

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11, 2006

The regular meeting was convened by President Bagnato.

MOTION REIS 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve the regular meeting agenda with additions and/or modifications as presented.

Carried, 6-0

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND REIS

To approve the 06/06/06 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes as prepared

Bagnato	YES	PELLETTIERI	ABSTAIN
KRAMARCHYK	YES	PHILLIPS	YES
MARTIN	YES	REIS	YES

Carried, 5-0-1

MOTION MARTIN 2^N REIS

To approve the 06/20/06 – Special Board Meeting Minutes as prepared

BAGNATO	YES	PELLETTIERI	ABSTAIN
KRAMARCHYK	YES	PHILLIPS	YES
MARTIN	YES	REIS	YES

Carried, 5-0-1

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No one asked to speak

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

- Information on policies on tonight’s agenda – a public hearing will be held for the proposed revisions to the Attendance and Code of Conduct Policy on August 1st. Two policies will have their first readings: proposed revision to the Graduation policy and the new proposed Student Wellness policy
Jim thanked the members of the Wellness Policy Sub Committee for all of their efforts.
- Reports were heard from the following: Melissa Murray – 127 students are participating in the Invitations Program; John Stickles – 120 unduplicated students are attending summer school with 44 students enrolled in Driver Education; Bill Schneider – distributed June Regents Results; Todd DiGrigoli – shared statistics on the lunch program (*cafeteria served 8,188 more lunches than last year*) and said that student and adult lunch prices will be increased by \$.05.

SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE – Steve Marotta updated the board with regard to options for the district’s snow removal needs. Option 1 was to continue to hire loader services from local excavators as needed throughout the winter months. Option 2 was to rent a loader and push box for the snow season. A lengthy discussion was held with a number of considerations being discussed,

i.e., costs involved with both options including amount of overtime incurred by the maintenance department; the lack of a district-owned vehicle that can "push" snow that would reduce plowing time; whether we could lease equipment with an option to buy. After considerable debate the board decided in order to meet the snow removal needs, a "push box" would be purchased, using supply money out of Steve's budget, and a loader would be rented. Andy Pellettieri noted however, that he would prefer to continue the current practice under Option 1 due to the unpredictability of the amount of snow we may actually receive during the winter.

At this point, John Phillips took the opportunity to comment on the recent event held on our new fields by the USA Track & Field Association. John complimented Steve Marotta and his department for the way in which the fields were maintained and said he heard a number of positive comments on how good the facilities were.

NEW VISION PROGRAMS - Dave Leavitt, QUESTAR Career and Technical Education Program Director was in attendance to speak to the board regarding their decision not to participate in the New Visions Program for 2006-2007. He also answered questions about the change in the billing policy which would now include the New Visions Program as part of our CTE programs. In the past, ICC would only pay for the students that attended the New Visions Program and there was a separate budget line item for that tuition billing. This program was eliminated from the 2006-2007 budget, however one student was interested in attending.

A lengthy discussion was held. Dave Leavitt provided a description of the four New Vision Programs offered, the enrollment statistics, ICC's share of the costs for the past five years and colleges attended by ICC New Vision graduates. After a thorough review of all the information provided, it was determined that ICC would not participate for the 2006-2007 school year.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS:

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 05/31/06</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$6,029,103.31	\$6,120,065.74
CAPITAL FUND	833,714.31	819,646.32
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	311,601.98	268,876.45
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	3,629.17	40,136.53
SPECIAL AID FUND	582,391.47	679,369.61
CON NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	130.18	280.48

MOTION MARTIN 2ND REIS

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented
Carried 6-0

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2ND MARTIN

To extend tonight's meeting at 10:00 p.m. for an additional 30 minutes

BAGNATO	YES	PELLETTIERI	YES
KRAMARCHYK	YES	PHILLIPS	YES
MARTIN	YES	REIS	ABSTAIN

Carried, 5-0-1

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

SEMI-ANNUAL CONDUCT REPORT - 2005-2006

Conduct Report - a summary of the referrals for the period of January through June 2006 by building was reviewed with administration.

