009 school year, and upon receipt of \$58,904 by April 1, 2008, the district is authorized to request a schedule from Section II for the fall of 2008. Subsequently, no such schedule may be requested if the entire amount is not provided to the district on or before April 1, 2008.
- The Booster Club would be the "official" fund raising organization.
- The Superintendent is authorized to seek a formal agreement with the Town of Kinderhook to provide the use of town facilities, and to clarify logistical concerns. Final approval of an agreement with the town is necessary in order to begin the program.
- The Board can not, and does not make a commitment beyond the scope of this resolution, and therefore, can not make any promise or guarantee that the program will be incorporated into the general fund in the near future, or that that additional facilities and/or fields will be created or modified or such upgrades will be contained within the scope of a capital project to accommodate the program.
- The District is solely responsible for the administration of all aspects of the program, and the program must adhere to the same policies and procedures as all other district run athletic teams

That the existence of the football team must be reviewed by the Board of Education in subsequent years and upon the conditions as set forth by a future Board of Education.

HABER - NO

PHILLIPS - YES

KRAMARCHYK - YES

REIS - YES

MARTIN - YES

ROSE - YES

MURPHY - NO

WELCOME - YES

Carried, 6-2

At 8:50PM the Board took a 5 minute recess.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Superintendent James P. Dexter

- Reported from Bob Thorsey that Ichabod Crane is an Energy Star District for the second year in a row
- Heavy rains of the day brought reports of leakages in many buildings in the district
- Thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for their hard work bringing information about the proposed football program
- Reported MHG Elevator is working and the project came in on time and under budget

Building Administrators and Heads of Departments commented on the smooth start to the new school year.

Primary School Principal Melissa Murray

- + Reported Kindergarten Orientation was successful
- + Transportation to and from school went well

Elementary School Principal John Stickle

- + Reported both MHG and MVB off to a good start
- + Reported on adjustments due to handicap access were handled smoothly
- + Explained his use of "Character Coins" to promote positive behavior and teamwork in the classrooms

Middle School Interim Principal Lee Bordick

- + Thanked the administrators for their support
- + Praised the Middle School Teachers

Middle School Assistant Principal Shannon Shine

- + Reported the date of the Middle School Open House is September 20

High School Principal Bill Schneider

- + Reported this was the best opening they've had
- + Reported on various School Spirit Activities
- + Reported the date of the High School Open House is September 19

Special Education Director Bob McCloskey

- + Reported 348 students plus 13 new students were starting the 2007-2008 School Year
- + Reported John Stickles and Steve Marotta helpful dealing with accessibility issues

Director of Facilities Steve Marotta

- + Reported on how the rains made them busy
- + Reported the beacons at MVB are up but not flashing - will be after National Grid coordinates

Food Service Director Todd DiGrigoli

- + Reported low numbers of students for breakfast and anticipates an increase as the school year moves forward
- + Reported ICC was awarded the Active 8 Grant - more details to follow

IT Coordinator Juan Gonzàlez

- + Reported on a very busy summer and beginning to the year
- + Reported how increased part-time worker has been a help
- + Reported on the recent power outage had relatively no lasting effects

Transportation Supervisor Sherrill Phillips

- + Reported on fewer drivers and more buses this year but there are drivers currently in training
- + Described 28 In-House Routes, 12 Special Education Routes, 5 Private Routes

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES:

FOLLOW-UP ON PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT

Superintendent James P. Dexter explained some details about the Proposed Capital Project and proposed the following three projects pending the Board's decision to move forward:

- 1) Primary School Roof Replacement- to begin next summer
- 2) Mechanical Work at the Primary
- 3) Middle School Roof Repair - not aidable - to begin summer 2009

REPORT ON SUMMER PROGRAMS

- 1) Brett Miller reported on the High School's Summer School Program
- 2) Melissa Murray reported on the Elementary level Summer Program, Invitations
- 3) James Dexter reported on English as a Second Language Summer Program

CURRICULUM ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

- A. John Stickles reported on Arts in Education
- B. Maureen Van Deusen reported on that there were 14 projects and over 600 hours educators worked over the summer

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS:

Treasurer Mena Mazure presented the Treasurer's Report and answered questions from the Board of Education.

