

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL
MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OCTOBER 16, 2007

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 in the Middle School Library at 6:30pm.

Board Members Present:

Landra Haber	John Phillips
Andrew Kramarchyk (<i>arrived 6:37pm</i>)	Kevin Reis
William Martin(<i>arrived 8:00pm</i>)	Regina Rose
William Murphy, MD(<i>arrived 9:17pm</i>)	Anthony Welcome

Board Members Absent:

Andrew Pellettieri

School officials present:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, William Schneider, High 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
Tom Baumgartner, Doctoral Candidate
James Baldwin, District Superintendent
Harry Hadjoannou, Asst. Superintendent for Business and Financial Services
David W. Harrison, Jr. Sheriff
Captain David Bartlett, Columbia County Sheriff's Office
Trooper Rachel Robinson, SRO
Lieutenant Dominick Chimento, NYS Trooper
Captain Michael Regan, NYS Trooper
Chief Kevin Boehme, Chatham Police

Board President, John Phillips, called the meeting to order at 6:33.

MOTION REIS 2ND HABER

To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular employees

Carried, 5-0

John Phillips, Board President, reconvened the meeting at 7:02pm and announced the fire exits.

Board President, John Phillips conducted the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Ichabod Crane 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.”

Before continuing with the agenda, Board President, John Phillips briefly commented on:

- the stabbing incident, which occurred on Sunday evening, October 7
- the asbestos abatement project at Martin Van Buren School
- the BOE retreat on Saturday, October 13

MOTION HABER 2ND REIS

To approve the present agenda

Carried, 6-0

MOTION WELCOME 2ND REIS

To approve the minutes of the 10/02/07 Regular BOE Meeting

HABER - ABSTAIN REIS - YES

KRAMARCHYK - YES ROSE - YES

PHILLIPS - YES WELCOME - YES

Carried 5-0-1

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one asked to speak.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES:

ICC SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Jim Dexter, read Governor Spitzer’s declaration of School Board Recognition Week on October 22-26, 2007. Superintendent Dexter, along with Greg Giammarco and Maureen VanDeusen, presented the Board with Certificates of Appreciation and folio pads to thank them for their service and dedication to the Ichabod Crane School District.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SECURITY TASK FORCE

Sheriff David W. Harrison, Jr. introduced some members of the Law Enforcement Security Task Force: Captain David Bartlett, Trooper Rachel Robinson, Lieutenant Dominick Chimento, Captain Michael Regan and Chief Kevin Boehme who gave a short report and answered questions from the Board about safety in our schools and the working relationship with Ichabod Crane.

Superintendent Dexter informed the Board because of a grant offered through Senator Saland’s office, all the buildings in the district would be having a buzzer system installed.

QUESTAR PRESENTATION

James Baldwin, District Superintendent, and Harry Hadjioannou, Asst. Superintendent for Business and Financial Services at Questar gave a short presentation and answered questions about Tech Valley High School, the potential

for a new BOCES facility planned for construction in Rensselaer, and BOCES services, including Shared Business Office services.

REPORT on BOE RETREAT

President Phillips reported one of the topics at the BOE Retreat was the role and responsibility of Board Members and the role of the Superintendent in conjunction with the Board of Education.

Superintendent Dexter briefly elaborated on the topics of discussion, mentioning strategic planning, goals and the use of a moderator at the Retreat in order to avoid mistakes in setting goals.

William Martin pointed out in regard to setting goals that the Board talked about only how to evaluate goals and how to work together as a Board and did not discuss specific goals, which would have been a topic subject to open meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dexter followed up on the stabbing incident, which occurred between 2 adults after school hours on school grounds. Both the victim and the aggressor were arrested. The victim, as an illegal alien, will be deported and the aggressor is to be escorted any time he is on school grounds. Superintendent Dexter discussed the lack of communication with authorities about the incident, caused by the 911 call being made from a different location after the victim was transported away from ICC Middle School. Superintendent Dexter also discussed the follow-up communication with the Board directly after the incident and then with the public.

MOTION HABER 2ND REIS

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda

(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE Recommendations for the 2007-2008 school year as follows:
Meeting dates of: 10/10/07

(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, changes to the EXTRA-CLASS ACTIVITY ADVISORS for the 2007-2008 school year as presented

(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve a request for home tutorial services for the following student:
HS Student - (estimated dates 3/18/08 - 5/28/08) (*parent request-on file*)

(D) AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESIDENT TO SIGN

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

- \$883,372.00 Bond Anticipation Renewal Note, 2007
- BCK - Certificate of Substantial Completion, MHG Elevator Project

(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

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

- Middle School Equipment and Books

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 7-0

MOTION MARTIN 2ND HABER

To consider Discussion Action Item 10(B) prior to 10(A)

Carried, 7-0

President Phillips asked if there were any objections to the waiving of the reading of the resolution (as moved at the 10-02-07 BOE Meeting), and having heard none, called for a motion.

MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

To approve the following resolution regarding SEQRA

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District is proposing a construction project limited to the upgrading of the HVAC system and roof replacement at the Middle School and the upgrading of the HVAC system and roof, floor and ceiling tile replacement at the Primary School (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project entails the maintenance, repair, replacement, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation involving no substantial changes or expansion beyond 10,000 square feet of existing structures and/or facilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project is a routine activity of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the information and documentation which describes the design and intent of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, based upon the record before it, including the general, specific and detailed knowledge of the Board of the proposed Project and under the applicable standards of SEQRA and 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, hereby determines that:

- a. The proposed Project is classified as a Type II Action; and
- b. In accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, the Board is precluded from further environmental review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately.

Carried, 7-0

President Phillips again asked if there were any objections to the waiving of the reading of the resolution (as moved at the 10-02-07 BOE Meeting), and having heard none, called for a motion.

MOTION HABER 2ND ROSE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE KINDERHOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the School District be and the same is hereby called to be held in the gymnasium of the Ichabod Crane High School, 2910 Route 9, Valatie, New York 12184 on December 11, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. prevailing time for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

SHALL the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, be authorized to (1) reconstruct various District buildings, including sitework thereat, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus, at a maximum cost of \$4,360,000, (2) expend such sum for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefor taking into account state aid and grants received, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed **\$4,360,000**, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

The vote upon such proposition shall be by absentee ballot or registered upon voting machines. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

The Board of Registration shall meet at the Central Administration Office, Middle School, Valatie, New York between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. prevailing time on Monday, November, 19, 2007, to prepare a register of voters for such meeting and election. Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register provided that at the above-mentioned meeting of the Board of Registration s/he personally appears and is known or proved to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then and thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting/election for which this register is prepared.

Pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, any person otherwise qualified to vote who is currently registered with the Columbia County Board of Election for any General Election under the provisions of the Election Law shall be entitled to vote without further registration.

The register will be on file in the office of the District Clerk, at the District Office, 2910 Route 9, Valatie, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days preceding, on Saturday, December 8, 2007 by appointment, and on the day set for the Special Meeting (other than Sunday, December 9, 2007).

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to December 10, 2007, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2007. A list of all

persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote, except Sunday, December 9, 2007, and on Saturday, December 8, 2007 by appointment. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of such meeting in two newspapers of general circulation within the School District, four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such School District meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

Carried, 7-0

MOTION HABER 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To accept a donation of \$82 from the Class of 2006 to the Physical Education Department for the purchase of fitness equipment to enhance the high school fitness center and to increase the 2007-2008 budget in the amount of \$82 from \$35,382,574 to \$35,382,656 in the following Appropriation Code:
A2110.200-05-2300- HS PE Equipment - in the amount of \$82

Carried, 7-0

MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

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

PAYMENT #	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
# 4	A.O.W. Associates	\$25,700.11

Carried, 7-0

MOTION HABER 2ND REIS

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

FROM:	A2250.490-00-9000	BOCES	\$25,988
TO:	A2250.471-00-3000	Tuition - Summer	\$25,988

Carried, 7-0

BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

The Board asked Landra Haber to use her best judgement when she attends the NYSSBA Annual Convention and votes on various resolutions. The following NYSSBA resolution support requests were discussed:

- Brewster Central School:
 - State aid to defray costs of School Resource Officer Program
- Briarcliff Manor School:
 - Financial incentives for public schools targeted to energy conservation
 - Modify the bidding process so that weighting can be used, allowing selection of energy efficient purchasing and construction arrangements

The Board discussed the BOE Retreat and goal setting strategies, short and long term goals.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

One community member approved of the Board’s decision to repair rather than replace the Middle School roof.

MEETINGS:

- 10/17 (Wed) – Communications Committee Meeting – 5PM – Central Office
- 11/7 (Wed) – MS Principal Final Interviews – 4PM
- 11/13 (Tue) – Next Regular Board Meeting – 7PM – ICMS LIBRARY

MOTION REIS 2ND HABER

To adjourn to executive session AT 9:30PM to discuss the employment history of particular individuals and to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law AND to appoint Anthony Welcome as Clerk Pro Tem.

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| HABER - YES | PHILLIPS - YES |
| KRAMARCHYK - YES | REIS - YES |
| MARTIN - YES | ROSE - YES |
| MURPHY - YES | WELCOME - NO |
- Carried, 6-1-0

In addition to Board Members, others present at the Executive Session:
James P. Dexter, Superintendent *(left at 10:35pm and returned at 10:52pm)*
Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

MOTION REIS 2ND HABER
To adjourn the meeting at 11:20pm
Carried, 8-0

Anthony Welcome, Clerk Pro Tem

Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk