

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 8, 2014

MINUTES

A Special Budget Meeting of the ICHABOD CRANE Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Board Members Present:

Kyle Aschenbrenner	John Chandler	Barbara-anne Johnson-Heimroth
Bruce Naramore	Jeffrey Ouellette (<i>arrived 7:30pm</i>)	
Susan Ramos	Cheryl Trefzger	Anthony Welcome

Board Members Absent:

Tricia Gerkman

School Officials Present:

George Zini, Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, William Schneider, High School Principal, Tim Farley, Middle/Elementary School Principal, Craig Shull, Middle/Elementary School Assistant Principal, Suzanne Guntlow Primary School Principal, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Board President Anthony Welcome called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Board Member Bruce Naramore 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 TREFZGER 2ND RAMOS

To approve the agenda as presented

Carried 7-0

Board President Anthony Welcome noted this was a Special Board meeting and welcomed the public to the meeting to consider the adoption of the 2014-2015 budget. Development of the budget began in January and has been discussed at Regular Board meetings and at the Special Budget meeting held on March 25.

Superintendent Presentation 2014-2015 Budget

Superintendent George Zini gave a powerpoint presentation on the proposed 2014-2015 budget.

Board Member Jeffrey Ouellette arrived at the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Open For Public Participation on Development of the 2014-2015 Budget

Four members of the public addressed the Board:

- Matthew Nelson – Universal PreK at Ichabod Crane
- Jim DiGioia – general comments on the budget
- Justin Nemes – Capital project and its effect on the current high school students
- Peter McCowan – Repairs and facilities issues in the district

Board Discussion

The Board asked questions and discussed the following topics:

- High School Science teacher
- The budget development process

Consideration of Motions

(Proposition #3 is the Capital Project already BOE approved on 2/25/14 to go on the ballot for Voter approval)

MOTION NARAMORE 2ND ASCHENBRENNER

To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2014-2015 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 **\$35,782,506** during the school year 2014-2015 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

Carried, 8-0

MOTION CHANDLER 2ND NARAMORE

To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #2, the 2014-2015 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 **five(5)** SCHOOL BUSES, at a maximum aggregate cost of **\$372,500**; (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 **\$372,500**?

Carried, 8-0

MOTION CHANDLER 2ND ASCHENBRENNER

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE KINDERHOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (the "District") that the following PROPOSITION (#4) shall be presented to the voters of the District at the annual meeting of the District:

Shall the Board of Education have an ex-officio **student member**, who shall be a student attending Ichabod Crane High School, which student member shall be entitled to sit with Board members at and participate in all public Board meetings and hearings, but shall **not** be (1) allowed to vote or attend executive sessions of the Board, and (2) entitled to receive compensation in any form for participating at Board meetings?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include notice of such proposition in the notice of the annual District meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

Carried, 8-0

MOTION TREFZGER 2ND RAMOS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE KINDERHOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (the "District") that the following PROPOSITION (#5) shall be presented to the voters of the District at the annual meeting of the District:

Shall the Kinderhook Central School District provide for the **registration of voters** from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on school days at the Office of the District Clerk in the Central Office of the School District?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include notice of such proposition in the notice of the annual District meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.
Carried, 8-0

Board President Anthony Welcome noted that the May 20 vote would also include Board member elections. Three three-year terms on the Board of Education will expire June 30, 2014. Community members interested in running for the Board of Education may contact the District Clerk for a candidate petitions. All candidate petitions must include the signatures of 34 qualified voters and are due back to the office of the District Clerk before April 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Executive Session

MOTION NARAMORE 2ND RAMOS

To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law and to discuss the employment history of particular individuals and matters leading to the discipline of a particular person at 7:53 p.m.

Carried, 8-0

Board President Anthony Welcome volunteered to serve as Clerk Pro Tem. There was no dissent from other Board members.

Others present at Executive Session:

George Zini, Superintendent and Michael Brennan, Business Manager

The District Clerk left the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION RAMOS 2ND NARAMORE

RESOLVED, to approve the issuance of Civil Service Law, Section 75 disciplinary charges against a CSEA employee, as discussed in executive session and to authorize the Board president to sign the same on behalf of the Board

Carried, 8-0

MOTION ASCHENBRENNER 2ND JOHNSON-HEIMROTH

To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Carried, 8-0

X

Anthony Welcome
Clerk Pro Tem

X

Mindy M. Potts
District Clerk