

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2006

A Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was preceded by an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Bagnato	William Murphy, MD
Edmund Brooks (<i>left 6:15</i>)	John Phillips
Andrew Kramarchyk	Kevin Reis
Edward Helfer (<i>arrv 7:00</i>)	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Landra Haber
William Martin

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT:

James Dexter, Superintendent
Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator
Tamara N. Proniske, District Clerk

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

MOTION BROOKS, 2ND REIS

To adjourn to Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals.
Carried, 6-0

OTHERS PRESENT AT EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mary Roach, Esq.

Edmund Brooks left Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Edward Helfer arrived at 7 p.m.

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

President Bagnato conducted the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement.

MOTION REIS 2ND HELFER

To approve the agenda with modifications as presented.
Carried, 6-0

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND MURPHY

To approve the 03/07/06 Regular Meeting Minutes as prepared

BAGNATO	YES	MURPHY	YES
HELPER	ABSTAIN	PHILLIPS	YES
KRAMARCHYK	YES	REIS	YES

Carried, 5-0-1

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND MURPHY

To approve the 03/14/06 Budget Meeting Minutes as prepared

Carried, 6-0

STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION

a) Jim Dexter acknowledged and thanked the following teachers who volunteered to be advisors for the National Honor Society for this school year: Michele Carey & Stephanie Bell

b) Jim Dexter mentioned that Karissa Kirsch, (7th Grade) was unable to attend tonight's meeting; however, he recognized her for winning the 2006 Spelling Bee. He also informed the board that the Teacher's Association has been responsible in the past for providing the plaque given to the Spelling Bee winners.

PROPOSED SENIOR CLASS TRIP TO LAKE PLACID – June 3 & 4, 2006

The board gave consensus to proceed with plans for the Senior Class to take a trip to Lake Placid on June 3-4, 2006 . Jack O'Connor, Class President reviewed the itinerary and said transportation would be provided by the Round Out Charter Co. and he estimated the cost per student would be \$180/person. A minimum of 60 seniors need to sign up before the trip can occur.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The following signed up to speak:

Paul Aggresta – spoke on behalf of keeping the New Visions program and suggested the board take a look at selling a building

Marjorie Dugan – urged the board not to cut the New Visions program

Inez Jacklin – pointed out the budget account codes that showed significant increases in the proposed budget - Gary Bagnato clarified that account codes have now been properly aligned to reflect the actual costs

Marilyn Kuhner – questioned how we have come up with the per pupil expenditure figure and also asked about whether or not the district needed five buildings.

Claudine Murphy – told the board she had met with Senator Saland and presented all the letters that had been written asking for more funding

Sabine Murphy – asked the board to continue the 3-4 classroom and to keep the accelerated programs

Andrew Pellettieri – asked the board to take another good solid look at further reductions – did not feel the community would support a 15% increase in spending

Chuck Shattenkirk - felt the board should give the community a chance to support the budget without making an further reductions.

Eileen Szpessey – said the community needs to be educated about the budget – feels many do not understand – she also asked whether the board would go

to a second vote or adopt a contingency budget if the proposal is defeated on May 16 - she thanked Mr. Dexter and the staff for the way in which the recent lockdown was handled.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

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

- Updated aid runs have been received and an estimated \$650,00 in aid has been restored – this amount had been included in the revenue projections
- Todd DiGrigoli mentioned that the Dinner Theatre was a success – approximately 173 people were served. He also informed the board that to 143,904 lunches have been served to students, and he estimated that by the end of the year close to 200,000 lunches will have been served by his 18 member staff.

Discussion on the issues involving Snow Removal.

Greg Giammarco provided a handout outlining options for replacement of a 1980 Ford Dump Truck (which can no longer be repaired) and is used for snow removal. A proposal for purchase of a Front End Loader, to replace the dump truck, and whether it should be a separate proposition or included with the bus purchase proposition, was presented. The cost to purchase a Front End Loader from state contract would be approximately \$130,000.

Board members held a discussion on the options presented and the issues and costs involving snow removal. By consensus, it was determined that the proposal would be included as Proposition #3 and will be on the agenda for approval at the April 11th meeting.

2006-2007 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Draft #3 of the 2006-2007 proposed budget, the revenue projections as of 3/31/06 and a contingent budget cap worksheet were presented. Additional reductions recommended by administration were reviewed. They included reducing one position in each grade K-3 and elimination of the vacant IT position which would reduce the budget by an estimated \$253,021. Board members questioned how this reduction in staffing would affect class size and what the impact on program would be. Prior to next week's meeting, research based information on small class size will be provided.

Comments were heard regarding reductions in administration. Dr. Murphy said he felt he could not support teacher staff cuts without looking at reductions in administrative staff. Gary Bagnato stated he was skeptical about the wisdom of decreasing administration and how this would affect our operation. Based upon these and other comments heard, the board asked Jim Dexter to provide a report prior to the next board meeting outlining the pros and cons for reducing an administrative position.

Bob McCloskey, Special Education Director, reviewed his budget proposal which has increased significantly. He provided statistics showing the increases in students enrolled in BOCES Programs, and Private & Residential Placements for the past three years and the projections for 2006-2007.

Jim Dexter said the next budget meeting is scheduled for April 11th at which the budget is scheduled for adoption.

MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To accept the Treasurer's Report, the Revenue Budget Status Report, and Warrants as follows:

FUND A (23-25); FUND C (24-26); FUND F15 (5); FUND F18 (4); FUND TA (23-26)

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 02/28/06</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$7,516,865.05	\$5,524,952.75
CAPITAL FUND	598,893.92	599,440.51
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	319,756.39	298,398.29
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	33,487.88	33,776.08
SPECIAL AID FUND	290,193.65	290,308.81
CON NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	0.16	39.53

MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented

Carried, 6-0

MOTION REIS 2ND MURPHY

To approve the following motions contained under the Consent Agenda:

13(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2005-2006 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 03/07/06, 03/14/06, 03/16/06, 03/28/06, 03/31/06

13(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent additional Teaching and Non-Teaching Substitutes, *conditionally, pending SED safety clearance*, for the 2005-2006 school year.

13(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent additional Extra-Class Activity Advisors and Team Leader/Grade Level/District-Wide/Department/Chairs for the 2005-2006 school year per the attached listing.

13(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following requests for home tutorial services

- a) HS Student for approx 1-2 weeks (*parent request - physician's statement on file*)
- b) HS Student for approx 6-8 weeks "
- c) MHG Student for approx 2 weeks "

13(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve a request for a Leave of Absence submitted by MELISSA MURRAY, Primary School Teacher, effective March 17, 2006

- 13(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, MELISSA MURRAY to the position of Acting Middle School Assistant Principal, effective, March 20, 2006
- 13(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL
To approve a request for a Leave of Absence submitted by JOHN STICKLES, Middle School Assistant Principal, effective March 17, 2006
- 13(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, JOHN STICKLES to the position of Acting Elementary Principal, effective, March 20, 2006
- 13(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, RUTH DAVI as a Permanent Substitute for an Elementary position in the Primary School, effective March 20, 2006 through June 23, 2006.
- 13(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, EILEEN ORDU as a Term Substitute to fill the District-wide ESL position effective April 5, 2006 with remuneration of \$181 per day.
- 13(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, HOLLY TOTENO as a Term Substitute to fill a Counselor position (one day per week) in the Middle School, effective April 3, 2006 with remuneration of \$181 per day.
- 13(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, GORDON PRATT as a Term Substitute to fill an Elementary position in Martin H. Glynn, on or about April 24, 2006 with remuneration of \$181 per day.
- 13(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL
To amend the 03/07/06 Board of Education Minutes to reflect a change in the appointment date for JANICE BERRYANN, Term Substitute for a Special Education position from February 27, 2006 to March 6, 2006
- 13(N) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the resignation submitted by GEORGE INGHAM, from the position of Bus Driver, effective March 31, 2006 (*employed 10/05*)
- 13(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, SAMANTHA OLIVER to the position of Bus Driver (3.5 hrs/day) contingent upon the successful completion of the 30 hour Bus Driver Course, effective April 5, 2006

- 13(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION (*mailed w/agenda*)
 To approve a 2005-2006 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the NORTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT for (10) students attending a private school within the district (Loudonville Christian, St. Gregory's, St. Pius) in the amount of \$3,672.00 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract.

13(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report as of 02/28/06 as listed:

<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 02/28/06</u>
Account Balance	\$18,992.60	\$19,769.35

13(R) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the High School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report as of 02/28/06 as listed:

<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 02/28/06</u>
Account Balance	\$67,174.10	\$59,871.87

13(S) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to draft and issue disciplinary charges for a particular employee as discussed in Executive Session pursuant to Section 75 of the Civil Service Law

13(T) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT (*attached t/agenda*)

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent additional Interscholastic Coaches for the 2005-2006 school year per the attached listing.

13(U) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent additional Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2005-2006 school year as follows:

- Jason Stern
- Mindy Wolmar

CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED, 6-0

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

14(A) MOTION HELPER 2ND REIS

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, CATHERINE DRAPER to tenure in the area of Teaching Assistant , effective September 1, 2006

Carried, 6-0

14(B) MOTION HELFER 2ND REIS

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, LAUREN INFANTINO to tenure in the area of Special Subject: Remedial Reading K-12, effective September 1, 2006
Carried, 6-0

14(C) MOTION REIS 2ND HELFER

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, TARA JANET to tenure in the area of Academic Science 7-12, effective September 1, 2006
Carried, 6-0

14(D) MOTION REIS 2ND PHILLIPS

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, NICOLE LUCKFIELD to tenure in the area of Elementary K-6, effective
Carried, 6-0

14(E) MOTION REIS 2ND MURPHY

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, LAUREN MESSIER to tenure in the area of Special Subject: Special Education K-12, effective September 1, 2006
Carried, 6-0

14(F) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, KATHERINE MONAHAN to tenure in the area of Elementary K-6, effective September 1, 2006
Carried, 6-0

14(G) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, CRAIG SHULL to tenure in the area of Academic Mathematics 7-12, effective September 1, 2006

14(H) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, PATRICIA WESTOVER to tenure in the area of Elementary K-6, effective September 1, 2006
Carried, 6-0

14(I) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, CINDY YETTO to tenure in the area of Academic Foreign Language,
Carried, 6-0

14(J) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To approve payment in the amount of \$2,038.06 to Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., in accordance with professional services performed in connection with compliance with SEC Regulation (15c2-12), Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, for the \$5,585,000 Capital Project
Carried, 6-0

14(K) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

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

INVOICE #	AMOUNT	SERVICE DATES	ITEM
12606	\$1,707.68	01/28/06-02/24/06	Proj 02150.00
12626	\$5,528.18	01/28/06-02/24/06	Proj 05156.00

Carried, 6-0

14(L) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To approve pursuant to the Architect's Certificate for Payment, Construction Contract Payments for the 2002-2003 Capital Project as follows: *(approved by the voters on 12/10/02)*

PAYMENT #	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	FOR
(15)	Valley Equipment Co., Inc.	\$ 7,318.64	Site Construction

Carried, 6-0

14(M) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To approve the following field trip request – *(transportation cost to be offset by S.A.V.E. Organization)*

DESTINATION: Sharpe Reservation, Fishkill, NY – to participate in the Envirothon (an environmental OM competition)

DATE: April 28, 2006 (Fri)

PARTICIPANTS: 15 Students

Carried, 6-0

14(N) MOTION MURPHY 2^{MD} REIS

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of the following from Barbara Grott

- (1) Drafting Table (to be used in the HS by Mr. Behrens)

Carried, 6-0

14(O) MOTION REIS 2ND MURPHY

To approve a transportation lease request submitted by Denise Holzhauer, Program Director of O.K. KIDS, INC., for the use of up to (2) school buses for the purpose of providing transportation for field trips during their 2006

Carried, 6-0

14(P) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To approve a transportation lease agreement request submitted by the KINDERHOOK NURSERY SCHOOL (*St. Paul's Church*) for use of one school bus for the purpose of providing transportation for a visitation to and from the Primary School on May 5, 2006

Carried, 6-0

14(Q) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To approve a transportation lease agreement request submitted by the CHURCH STREET PRESCHOOL (*First Presbyterian Church*) for use of one school bus

for the purpose of providing transportation for a visitation to and from the Primary School on May 3, 2006

14(R) MOTION REIS 2ND MURPHY

To approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to transfer \$720 for Music Chaperone Money for the 2005-2006 school year as follows:

FROM: A2110-437-00-000 (Conference Expense)

TO: A2010-401-00-00 (Music Chaperone Trips)

Carried, 6-0

14(S) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Ichabod Crane Board of Education and the Ichabod Crane Administrator's Association for the establishment of a Sick Leave Bank, and to authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement

Carried, 6-0

14(T) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To approve, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, the 2006-2007 School Calendar as presented.

Carried, 6-0

14(U) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To approve a transportation lease agreement request submitted by the Town of Kinderhook Parks & Recreation Commission for use of one school bus

for the purpose of providing transportation for the Pee-Wee Wrestling Team to and from Columbia High School, East Greenbush, on April 8, 2006

Carried, 6-0

14(V) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To approve the following field trip request

DESTINATION: Exhibition Centre, New York City (South Street Seaport)

DATE: TBD (*Saturday in April or weekday during April break*)

PARTICIPANTS: 15-17 Students

CHAPERONES: 2-3 w/Barbara Byrne (Anat/Phy Classes)

Carried, 6-0

14(W) MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of \$1,000 from O.K. KIDS, INC, to be divided equally between the Primary School and Middle School

Carried, 6-0

MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

At 10 p.m. a motion was entertained to extend the meeting for an additional 10 minutes.

Carried, 6-0

MEETINGS:

04/10 - (Mon) – Executive Session/Interviews – *(tentative time 4:30 p.m.)*

04/11 - (Tue) – Executive Session/Interviews – *(tentative time 4:30 p.m.)*

04/11 – (Tue) - Special Budget Meeting - 7 p.m. – ICMS Library

04/25 – (Tue) - Special Meeting – QUESTAR Budget & Election – 7 p.m.

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

04/06 - (Thu) – Audit Committee – 5:30 p.m. – C.O.

04/12 - (Wed) –Policy Committee – 5:30 p.m. – C.O.

04/25 – (Tue) – ICTA Negotiations – 4:30 p.m. – C.O.

05/04 – (Thu) – Facilities Meeting – Time 5:00 p.m.- C.O.

CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION – INFORMATION

04/03 (Mon) – Petitions Available from District Clerk

04/17 (Mon) – Petitions Due to District Clerk by 5 p.m.

04/18 (Tue) - Drawing of Candidate Names for Position on Ballot - 1 p.m.

DISTRIBUTIONS

- Letter f/Adrienne Morrell, Re: Budget
- Invitation to the MHG Museum – Tuesday, April 11 (3:30-6:30)
- Information Re: Front End Loader f/Greg Giammarco

MOTION MURPHY 2ND REIS

To adjourn to executive session at 10:10 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular employees and to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

Carried, 6-0

MOTION REIS 2ND PHILLIPS

To appoint WILLIAM MURPHY as Clerk Pro Tem

Carried, 6-0

District Clerk, Tamara Proniske, left the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT AT EXECUTIVE:

James Dexter, Superintendent – left 11:12 p.m.

Board Members left Executive Session to return to the Middle School Library at 11:17 p.m.

MOTION HELPER 2ND REIS

To adjourn the meeting at 11:18 p.m.

CARRIED, 6-0

William Murphy, Clerk Pro Tem

Tamara N. Proniske, District Clerk