

# ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

## MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2008

BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane School was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

### Board Members Present:

Gary Bagnato	Thomas Neufeld
Landra Haber	Regina Rose
Andrew Kramarchyk	Anthony Welcome

### Board Members Absent:

William Murphy, MD  
John Phillips  
Kevin Reis

### School Administrators Present:

James P. Dexter, Superintendent, Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

### Others Present:

James Baldwin, District Superintendent, Questar III  
Diana Conroy, Questar III

Board Vice-President Andrew Kramarchyk called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Board Vice-President Andrew Kramarchyk announced the fire exits and read the district 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."*

Vice-President Andrew Kramarchyk made the following announcements:

- The Regular November Board meeting will be on Thursday, November 6, not Tuesday.
- Kevin Reis has submitted his resignation from the Board and the Board will discuss this more at the Regular Board meeting on November 6 in order to give the public notice of the discussion
- E. Gordon Van Buren wrote a Thank You note to the Board for the dedication of the Fields in his honor.

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

To approve the present agenda with modifications including the addition of Thomas Neufeld to the Discussion Action item (B).

Carried, 6-0

Meeting Open For Public Participation

No one from the public asked to speak.

Reports/Presentations/Updates:

- ICC School Board Member Recognition

*(School Board Recognition Week - October 20-24, 2008)*

Superintendent James Dexter read the proclamation from Governor Patterson declaring School Board Recognition Week, October 20-24, 2008. Superintendent Dexter, along with Greg Giammarco and Maureen Van Deusen, thanked the Board Members for their service and presented the Board with Certificates of Appreciation and engraved pens to thank them for their service and dedication to the Ihabod Crane School District.

- Questar Presentation

James Baldwin, District Superintendent, gave a brief overview of the Questar III program and noted some issues with which Questar III is currently dealing or expects to be dealing in the future.

- Report on NYSSBA Conference

The Board Members who attended the NYSSBA conference in NYC gave brief general reports on the conference and identified a plan for reporting to the rest of the Board any useful information at upcoming Board meetings.

- Update on Revised Requirements for Tax Shelter 403(b) Information

Greg Giammarco, Business Administrator gave a brief presentation and answered questions on the district's new 403(b) model, "Open Architecture," and the Board's role and responsibilities under the new model.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent James Dexter reported on the following topics:

- Preliminary work on the budget has begun
- Update on the agenda for the BOE Retreat on November 8, 2008

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

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda

## (A)      CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, additional to ANNUAL/DISTRICT-WIDE APPOINTMENTS for the 2008-2009 school year as listed

## (B)      AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESIDENT TO SIGN

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

- \$1,105,980.00 Bond Anticipation Renewal Note, 2008

Carried, 6-0

Discussion/Action

MOTION BAGNATO 2<sup>ND</sup> WELCOME

RESOLVED, to approve the issuance of a Civil Service Law, Section 75 Notice of Discipline against a certain employee, as discussed in executive session and to authorize the Board President to execute such Notice of Discipline.

RESOLVED, to appoint James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools to act as the hearing officer as provided for in Civil Service Law, Section 75 and to authorize the Board President to execute a written designation of such appointment.

Carried, 6-0

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

To approve and authorize expending district funds associated with the attendance of Regina Rose and Thomas Neufeld at the following NYSSBA Workshops:

- Fiscal Management in Hard Financial Times – December 10, 2008
- Improving Student Wellness – November 14, 2008

Carried, 6-0

Board Open Discussion

The Board discussed the following topics:

- Initiation of a Columbia County School Board Association
- Plaque from Tobacco Free Healthy Schools

Public Participation

No one from the public asked to speak.

Executive Session

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

To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular individuals and to discuss specific students and personally identifiable information, and to discuss pending (or possible) litigation  
Carried,

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

To appoint Anthony Welcome as Clerk Pro Tem  
Carried, 6-0

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

MOTION BAGNATO 2<sup>ND</sup> NEUFELD

To adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m.  
Carried, 6-0

Meetings:

- 11/06 THURSDAY - Regular Board Meeting - 7PM - ICMS Library
- 11/08 (Sat) - Board Retreat 9AM - 4PM - ICMS Library
- 11/18 (Tue) - Assistant Principal Interviews - 5PM - Central Office

Committee Meetings:

- 11/03 (Mon) - Audit Committee Meeting - 5:30PM - Central Office
- 11/12 (Wed) - Policy Committee Meeting - 5PM - Central Office
- 11/17 (Mon) - Facilities Committee Meeting - 5PM - Central Office

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Anthony Welcome, Clerk Pro Tem

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Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk