

Ichabod Crane Central School District
Valatie, NY 12184

Football Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been approached on multiple occasions by community members who have advocated for a football team; and

WHEREAS, in response to these request, the Board of Education convened an Ad-Hoc athletic advisory committee composed of various stakeholders to study the educational, logistical and fiscal issue, and

WHEREAS; the committee has provided the Board with a comprehensive report along with a recommendation to begin a pilot program (contingent on outside funding),

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education will authorize a pilot program under the terms and conditions herein:

- The program is authorized to begin on a pilot basis. The district is authorized to begin planning for the establishment of a junior varsity team for the 2008-2009 school year, and upon receipt of \$58,904 by April 1, 2008, the district is authorized to request a schedule from Section II for the fall of 2008. Subsequently, no such schedule may be requested if the entire amount is not provided to the district on or before April 1, 2008.
- The Booster Club would be the "official" fund raising organization.
- The Superintendent is authorized to seek a formal agreement with the Town of Kinderhook to provide the use of town facilities, and to clarify logistical concerns. Final approval of an agreement with the town is necessary in order to begin the program.
- The Board can not, and does not make a commitment beyond the scope of this resolution, and therefore, can not make any promise or guarantee that the program will be incorporated into the general fund in the near future, or that that additional facilities and/or fields will be created or modified or such upgrades will be contained within the scope of a capital project to accommodate the program.
- The District is solely responsible for the administration of all aspects of the program, and the program must adhere to the same policies and procedures as all other district run athletic teams
- That the existence of the football team must be reviewed by the Board of Education in subsequent years and upon the conditions as set forth by a future Board of Education.

Questions and/or Concerns

Regarding the Football Proposal

- The anticipated estimate of \$ 5,000 for admissions income is based on previous year's attendance at home games. Over the past two seasons attendance has risen. The Section 2 schedule has Ichabod Crane playing four (4) home games [Cobleskill-Richmondville, Ravena, Hudson and Seton Catholic (Plattsburgh)] with the possibility of a fifth game when Section 2 and Cross-over games are announced for week eight of the season. Sales of 1250 adult tickets and 1250 student tickets over the five games would reach the goal.
- As for opposition to the idea of charging admission for football games, Ichabod Crane is one of the few teams in Section 2 that has not charged for football. The going rate is \$ 3.00 for adults and \$ 1.00 for students. We have charged admission for boys basketball games for over forty years. Discussions are currently being held regarding the possibility of charging admission to night varsity soccer games as well as to girls basketball games.
- Students are currently charged the same as adults (\$ 2.00) for basketball admissions.
- The Booster Club will man both entrances, therefore, there would be no need for the added expense of ticket takers. As for the establishment of entry gates, snow fencing would be used to establish the entrances and they would also be used in the event the district decided to charge for night soccer games.
- Although highly recommended, we are not "required" to have an elevated platform/press box for the game-clock operator and any announcing and/or video taping. For the 2009 – 10 football season the Booster Club spent \$ 1,190.59 for the rental of a scissors lift. During the 2010 – 11 football season the scissors lift was donated by Mario's. The Booster Club is in the process of securing a lift at no charge for the 2011 – 12 season.

Funding Proposal

for

Interscholastic Football

at Ichabod Crane

Prepared for:

Ichabod Crane Central School District Board of Education

Prepared by:

Ichabod Crane Booster Club

Ichabod Crane Football Committee

Ichabod Crane Athletic Administration

HISTORY

The Ichabod Crane Booster Club is a non-profit organization that was established many years ago for the purpose of enhancing, supporting and to advocate for the interscholastic sports programs offered to IC students. The Booster Club has a board made up of a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Currently, Dennis Shields is the president, Mike Myers is the Vice President, Sheri Fey is the secretary, and Sheri Alberti is the treasurer. Each of these positions serves a three year term and is elected by the members of the booster club. The group meets once a month on the third Monday in the high school library.

In 2006, Mr. Jim Dexter, superintendent at that time, formed an ad-hoc committee to study the addition of football to our school. Karen Horn and Chuck Shattenkirk, both co-presidents of the booster club at that time, along with Cheryl Trefzger and Mike Smith were asked to serve on that committee to aid in the discussion. Also on that committee, were various school administrators, community members, and it was chaired by Bill Schneider. After one year of meeting, a plan was crafted and presented to the Board on June 5, 2007 and a recommendation was made to establish a football pilot program.

On September 11, 2007, the board voted and passed a pilot program for football at Ichabod Crane. Attached is a copy of the resolution. This program was recommended to run for three consecutive school years with the approval of the Board of Education each year. A successful pilot program for football would demonstrate community support measured by attendance at the home games, being able to field the teams with the proper amount of student/athletes, and the Booster Club presenting the money needed to fund the program. A successful pilot program concluded at the end of the 2010 football season.

OBJECTIVE:

It was the hope of the Booster Club that the Football Program would be included in the 2011-2012 school budget. As this did not happen, the Booster Club is proposing the extension of the Football Pilot Program for an additional two years, commencing with the 2011-2012 school year.

GOAL:

Present a plan to the Board of Education that identifies necessary funds, timelines for payments, and an overview of the plans to raise these funds. The Athletic Administration has determined the amount of money needed in order to successfully run the interscholastic football program. It is requested, that the money raised be placed in a "Trust and Agency" account designated for football.

DETAILS:

The Booster Club would ask that the following be considered:

- The Booster Club would be recognized as the "official" fund raising organization and will form a special committee that will send a representative to each board meeting during the 2011-12 & 2012-13 school years for an update on the fund raising and upcoming events as well as field any direct questions any board member may have regarding the program.
 - This special committee will be called the **Ichabod Crane Football Committee** and will consist of four leaders that will work with the football team, family members and our community to raise the funds necessary to continue a pilot program for the next two years. The leaders of the committee for the 2011-12 school year are: Tricia Gerkman, Vicki Groat, Dee Spain, and Cheryl Trefzger. These four people will serve for one year on this committee and will report to the Booster Club all activities, turn over all monies collected (with the exception of gate receipts) at any event and those funds will be placed in a special account that is managed by the Booster Club's treasure, and attend board meetings with necessary updates. Gate receipt money will be turned over to the Athletic Director the night of the contest, who will then follow school district procedures (similar to those for basketball gate receipts) and deposit the money into the "Trust and Agency

Fund” on the next school day. Furthermore, this committee will handle all public relations to the community regarding updates on the future of the football pilot program and upcoming events.

The estimated funding needed for the football program for the 2011-12 school year is \$31,659, as determined by the Athletic Administration. A team of 55 student/athletes for JV and Varsity would then cost \$563.64 per player. Payment of the \$31,659 will be made as follows:

- A payment of \$ 17,000 will be paid by August 15, 2011. These funds are comprised of left over money from the 2010-11 school year \$7,981 and \$9,019 that was raised by the Booster Club. This will cover all aspects of the running the program with the exception of coaching salaries. This has been discussed with the coaches and they are in agreement.
- A second (final) payment of \$14,659 is due by the December 2011 Board meeting. The reason for this requested date is to give the Booster Club the upcoming season to fund raise. Conversations with the athletic director, confirm the program can commence on time with the \$17,000 initial payment.
 - The events planned for raising the \$14,659 will include but not limited to:
 - admission at home games (est. \$5,000)
 - The Booster Club will be responsible for the collection of admission charges and costs (tickets, staffing, etc.) associated with said collection. Plans call for two entrance ways, one by the main intersection of the Van Buren Complex and a second by the Primary School parking lot. At this time it is anticipated that the ticket prices will be similar to other schools in the area, \$1.00 for students and \$3.00 per adult, children under six will be admitted at no charge.
 - private donations (est. \$5,000)