1. Proposed Revision to Conduct Policy #5310 - a number of changes were recommended in response to issues encountered during the year and they were reviewed with the board. New wording has been added that will allow law enforcement entities to search the middle and high school for drugs including the use of bio-sensor K-9 units.

REVIEW OF ATTENDANCE POLICY #5100

Annual Attendance Report - Percentages for Attendance Rates, Number of Student Absences and Student Tardiness for the past three years for each building was distributed. Jim Dexter indicated that he will be proposing procedures to address excessive student absences.

1. Proposed Revision to Policy #5100 - One addition to the attendance policy will now stipulate that students must be present in school to participate in after-school or evening activities. The policy does allow the building Principal to hear appeals and to allow participation if warranted.

A hearing to adopt the above policies will be held on August 1, 2006

READING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

1. STUDENT WELLNESS POLICY - PROPOSED POLICY - #5600 (New)
1st Reading: July 11, 2006
2. GRADUATION POLICY - PROPOSED REVISION - POLICY #4700
1st Reading: July 11, 2006

MOTION MARTIN 2ND KRAMARCHYK

To approve the following motions contained under the Consent Agenda:

7(A) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, JENNIFER WELCOME to the probationary position of K-6 Elementary teacher, effective August 30, 2006

- 7(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, HOLLY KLEIN to the probationary position of Speech & Hearing Handicapped Therapist, effective August 30, 2006
- 7(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, additional individuals to the following lists for the 2006-2007 school year:
➤ Team Leaders, Grade Level & District-Wide Department Chairpersons
➤ Extra-class Activity Advisors & Annual Appointments
- 7(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL
To approve, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, Non-Teaching Substitutes (Clerical) per the attached listing, effective 7/11/06
- 7(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL
To approve additional Speech and Psychology Services for Summer, 2006 as follows:
 - (20) additional days for Psychology Services (divided among Sy Balsen, Laura Sarno and Maggie Russom)
 - 6 week Speech Therapy program (Nina Stegman - 2 half days/week)
- 7(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL
To approve, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, up to (3) three days per week for administrative support at the High School for PAUL THOMPSON, effective July 5, 2006 through August 25, 2006
- 7(G) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2006-2007 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 06/22/06 & 06/26/06
- 7(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL
To approve the Superintendent of Schools to fill vacant positions in anticipation of appointment for the 2006-2007 school year.
- 7(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION
To approve a 2005-2006 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY for (19) students attending a private schools within the district (Albany Academy for Girls and Albany Academy for Boys, the Doane Stuart School and the Academy of Holy Names) in the amount of \$10,233.78 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract.
- 7(J) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the High School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report as of the following dates:
HIGH SCHOOL AS OF 03/31/06 AS OF 04/30/06 AS OF 05/31/06

7(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve a request submitted by NICOLE NAEF for an extension of a Child Rearing Leave through the 1st semester of 2006-2007

7(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, per Part 174 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Tuition Rates Actual for 2004-2005 and Estimated Tuition Rates for 2005-2006 as follows: _

<u>TUITION RATES ACTUAL - 2004-2005:</u>	<u>TUITION RATES ESTIMATED - 2005-2006</u>
FULL DAY GRADES K-6 - \$4,497	FULL DAY GRADES K-6 - \$5,714
GRADES 7-12 -\$5,282	GRADES 7-12 - \$5,982
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS:</u>	<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS:</u>
FULL DAY K-6 (60% OF DAY) - \$18,083	FULL DAY K-6 (60% OF DAY) - \$29,776
FULL DAY K-6 (20% OF DAY) - \$11,690	FULL DAY K-6 (20% OF DAY) - \$18,453
GRADES 7-12 (60% OF DAY) - \$18,868	GRADES 7-12 (60% OF DAY) - \$30,044
GRADES 7-12 (20% OF DAY) - \$12,475	GRADES 7-12 (20% OF DAY) - \$18,721

7(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To establish fees related to the leasing of School Buses, per Board Policy #8416-E, effective 7/1/06, as follows:

