

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

APRIL 14, 2015

MINUTES

A Special Budget Meeting of the Ichabod Crane Central School Board was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 in the Ichabod Crane High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

All Board Members Present:

Kyle Aschenbrenner	John Chandler	Tricia Gerkman
Barbara-anne Johnson-Heimroth	Bruce Naramore	Jeffrey Ouellette
Susan Ramos	Cheryl Trefzger	Anthony Welcome
Samantha Hessler – Student Member on the Board		

School Officials Present:

George Zini, Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, Craig Shull, High School Principal, Tim Farley, Middle/Elementary School Principal, Anthony Marturano, Middle/Elementary School Assistant Principal, Suzanne Guntlow Primary School Principal, Robert McCloskey, Special Education Director, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Board President Anthony Welcome called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Board President Anthony Welcome announced the fire exits and conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Susan Ramos read the District Mission Statement:

*"The Ichabod Crane Central School District is dedicated to preparing students to become contributing members of society in an ever-changing world by valuing diversity; providing a safe environment; and promoting unique talents, a desire for life-long learning, a strong spirit of community, and Rider pride."*

MOTION NARAMORE 2<sup>ND</sup> ASCHENBRENNER

To approve the agenda as presented

Carried, 9-0

Board President Anthony Welcome welcomed audience members to the Budget meeting.

Superintendent George Zini gave a powerpoint presentation on the proposed 2015-2016 school year budget of \$37,552,000 which represents a 2.59% tax levy increase and a \$1,769,494 budget-to-budget increase. Superintendent Zini also outlined a bus purchase proposition for four new buses at a maximum cost of \$319,000.

Meeting Open For Public Participation on Development of the 2015-2016 Budget

Three members of the public addressed the Board on the budget:

Matthew Nelson, Carrie Dugan and Jim DiGioia

Board Discussion

The Board discussed the following:

- Equipment replacement
- Facilities Committee's District repair list and five-year plan
- Roof repairs
- Middle School Library design upgrade
- Debt service

MOTION NARAMORE 2<sup>ND</sup> RAMOS

To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2015-2016 Budget as recommended by Administration as follows:

Shall the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York be authorized to expend the total amount of **\$37,552,000** during the school year 2015-2016 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

Carried, 9-0

MOTION RAMOS 2<sup>ND</sup> TREFZGER

To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #2, the 2015-2016 Bus Proposal as recommended by Administration as follows:

Shall the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District, Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, New York be authorized to (1) acquire **four(4)** SCHOOL BUSES, at a maximum aggregate cost of **\$319,000**; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy of the necessary tax therefore (and to pay interest thereon), to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issuance of bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed **\$319,000**?

Carried, 9-0

Regular Meetings:

04/21 (Tue) – Special Board Meeting – 7:00pm – High School Library (Questar III Vote and Election)

05/05 (Tue) – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00pm – HS Library

06/02 (Tue) - Regular Board Meeting – 7:00pm – HS Library

Budget Meetings:

05/12 (Tue) Budget Hearing – 7PM – HS Auditorium (Meet the Candidates-7:30PM)

05/19 (Tue) Annual Meeting – Budget Vote and Election – 8am-9pm – High School

Committee Meetings:

04/21 (Tue) - Policy Committee – 5:00pm – Central Office

05/05 (Tue) - Audit/Finance Committee – 5:30pm – Central Office

05/12 (Tue) - Policy Committee – 5:00pm – Central Office

MOTION NARAMORE 2<sup>ND</sup> TREFZGER

To adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Carried, 9-0

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Mindy M. Potts  
District Clerk