

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

OCTOBER 3, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was preceded by an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Bagnato	Andrew Pellettieri
Landra Haber	John Phillips
Andrew Kramarchyk	Kevin Reis
William Murphy, MD (<i>arrv 7:05</i>)	

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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edward Helfer
William Martin

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT:

James Dexter, Superintendent
Karen McGraw, Assistant Superintendent
Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator
Tamara Proniske, Clerk

President Bagnato called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION REIS 2ND HABER

To adjourn to Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals and to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.
Carried, 6-0

Board Members adjourned Executive Session to return to the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

President Bagnato reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Murphy arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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."

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Karen McGraw, Assistant Superintendent, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, William Schneider, High School Principal, Brett Miller, High School Assistant Principal, Maureen Van Deusen, Middle School Principal, John Stickles, Acting 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, Technology Coordinator and Tamara Proniske, District Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Jennifer Rickert and Jackie Purificato, Middle School Teachers

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2ND HABER

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

MOTION REIS 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve the 09/12/06 - Regular Meeting Minutes as prepared
Carried, 7-0

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one asked to speak.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES

CURRICULUM REPORT - GRADES 6-8 ELA

Karen McGraw, Maureen Van Deusen, Jennifer Rickert, ELA Liaison and Jackie Purificato, MS Special Education teacher gave a power point presentation that outlined the Grade 6-8 English Language Arts program initiatives being used by the middle school teachers. This was in response to questions raised during last month's board meeting when the curriculum project report was discussed. The review included information on curriculum mapping; program components; academic intervention services (AIS);, reading in the academics(RIA) and writing on demand (WOD).

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES

Bill Schneider prepared a summary of the elective courses offered in the high school and explained that the electives are reviewed annually based upon course requests and the availability of faculty and classroom space.

Bill indicated this year, in collaboration with the department chairs, new course offerings and enhanced AP offerings will be developed.

MARTIN VAN BUREN FLASHING BEACONS - UPDATE

Steve Marotta provided information on the status of the flashing lights to be installed along Route 9 in front of the Martin Van Buren School. Steve said Stilsing Electric will do the installation and it should be complete before winter. He had a diagram which showed the location of the signs and he said they would be flashing during arrival and dismissal times only.

READING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY - #0000 (Revised)

1st Reading: October 3, 2006

EVALUATION OF SUPPORT STAFF - #0340 (Revised)

1st Reading: October 3, 2006

PROVISION FOR PURCHASE OF MEALS & REFRESHMENTS

#6120 & 6120(E) (New)

1st Reading: October 3, 2006

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTS

James Dexter brought the following to the board's attention:

- Recent School Shootings - Jim reviewed the safety procedures in place in case an emergency does arise and told the board that we have conducted practice drills with actual scenarios facilitated by our School Resource Officer and the "Active Shooter Program."
- Referenced a letter received from Karen Horn who listed a number of areas that need to be addressed concerning the fields - Jim attended a Booster Club meeting and has agreed to prioritize these concerns and bring to the attention of the Facilities Committee.
- Energy Star Award - congratulated Bob Thorsey, our energy manager, and the entire staff for their efforts in saving energy - we are one of eighteen schools in the entire USA to received the award - a photo shoot with Senator Saland and press release is planned.

FIELD TRIP PROPOSAL - Bill Schneider brought forth a proposal from Robert Richburg for permission to continue to explore a possible trip to Washington D.C. in the Spring of 2007 for the Marching Band. By consensus, the board gave permission to continue planning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Policy Committee Meeting (09/20/06) – Landra Haber summarized the policies discussed and the need to revise and update Policy #0310, Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures. Suggestion was to hold a board retreat to review a number of sample policies in order to develop criteria for self-assessment.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS:

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 08/31/06</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$2,567,870.22	\$1,951,792.71
SPECIAL AID FUND	74,684.35	46,821.81
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	18,951.57	8,749.12
CAPITAL FUND	750,226.99	322,677.29
CON NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	436.98	445.93
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	276,793.99	255,866.25

MOTION REIS 2ND HABER

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

Andrew Pellettieri raised a question concerning the monitoring of BOCES spending and whether it was cost effective. He asked for a review of this component of the budget during the budget process.

MOTION HABER 2ND REIS

To approve the following motions contained under the Consent Agenda:

11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, based upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, additional Extra-class Activity Advisors for the 2006-2007 school year.

