

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL
VALATIE, NEW YORK 12184

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

MAY 9, 2006

The ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING of the Ichabod Crane Central School Board of Education was held on TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006, at the Ichabod Crane Middle School, Valatie, New York at 7:00 p.m. The Budget Hearing was preceded by an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Bagnato.

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND REIS

To adjourn to Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals.

Carried, 6-0

MEMBERS PRESENT AT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gary Bagnato	Andrew Kramarchyk
Landra Haber	John Phillips
Edward Helfer	Kevin Reis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Edmund Brooks
William Martin
William Murphy, MD

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT AT EXECUTIVE SESSION

James Dexter, Superintendent
Karen McGraw, Assistant Superintendent
Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

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

MEMBERS PRESENT AT BUDGET HEARING

Gary Bagnato	Andrew Kramarchyk
Landra Haber	John Phillips
Edward Helfer	Kevin Reis
William Murphy, MD (<i>arrv 8:15</i>)	
William Martin (<i>arrv 9:55</i>)	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Edmund Brooks

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT AT BUDGET HEARING

James Dexter, Superintendent, Karen McGraw, Assistant Superintendent, Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator, William Schneider, High School Co-Principal & Meeting Chairman, and Tamara Proniske, District Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

(17) in Audience

William Schneider, who was appointed permanent meeting chairman at the May 2, 2006 Board Meeting, announced the fire exits and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Schneider 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."*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following residents spoke at the Budget Hearing:

Regina Rose, Inez Jacklin, Mark Leinung, Karen Horn, Jim DiGioia, Rosalie Johnson and Steve Rodder. Board members responded to a number of questions from the public on the proposed budget including: percent of increase in teacher salaries and benefits; tax levy increase, estimated increase in the tax rate and computation of equalization rates; the significant increase in special education costs; and, support for doing away with property tax to fund education.

MOTION HABER 2ND REIS

To dispense with the reading of the Annual Notice which was available for inspection from the District Clerk

Carried, 6-0

Chairman Schneider announced the time and place for voting as follows:

- Tuesday, May 16, 2006 between the hours of 8 a.m. & 9 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium, Valatie, New York

Chairman Schneider read the Qualification of Voters as follows:

1. A citizen of the United States
2. 18 years of age or older
3. A resident of the Ichabod Crane School District for at least thirty (30) days prior to the election
4. Voter registration is required for all residents of the district.

Chairman Schneider read the names of the Election Officials as follows:

INSPECTORS & ALTERNATES

Peggy Butcher (*Chief*)
 Mary Jane Beaucage
 Maureen Bonacker
 Dale Hallenbeck
 Caryl Skow
 Carol Pinkowski
 Tamara Proniske

ASSISTANT CLERKS & ALTERNATES

Mary Geiger Arlene Oldrich
 Pat McDermott Mena Mazure
 Stephanie Sager Mary Sager
 Phyllis Shafer Mary Eckel
 Terry Scarano Shirley McThenia
 Bev Hamecher Lisa Schmitt
 Tamara Proniske Nancy Connors

Chairman Schneider announced that three (3) seats are to be filled on the Board of Education as the terms of Edmund Brooks, Landra Haber and Kevin

Reis will expire on June 30, 2006. The District Clerk has received petitions from the following for nomination to the Board of Education:

- Andrew Pellettieri (*present*)
- Landra Haber (*present*)
- Kevin Reis (*present*)

Dr. Murphy arrived at 8:15 p.m.

Chairman Schneider presented the following Propositions:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2006-2007 Budget

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York be authorized to expend the total amount of \$33,901,740 during the school year 2005-2006 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – 2006-2007 Bus Proposal

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York be authorized to purchase SCHOOL BUSES during the 2006-2007 school year at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$358,000 and to raise said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary by levy of tax in annual installments on the taxable property of the District, and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue obligations of the District in accordance with the Local Finance Law?

Greg Giammarco explained the cyclical purchasing the district has used for replacing 4-5 buses every year. He stated we will receive 70% state aid on the cost of these buses.

PROPOSITION NO. 3 – 2006-2007 Front End Loader

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York be authorized to purchase a FRONT END LOADER during the 2006-2007 school year at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$130,000 and to raise said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary by levy of tax in annual installments on the taxable property of the District, and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue obligations of the District in accordance with the Local Finance Law?

The need for this particular snow removal equipment was explained. It will be used to replace a 1980 Dump Truck, used for snow plowing, which can no longer be repaired. The front end loader is designed to move snow and it will result in a more efficient use of time and labor on the part of our maintenance department.

The following documents were available for public inspection:

- Budget Summary (Component Budget)

- General Fund Expenditures
- Property Tax Report Card
- Audit Report
- ST-3 Annual Financial Report
- Public Disclosure of Compensation for Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent
- School District Report Card

Hearing no further questions, Chairman Schneider declared the Budget Hearing Closed at 9:10 p.m.

The following motion was presented at the conclusion of the Budget Hearing:

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND REIS

To adjourn to Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals

Carried, 6-0

MOTION REIS 2ND MURPHY

To appoint WILLIAM MURPHY, MD as Clerk Pro Tem.

Carried, 6-0

District Clerk, Tamara Proniske, left the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT AT EXECUTIVE:

James Dexter, Superintendent

Karen McGraw, Assistant Superintendent

Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

William Martin arrived at 9:55 p.m.

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

MOTION MARTIN 2ND HABER

To adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

Carried, 7-0

William Murphy, MD, Clerk Pro Tem

Tamara N. Proniske, District Clerk