

Ichabod Crane Central School

2011-2012 Board of Education Candidates

Three (3) vacancies are to be filled on the Ichabod Crane Board of Education. Two vacancies are for three (3) years as the terms of John Phillips and Andrew Kramarchyk will expire June 30, 2011. One vacancy is for a three (3) year term as a board member resigned during his term and the interim appointment of John Chandler will expire May 17, 2011.

The election will be held on May 17, along with the budget vote.

Those set to run, in the order they will appear on the ballot, are Cheryl Francoeur Trefzger, Susan Ramos, John Chandler, and Andrew Kramarchyk. Landra Haber is a write-in candidate

Below are profiles of each candidate (as submitted by the candidates).

Cheryl Francoeur Trefzger

My name is Cheryl Francoeur Trefzger and I am seeking a seat on the Ichabod Crane School Board. I have lived in the district since 1996 along with my husband Ron and together we have 3 children – one is serving our country as a Marine, one in college and another in high school. Many of you may know me because of my extensive involvement with the IC athletic department. I firmly believe that every student should have a right to select from a plethora of extra-curricular activities. I would also like to see our school lunch program revamped and balance out the food choices and cost.

As a taxpayer, my goal is to help this community clearly understand our tax levy and how budget expenses work. Getting our entire community involved is critical to success because education is a business and its customer is our children.

My expertise is in finance and marketing with over 20 years of professional experience. I have been actively involved in the elementary PTA, middle school PTSA, and High School Booster Club. Why choose me for a seat? I will make a difference and will support the needs of our students and community!

Susan Ramos

My name is Susan Ramos and I would be honored to serve on the School Board. My 30+ year's career working with children demonstrates my abilities and passion required for the duties as a Board member for the district.

During my 10 years as board member for the CD Child Care Coordinating Council, I was an executive member for 6. I was founder and President of the NYS School-Age Care Coalition for 10 years which emphasized on quality educational programming, training, and accreditation. I hold a BSE in Physical Education and a MS Ed. in School District Administration.

As Executive Director for 14 years at Greenbush Child Caring, Inc., I was responsible for developing & managing budgets, human resources, and assuring the delivery high quality programming.

I am a taxpayer whose child attends the Primary School. I volunteer in classrooms, for special events, and for school banking. I am a non-voting member of the ICC's Board's Audit and Finance Committee.

My goal for the board is to assure our district children receive a quality education with high standards for academic performance which will ensure their success for the future while being fiscally prudent and receptive to the taxpayers and community.

John Chandler

I have lived in the Town of Kinderhook since 1999. My wife is a teacher and we have 3 young children attending Ichabod Crane. I am a 1986 graduate of Hudson High School and went on to attain my JD and MBA from Albany Law School and Union University. I am currently a Vice President and Sr. Trust Officer of Ballston Spa National Bank.

I believe the value of any educator's job is second only to parenting and that the foundation of a well-rounded, caring, responsible, and productive adult member of any community is based on both his or her family support and involvement and the education and experiences realized from early childhood through becoming a young adult.

I was appointed to my current term as a member of the School Board of Education of Ichabod Crane, and am seeking election for a second full-term.

Andrew Kramarchyk

Andrew Kramarchyk, 49 of Stockport, is running for his third term on the Board of Education. First elected in 2005, and reelected in 2008, Mr. Kramarchyk served as Vice President of the board in 2008 and 2009, and as President in 2010. In addition to these board leadership positions Mr. Kramarchyk has served on the Facilities, Athletic Ad-Hoc, Negotiations, and Communications Committees. He has also served as the Kinderhook Central School District's representative at several NYSSBA State Legislative Network conferences. Mr. Kramarchyk has been a resident of the Ichabod Crane district since 1998, and has seen his two children graduate from ICC: Katerina in 2006, and Demetrius in 2009.

Mr. Kramarchyk attended Hudson Valley Community College, and Siena College, and has worked in the distribution and transportation industry for over 20 years. He currently serves as the Distribution Center Manager for Empire Merchants North, in Coxsackie. Mr. Kramarchyk has had a long history of volunteerism in the community. He taught second and tenth grade catechism at St. John's Church for many years, and he was a coach, officer and President in the Northern Columbia Little League for several years; he was also the co-founder and Vice-President of Northern Columbia Travel Baseball. In addition Mr. Kramarchyk had previously coached CYO basketball and Pop Warner football here in Northern Columbia County. Mr. Kramarchyk served as the President of North Colonie Pop Warner, and coached both baseball and football in the Latham area prior to moving to Kinderhook.

Landra Haber (Write-in Candidate)

I am running for the school board as a write-in candidate because I believe that, in times of economic hardship, the district must focus its limited resources on maintaining core academic program. Since this involves sacrifices at every turn, an on-going dialog with the entire community is absolutely essential. The current board did a superb job of establishing this dialog, but it got derailed at the last minute. If elected, I will do everything in my power to help re-establish this dialog and regain the trust of the community.

I moved to the district with my family nearly 20 years ago and served on the Ichabod board from 1997-2009. I have four adult children and two grandchildren. My sons graduated from Ichabod. I am now retired, but I spent much of my career working for nonprofit educational and child advocacy organizations. Children are and always have been my top priority.

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