11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2006-2007 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 09/12/06, 09/14/06, 09/21/06, 09/28/06

11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation submitted by SUSAN MAIER-GARCIA, from her position as K-6 Elementary teacher (ICMS), effective September 19, 2006

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, SAMANTHA OLIVER to the position of full-time Bus Driver contingent upon the

successful completion of the 30 hour Bus Driver Course, effective October 4, 2006

11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, ROXANNE QUIGLEY to the position of full-time Bus Driver contingent upon the successful completion of the 30 hour Bus Driver Course, effective October 4, 2006

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, JACQUELINE DeJARNETTE to the position of full-time Bus Driver contingent upon the successful completion of the 30 hour Bus Driver Course, effective October 4, 2006

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, MICHAEL FARRAGHER to the position of full-time Bus Driver contingent upon the successful completion of the 30 hour Bus Driver Course, effective October 4, 2006

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, LISA MORRISSEY to the position of full-time Bus Driver contingent upon the successful completion of the 30 hour Bus Driver Course, effective October 4, 2006

11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, CHRISTINE PURCELL to the position of part-time Bus Driver contingent upon the successful completion of the 30 hour Bus Driver Course, effective October 4, 2006

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, BRENDA TAMEZ to the position of Substitute Bus Driver, contingent upon successful completion of all 19A requirements, effective September 25, 2006

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the High School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report as of the following date:

<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 08/31/06</u>
Account Balance	\$51,685.46	\$52,488.37

11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report as of the following date:

<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 08/31/06</u>
Account Balance	\$5,713.93	\$5,114.24

11(M) AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESIDENT TO SIGN

To authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the following document(s):

- Contract - Total Tool Ltd. for Bus Lift Replacement
- Contract - Wildwood School - 2006-2007 Program
- Contract - BCK and ICC for Bus Garage Bus Lift Replacement

11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To create, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, a (.4 FTE) School Psychologist position for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To increase LISA SCHMITT's position as a 12 Month Clerk-Typist from 3 hours to 3-1/2 hours per day, effective October 4, 2006

11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL *(attached t/agenda)*

To approve, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, an addendum to the 2006-2007 Teaching Substitute and Non-Teaching Substitute List conditionally, pending SED safety clearance.

CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED, 7-0

DISCUSSION/ACTION

MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

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

INVOICE	AMOUNT	SERVICE DATES	PROJECT #/ITEM
12914	\$ 912.60	05/27/06 - 06/30/06	Proj #04124.00 <i>(Fuel Tank)</i>
13034	\$ 827.63	07/29/06 - 08/25/06	Proj #04124.00 <i>(Fuel Tank)</i>

Carried, 7-0

MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of the following from Sharon Thorsey, ICC Bus Driver's Association President to the Transportation Department to be used for training purposes:

(1) 26" Flat Screen TV/DVD/VCR Combo w/Wall Hanger
Carried, 7-0

MOTION HABER 2ND REIS

To approve and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to transfer funds for the 2005-2006 school year as listed.

BAGNATO	YES	PELLETTIERI	ABSTAIN
HABER	YES	PHILLIPS	YES
KRAMARCHYK	YES	REIS	YES
MURPHY	YES		

Carried, 6-0-1

MOTION HABER 2ND PELLETTIERI

To approve the following field trip request:
DESTINATION: Hyde Collection – Glens Falls
DATE: Friday, October 20, 2006
PARTICIPANTS: 40 Art Students
CHAPERONES: (3) w/L Cannamela
Carried, 7-0

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND HABER

To create, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, a (.2 FTE) Speech Therapist position for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.
Carried, 7-0

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, BARBARA WATSON as a Term Substitute for Home Economics, (Housing & Design Course), at a rate of \$100/day, effective October 10, 2006
Carried, 7-0

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve an increase in the 2006-2007 budget in the amount of \$55,328 from \$33,901,810.69 to \$33,957,138.69 to reflect Grant-In-Aid (for Technology) received from Senator Saland and to increase Appropriation
Codes in accordance with Section 1718 of Education Law as follows:
➤ A2630-200-00-0000 - (Technology Hardware) in the amount of \$55,328
Carried, 7-0

BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

- Gary Bagnato commented on the revised format of tonight’s agenda which was an attempt to be responsive to concerns expressed at the

last meeting. He also noted that perhaps an earlier start time would help to end the meetings on time.

MEETINGS:

10/17 (Tue) - Special Board Mtg (w/QUESTAR) - 7PM - ICMS LIBRARY

11/14 (Tue) - Regular Board Mtg - 7PM - ICMS LIBRARY

Committee Meeting Dates:

10/11 (Wed) - Facilities - Central Office - 5PM

10/24/ (Tue) - Communications (w/Town Supervisors & Assessors) -
Central Office at 6PM

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING (Oct. 17, 2006)

- 2006 Audit Report - Neil LaMere, WEST & Co.
- Bond Resolution
- QUESTAR Administration - Jim Baldwin, Dist. Supt.
- Board Recognition

MOTION HABER 2nd KRAMARCHYK

To adjourn to Executive Session at 10:00 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals

Carried, 7-0

MOTION REIS 2ND DR. MURPHY

To appoint ANDREW PELLETTIERI as Clerk Pro Tem.

Carried, 7-0

District Clerk, Tamara Proniske, left the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT AT EXECUTIVE:

James Dexter, Superintendent

Karen McGraw, Assistant Superintendent

Greg Giammarco, Business Administrator

Board Members left Executive Session to return to the Middle School Library at 10:50 p.m.

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND HABER

To adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Carried, 7-0

Andrew Pellettieri, Clerk Pro Tem

Tamara N. Proniske, District Clerk