- The Booster Club has already begun contact with private donors.
 - concessions (est. \$2,000)
 - Several food selections will be added to the concession for home games – pizza, peanuts, etc.
 - annual duck derby (est. \$5,000)
 - This event began two years ago and has become a tradition.
- In December 2011, it would be requested that two members of the board, the superintendent, athletic director and two representatives from the Booster Club meet to review the expenses of the program versus the amount of money raised. The expenses would be paid with the money in the trust and agency account.
- At the January 2012 Board meeting, a report would be generated to the board members to explain the expenses vs. the amount raised and a recommendation of the projected cost for the football program during the 2012-13 school year. A determination will be made as to whether or not the Booster Club can continue to fund raise for the 2012-13 school year.
 - With the approval to continue to fund raise for the 2012-13 school year, the Booster Club will present at the June 2012 Board meeting a plan for upcoming events.
 - With the guidance of the Athletic Director, it is anticipated that the amount of money needed to run the football program for the 2012-13 school year would be \$34,075. With that estimated figure in mind, the Booster Club will present 50% (\$17,038) at the August 2012 Board meeting. The remaining 50% will be presented at the November 2012 board meeting. This figure is subject to change due to money left over in the program's trust and agency account from the 2011-12 school year and increase or decrease in cost to run the program.

- In December 2012, it would be requested that two members of the board, the superintendent, athletic director and two representatives from the Booster Club meet to review the expenses vs. the amount raised.
- At the January 2013 Board meeting, a report would be generated to the board members to explain the expenses vs. revenue. Within 30 days after this meeting, the Booster Club request a mandatory meeting with the superintendent, athletic director, Ichabod Crane School Board, the Booster Club president, and the leaders of the football committee to discuss the inclusion of football into the 2013-14 budget without off setting revenue.

CONCLUSION:

The Booster Club is committed to two more years of fund raising and will look to the Board and the superintendent for guidance as to how to incorporate this pilot program into the athletic budget without off setting revenue in the near future. As we have all learned from recent events, the communication process with our community is critical. Since we cannot speak for future boards, we appeal to the process of how programs are added and deleted from our school and look for constant communication on the details and requirements needed by the Booster Club to ensure the success of this program in the future.

In conclusion we ask for the Board of Education's consideration to extend the current pilot football program for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years and respectfully ask that the Board consider the inclusion of this sport in the 2013-14 school budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Original football resolution
- 2011 – 2012 Football Budget
- 2012 – 2013 Proposed Football Budget
- Anticipated questions and/or concerns

Proposed Football Budget for the 2011-12 School Year

Coaching Salaries [4 (including TRS, FICA, Workman's Comp)].....	\$ 14,061
Chaperones (including TRS, FICA, Workman's Comp).....	951
Rescue Squad (28hrs/\$80 hr).....	2,240
Officials	2,600
Equipment Repair (Reconditioning).....	2,000
Uniform Reconditioning.....	100
Dues and Entry Fees.....	275
Technology Supplies.....	100
Materials and Supplies.....	800
Uniforms.....	500
Transportation (mileage, hours, meals).....	2,952
Maintenance.....	1,615
Insurance (55 players/\$63).....	3,465
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Total.....	\$ 31,659

Proposed Football Budget for the 2012-13 School Year

Coaching Salaries (including TRS, FICA, Workman's Comp)	\$ 15,000
Chaperones (including TRS, FICA, Workman's Comp).....	1,000
Rescue Squad	2,500
Officials	2,700
Equipment Repair (Reconditioning).....	2,100
Uniform Reconditioning.....	100
Dues and Entry Fees.....	275
Technology Supplies.....	100
Materials and Supplies.....	900
Uniforms.....	500
Transportation (mileage, hours, meals).....	3,300
Maintenance.....	2,000
Insurance	3,600
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Total.....	\$ 34,075