

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2006

A Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School was held on TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006 in the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Bagnato	William Murphy, MD (<i>arrv 7:10</i>)
Landra Haber	John Phillips
Andy Kramarchyk	Kevin Reis
William Martin	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Edmund Brooks
Edward Helfer

President Bagnato announced the fire exits and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

MOTION REIS 2ND MARTIN

To approve the agenda as prepared
Carried, 6-0

Dr. Murphy arrived at 7:10 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS

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

- there was a fire today at the Vo-Tec Center in Hudson – all of our students were brought back to the high school and parents were notified. Afternoon classes were cancelled, however, the center will be open on Wednesday
- 2006-2007 Budget - the process of bringing information on budget requests to the board was explained - budget presentations will only be from those teachers who are requesting supplies or equipment beyond their baseline budgets - these requests will be kept in a running log - Jim mentioned that Greg developed a weighted average system with baseline amounts increased for 2006-2007 by 2.9%.
- an analysis of Class Size for Grades K-5 was provided

UPDATE ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AS OF 01/17/06

Greg Giammarco prepared a report showing the "Comparison of Appropriations and Estimates for Petroleum Products" as of 12/31/05. The

October, 2005 report was updated to reflect current prices and the estimate on the impact for the overall budget shows an improvement of \$21,839 compared with the October report.

Prior to presentations of the 2006-2007 budget, there were questions from board members on the use of the fund balance. It was determined that an explanation on "unappropriated" and "appropriated" fund balances will be provided and discussed at a future budget meeting.

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON DEVELOPMENT

No one from the public attended.

2006-2007 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

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A. ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (MVB & MHG) PRESENTATION

Frank McKinney, Elementary Principal reviewed the Grade 3, 4 & 5 teacher requests.

B. PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Anthony Welcome, Primary School Principal, Patty Westover and Melissa Murray reviewed the requests that were beyond the Kindergarten and Grade 1 budgets:

(13) Listening Centers - approx \$3500

(7) Kidney Shaped Tables - approx \$2230

Calculators - approx \$1200

C. ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Ernie Waldman, Director commented on the variety of courses offered and the number of participants from 1995 to the present. Greg Giammarco reviewed the 2006-2007 Budget Summary which provided an analysis of the anticipated appropriations and revenues.

D. SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

Summer School - John Stickles, Principal - John reviewed this program with respect to the costs involved for staffing, administration costs, tuition charges, etc. John explained that the number of students who attend is an unknown figure.

Invitations - Frank McKinney, Director - Frank provided a review of this 20-day intervention program held during the summer - the board heard that this remediation program has made a significant difference in a number of student's reading scores.

LINKS - Bob McCloskey was not in attendance, however, it was explained that this 30-day program was established to prevent substantial

regression over the summer – a budget line will be held for this program as it is not known at this time whether the program will be offered.

ADDITIONAL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

- 01/24/06 - 7PM - ICMS LIBRARY (HS&MS Presentations)
- 01/31/06 - 7PM - ICMS LIBRARY (Department Presentations)
- 02/14/06 - 7PM - ICMS LIBRARY (Budget Forum Meeting)

MOTION HABER 2ND MARTIN

To adjourn tonight's budget meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Tamara N. Proniske, District Clerk