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 7/31/07</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$7,095,834.29	\$4,759,402.69
SPECIAL AID FUND	\$ 162,473.90	\$ 163,822.64
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	\$ 30,502.77	\$ 23,273.37
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 319,960.10	\$ 325,048.22
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$ 283,135.81	\$ 296,610.04
NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	\$ 933.32	\$ 963.59

MOTION MURPHY 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To extend the meeting for an additional 30 minutes

HABER - NO PHILLIPS - YES
 KRAMARCHYK - YES REIS - NO
 MARTIN - YES ROSE - YES
 MURPHY - YES WELCOME - NO
 Carried, 5-3

MOTION MARTIN 2ND HABER

To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented

Carried, 8-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND HABER

To accept the following items listed under the Consent Agenda:

CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2007-2008 school year as follows: Meeting dates of: 08/21/07

CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES for the 2007-2008 school year as listed

CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, EXTRA-CLASS ACTIVITY ADVISORS for the 2007-2008 school year as listed

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent *additional* Teaching and Non-Teaching Substitutes, *conditionally, pending SED safety clearance*, for the 2007-2008 school year.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To create the following coaching positions for the 2007-2008 school year at a rate per 2006-2007 contract as follows :

Team	Position	Rate Category
Boys JV Volleyball	Head Coach	Group D
Boys Indoor Track	Head Coach	Group B
Girls Indoor Track	Head Coach	Group B
Boys Indoor Track	Assistant Coach	Group D
Girls Indoor Track	Assistant Coach	Group D

CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, KATHERINE SNYDER, as a professional educator in the tenure area of SPECIAL SUBJECT: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE K-12 for a probationary period of three years, effective September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2010.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, provisionally, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, RONALD LAVALLEE, to the position of OCCASIONAL AND SUBSTITUTE AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC at the hourly rate of \$11.75 per hour, effective September 2, 2007

CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, provisionally, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, BRENDA L. SMITH to the position OF SECRETARY TO THE PRINCIPAL (Primary) at the rate of \$14.85 per hour, effective September 10, 2007 and to approve 15 hours of work to occur between August 27, 2007 and September 10, 2007 as SUBSTITUTE AND OCCASIONAL SECRETARY TO THE PRINCIPAL (Primary)

CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, LOUISE WILLE (VAN ALSTYNE) as a temporary NETWORK SUPPORT AIDE at a rate of \$116.75 per diem for the period September 4, 2007 through December 3, 2007.

CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of PRISCILLA SHAW as COOK for the purpose of accepting another position within the district effective September 1, 2007

CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To appoint PRISCILLA SHAW to the position of 5 hour FOOD SERVICE HELPER, effective September 2, 2007

CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To approve, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, RUTH DEDRICK to the position of PROBATIONARY BUS ATTENDANT, effective September 12, 2007

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, JOHN NOVACK to the position of full-time BUS DRIVER, effective September 12, 2007

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, CYNTHIA FOLMSBEE to the position of full-time BUS DRIVER, effective September 12, 2007

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
Bryan Gilchrist	Maureen Van Tassel	September 4-October 17
Lyndsey Marquist	Karen Brink	October 22 to December 13
Nicole Grupe	Holly Klein	Sept 6- May 31
Shannon Deal	Nina Stegmann	September 1, 2007- May 31, 2007
Stephanie Flannino	Nina Stegmann	September 1, 2007- May 31, 2007

CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by CAMILLE PRAGA, BUS ATTENDANT, effective September 5, 2007 (*employed 4/11/2000*)

CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by JENNIFER ELLERBROCK, from the position of .4 FTE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, effective August 22, 2007