BUS DRIVER	\$38/Hour
MILEAGE	\$ 2/Mile

7(N) AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESIDENT TO SIGN

To authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the following document:

- Architectural contract related to the Bus Lift Replacement Project
- Architectural contract related to the MHG Fuel Tank Replacement Project

7 (O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To establish the rate of pay for Driver Education Instructors, for the 2006 Summer School, as \$25.00, effective July 6, 2006

7(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT (*mailed w/agenda*)

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, *additional* Non-Teaching Substitutes (2006 Summer Maintenance Work Staff)

CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED, 6-0

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8(A) MOTION MARTIN 2ND REIS

To approve a salary of \$110,006, which reflects an increase of 3.25%, for Karen McGraw, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 and to authorize the President to execute the employment agreement

8(B) MOTION REIS 2ND KRAMARCHYK
To adopt the Charter for the Ichabod Crane Board of Education's Audit Committee which was established in accordance with §2116-c of Education Law at the 8/23/05 Board Meeting.
Carried, 6-0

8(C) MOTION KRAMARCHYK 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
(9) (Final)	Stilsing Electric	\$41,703.64	Electrical Contract

Carried, 6-0

8(D) MOTION MARTIN 2ND REIS
To approve a continuation of the merger of the Ichabod Crane Girls' Swim Team with the Hudson City Schools Girls' Swim Team in Section II for the 2006-2007 school year, and to authorize the President of the Board to execute the agreement.
Carried, 6-0

8(E) MOTION REIS 2ND MARTIN
To create, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, a (1.0 FTE) Instructional Aide position, effective for the 2006-2007 school year
Carried, 6-0

8(F) MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND MARTIN
To approve, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, a three-year agreement between Ichabod Crane Central School and KENDALL MEREDITH, Occupational Therapist, at a rate of:
- \$ 46.78 per hour for the 2006-2007 school year
- \$ 49.12 per hour for the 2007-2008 school year
- \$ 51.08 per hour for the 2008-2009 school year
and to authorize the President of the Board to execute the agreement.
Carried, 6-0

8(G) MOTION MARTIN 2ND KRAMARCHYK
To approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Ichabod Crane Board of Education and the Ichabod Crane Teacher's Association for the establishment of Job Sharing, and to authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement.
Carried, 6-0

8(H) MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2ND PHILLIPS
To approve a transportation lease agreement request submitted by the Village of Kinderhook for use of one (1) school bus for various field trips to be taken in conjunction with their Summer Recreation Program from 7/6/06-8/18/06.

8(I) MOTION REIS 2ND MARTIN

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of the following from Anthony Welcome, to be used in the Primary School Secretarial Office Area: (1) Gold Star Air-Conditioner

Carried, 6-0

8(J) MOTION REIS 2ND MARTIN

To authorize all Board of Education members to attend any and all Executive Sessions convened by the Board of Education Audit Committee

Carried, 6-0

LISTING OF MEETING DATES, DISTRIBUTIONS, NEXT AGENDA TOPICS
MEETINGS:

08/01 (Tue) - Regular Board Meeting - MS Library - 7PM

08/22 (Tue) - Special Board Meeting - MS Library - 7 PM (*Tax Warrant*)

TOPICS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

- Public Hearing - Revision to Attendance Policy & Code of Conduct

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No one asked to speak

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(A Board of Education may meet in Executive Session under certain circumstances upon a majority vote of the total membership to discuss matters related to collective bargaining-negotiations, personnel matters, proposed, pending, or current litigation, real property, public safety, certain aspects related to law enforcement or the preparation, grading or administration of examinations.)

MOTION REIS 2ND MARTIN

To adjourn to Executive Session at 10:40 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular individuals

Carried, 6-0

MOTION REIS 2ND MARTIN

To appoint WILLIAM MARTIN 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

Greg Giammarco, Business Administrator

Board Members left Executive Session to return to the Middle School Library at 11:45 p.m.

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2ND REIS
To adjourn the meeting at 11:49 p.m.
Carried, 6-0

William Martin, Clerk Pro Tem

Tamara N. Proniske, District Clerk