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve a request submitted by MAURA LUDLOW for a Child Rearing Leave beginning on or about December 22, 2007 and continuing through the end of the 2007-2008 school year

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve a request submitted by CINDY YETTO for a Child Rearing Leave beginning on or about FEBRUARY 13, 2008 and continuing through the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve a request submitted by LAUREN MESSIER for a Child Rearing Leave beginning on or about JANUARY 14, 2008 and continuing through the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip request, per Board Policy #4531:

DESTINATION: Norwood/Norfolk High School Cross Country Meet

DATE: September 21- 22, 2007

PARTICIPANTS: 28 Students

CHAPERONES: 4 w/Rosina Schulerud and Courtney Dobkins

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Carried, 8-0

MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

To approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make the following two (2) budget transfers:

FROM: A2250.470-00-3000	Tuition – 10 month	\$36,957
TO: A2250.471-00-3000	Tuition – Summer	\$36,957

FROM: A2250.402-00-3000	Occ Therapy	\$2,700
TO: A2250.413-00-3000	Hearings/Evals/Exams	\$2,700

Carried, 8-0

MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

To approve pursuant to the Architect's Certificate for Construction Contract Payments for the MHG ELEVATOR PROJECT as follows:

PAYMENT #	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
AL4217	SJB Services, Inc	\$ 1,392.00
No. 3	Brownell Electric Corp.	\$35,517.93

Carried, 8-0

MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

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

INVOICE	AMOUNT	SERVICE DATES	PROJECT #/ITEM
13735	\$2,413.19	06/30/07- 07/27/07	Proj #05156 (MHG Elevator)
13736	\$6,084.70	06/30/07- 07/27/07	Proj#05156 (MHG Elevator)

Carried, 8-0

MOTION REIS 2ND KARMARCHYK

To approve and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to transfer funds totaling \$323,184 for the 2006-2007 school year as listed

MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

To approve payment in the amount of \$405.12 to Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., in accordance with professional services performed in connection with the \$707,000 Capital Project and State Aid assistance
Carried, 8-0

DISCUSSION ITEM

Superintendent Dexter proposed we expand our advertising for the position of Middle School Principal into various other publications. Mr. Dexter inquired asked the Board if there was any interest in serving on the search committee. At the time of the meeting, no Board members were interested. Mr. Phillips asked Mr. Dexter if a Board member could individually approach Mr. Dexter if there was interest in serving. Mr. Dexter responded to Mr. Phillips that a Board member could call him if they were interested in serving on the committee.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM

After Board Member, Landra Haber, requested the other Board Members reflect on the NYSSBA resolutions, Board Member Regina Rose offered her opinions on some of the proposed resolutions on the Annual Conference agenda.

MOTION ROSE 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To extend the meeting for an additional 10 minutes

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

Carried, 5-3

BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

- Board Member William Murphy, MD inquired about the "BOCES shared services" and how well the system was functioning.
- Board Member Regina Rose inquired about the possibility for more publicity about our Energy Star School Rating.
- Board President John Phillips commented on the earlier portion of the meeting - during the public participation - was a good public dialog.

MEETINGS:

- 9/12 (Wed) - Audit Committee Meeting - 5pm Central Office
- 10/02 (Tue) - Regular Board Meeting - 7PM - ICMS LIBRARY
- 10/4 (Thur) - ICTA Negotiations Committee Meeting - 4:30 - Central Office
- 10/13 (Sat) - Board Retreat 9AM - 4PM

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Potential Capital Project Resolution
- Audit Report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Community member Liza Bohn commented on the notification of the public when changes are made to the bus routes.

MOTION MARTIN 2ND MURPHY

To adjourn the meeting at 10:45PM

HABER - YES

PHILLIPS - YES

KRAMARCHYK - YES

REIS - ABSTAIN

MARTIN - YES

ROSE - YES

MURPHY - YES

WELCOME - YES

Carried, 70-1

Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk