

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 6, 2015

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Ichabod Crane School Board was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Board Members Present:

Kyle Aschenbrenner	John Chandler	Bruce Naramore
Jeffrey Ouellette	Susan Ramos	Anthony Welcome
Samantha Hessler – Student Member on the Board		

Board Members Absent:

Tricia Gerkman	Barbara-anne Johnson-Heimroth	Cheryl Trefzger
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School Officials Present:

George Zini, Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, Craig Shull, High School Principal, Daniel Farley, Assistant 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Board member Kyle Aschenbrenner 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 2ND CHANDLER

To approve the agenda with modifications as presented.

Carried, 6-0

MOTION CHANDLER 2ND ASCHENBRENNER

To approve the minutes of the 12/02/14 Regular Meeting

KYLE ASCHENBRENNER - YES	CHANDLER - YES	GERKMAN - ABSENT
JOHNSON-HEIMROTH – ABSENT	NARAMORE - ABSTAIN	OUELLETTE – NO
RAMOS – YES	TREFZGER - ABSENT	WELCOME - YES

Failed, 4-1-1

Meeting Open for Public Participation

Four members of the public addressed the Board:

- Peter Woodward – in favor of approving the Veterans' Tax Exemption
- Anne Pulver – question regarding use/misuse of district vehicles by employees off campus
- Bob Cramer – in favor of approving the Veterans' Tax Exemption
- Jim DiGioia – in favor of approving the Veterans' Tax Exemption

Reports/Presentations/Updates

The following faculty presented to the Board on the ELA Program at Ichabod Crane

- ELA Program Presentation

The Board heard from teachers at each school level regarding the ELA Program at Ichabod Crane:

- Jennifer Welcome (for Maryann Gorke), grades K-3
- Jennifer Rickert, grades 4-8
- Connie Melone, grades 9-12

- Social Studies Program Presentation

The Board heard from teachers at each school level regarding the Social Studies Program at Ichabod Crane:

- Jennifer Welcome, grades K-3
- Lara Marotta And Bob Hanna, grades 4-8
- Patrick Sanger, grades 9-12

- Permission to Plan – Spanish Club Trip
Spanish Club Advisor, Lisa Duffek and two officers of the Spanish Club request permission to plan an overnight trip to New York City. The Board gave permission to plan.

Superintendent's Report – Administrators' Comments

Superintendent George Zini reported briefly on the following:

- Update on BOCES OPEB: the District is being asked to approve an agreement with Questar III to address the repayment of the Fund Surplus (under the Consent Agenda)

Committee Meeting ReportsPolicy Committee Meeting

The following policies are considered to have one reading:

Second Reading:

- 0000 Educational Philosophy (revised)
- 6700 Purchasing (revised)
- 7320 Selection of Architect or Engineer (delete)
- 6741 Contracting for Professional Services (new)

Third Reading:

- 5305 Extra Curricular Eligibility (revise)
- 5305A Extra Curricular Eligibility (delete)
- 4600 Guidance Programs (revise)
- 7310 Educational Specifications (delete)
- 8134 Emergency Closings (delete)
- 0320-C Superintendent Timeline (revise)

Facilities Committee Meeting

Board President Anthony Welcome reported briefly on the Facilities Committee meeting held on December 16, 2014 where the committee reviewed the Five Year Plan and discussed options for the new electronic sign.

Audit Finance Committee

Board member Susan Ramos briefly reported on the Audit Finance Committee meeting held just prior to this Regular Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of Warrants:

MOTION RAMOS 2ND ASCHENBRENNER *(full report contained in Supplemental File)*

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented

Carried, 6-0

Consent Agenda

MOTION NARAMORE 2ND RAMOS

To accept the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Michael Schunk, Custodian, effective December 31, 2014

11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Larry Taber, Cleaner, effective February 20, 2015

11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:
Meeting Dates of: 12/04/14, 12/16/14, 12/17/14, 12/18/14, 12/19/14

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following *additions* to the NON-teaching substitute listing for 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Michelle Malchow	Food Service Helper Substitute and Clerical Substitute	01/06/15

11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following *additions* to the teaching substitute listing for 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Paul Giammarco	Uncertified Substitute Teacher/TA	01/06/15
Kimberly Stevens	Certified Substitute Teacher/TA	01/30/15
Deb Prendergast	Uncertified Teacher	12/16/14
Kirsten Schertel	Uncertified Teacher	12/17/14
David Ames	Tutor	01/05/15

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, *additional*/EXTRA-CLASS ACTIVITY ADVISORS for the 2014-2015 school year as listed:

Position	Name
Select Band Advisor	Amy Giammattei (effective 1/6/15, replacing Jen Edwards)
Odyssey of the Mind Advisor	David Vona

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following Interscholastic Coaches Appointments for the 2014-2015 school year:

Position	Name
Unpaid Assistant Indoor Track and Field Assistant Coach (winter)	Demetrius Kramarchyk
Unpaid Assistant Outdoor Track and Field Assistant Coach (spring)	

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT *(full agreement contained in Supplemental File)*

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Jeremiah Butler as Network Systems Support Aide, effective January 6, 2015

11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an FMLA leave of absence for employee #992 for the period commencing on or about March 26, 2015 and continuing for six weeks

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an FMLA leave of absence for employee #1493 for the period commencing on or about June 11, 2015 and continuing through January 4, 2016

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip request and chaperones per Board Policy #4531:
 DESTINATION: Boston, MA (Senior Class Trip)
 DATE: June 5-8, 2015
 PARTICIPANTS: approx. 50 students
 CHAPERONES: 4-5 including Elizabeth Muth and Nancy Konkle (Senior Class Advisors)

11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Music Department of \$100 from Paula Rousseau and to approve an increase in the 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$100 from \$35,785,667 to \$35,785,767 and to increase the following Appropriation Codes:
 A 2110-510-04-2100 – in the amount of \$100

11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE *(full report contained in Supplemental File)*

To accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report as presented

11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE *(full report contained in Supplemental File)*

To accept the High School and Middle School Extra-classroom Activity Fund Report as of the following date(s):

Account Balance: AS OF 10/31/14
 \$ 89,499.26

Account Balance: AS OF 11/30/14
 \$ 100,804.81

11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION

To adopt the following policies pursuant to Board Policy #2410 – Formulation, Adoption and Amendment of Policies:

- 5305 Extra Curricular Eligibility (revise)
- 5305A Extra Curricular Eligibility (delete)
- 4600 Guidance Programs (revise)
- 7310 Educational Specifications (delete)
- 8134 Emergency Closings (delete)
- 0320-C Superintendent Timeline (revise)

11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, designated staff members as Dignity Act Coordinators for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Amy Stephenson - Primary School
- Dale Tuczinski - Middle and Elementary Schools
- Dan Farley, Penny Barlow and Jean Barford - High School

11(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To increase the hourly rate of pay for support staff substitutes and occasional employees in accordance with the NYS minimum wage requirements for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Food Service Helper	\$8.75/HOUR <i>(previous rate established at the 7/8/14 Org Mtg was \$8.25/Hr)</i>

11(R) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION *(full agreement contained in Supplemental File)*

To authorize the President to execute the following agreement:

- Questar III – Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement

11(S) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Carly Wills to the probationary position of Food Service Helper (2.5 hour) effective January 7, 2015

11(T) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERNS for the period of time listed as follows:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATES
Nicole Spencer	Alyson Yoder	January 13 – May 1, 2015

11(U) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION

To authorize the President to execute the following agreement:

- COARC – January-June 2015 – Special Education Preschool Services *(full agreement contained in Supplemental File)*

11(V) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To increase Jennifer Sweet's part-time position as Bus Driver from 2.0(hrs) to 4.0(hrs), effective January 6, 2015

11(W) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To increase Jamie Craig's part-time position as Bus Driver from 2.0(hrs) to 4.0(hrs), effective January 6, 2015

11(X) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip request per Board Policy #4531:
 DESTINATION: Dartmouth College – Invitational Track Relay Meet
 DATE: January 10, 2015
 PARTICIPANTS: 6 – Indoor Track Athletes
 CHAPERONES: 3 – Indoor Track Coaches

11(Y) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip request per Board Policy #4531:
 DESTINATION: West Point
 DATE: January 10, 2015
 PARTICIPANTS: JV and Varsity Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams
 CHAPERONES: Chris Muller and Phil Leader, JV Coaches

And to further approve the following parent chaperones for this trip:
 Tim Ragosta, Steve Vandenburg, and Mark Halpin

End of Consent Agenda
 Carried, 6-0

MOTION RAMOS 2ND ASCHENBRENNER

WHEREAS, the Kinderhook Central School District ("District") is the owner of an oil painting by artist Samantha Littlefield Huntley, the painting being of Martin H. Glynn who was Governor of New York State from 1913-1914 ("Painting"); and

WHEREAS, the District has made a loan of the Painting to the Village of Valatie ("Village") for display in Village offices; and

WHEREAS, the Village offices are now located in the Martin H. Glynn building which was a former District school building; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Village wish to clarify the terms of the continuing loan of the Painting to the Village:

It is now resolved as follows:

- 1 The District agrees to continue the loan of the Painting to the Village, until such time as (a) the Village no longer uses the Martin H. Glynn building as Village offices; (b) the Village no longer continues to display the Painting at such Village offices.
- 2 Ownership of the Painting shall remain with the District and the District may retake possession of the Painting at any time, for any reason, in its sole discretion.
- 3 The Village agrees to properly maintain the Painting and to provide appropriate security for the Painting, both with sufficient specialization as this historical Painting warrants.
- 4 This resolution shall be subject to annual review by the district

The Board tabled the resolution until the next meeting pending clarification of the wording, "both with sufficient specialization as this historical Painting warrants"

Public Participation

No one from the public wished to address the Board at this time.

Executive Session

MOTION NARAMORE 2ND RAMOS

To adjourn to Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular individual

Carried, 6-0

Board President Anthony Welcome volunteered to serve as Clerk Pro Tem. None of the other Board members objected.

The District Clerk left the meeting.

Others present at Executive Session: Superintendent George Zini

The meeting was reconvened in open session at 9:50 p.m.

MOTION NARAMORE 2ND RAMOS

Resolved to approve the stipulation of agreement between the District, Mattias Nordgren and the Ichabod Crane Teachers Association and to authorize the Board President to execute the same on behalf of the District.

Carried, 6-0

MOTION CHANDLER 2ND ASCHENBRENNER

To adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Carried, 6-0

Meetings:

Regular Meetings:

01/20 (Tue) – Special Board Meeting – 7:00pm – High School Library

02/03 (Tue) – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00pm – High School Library

Committee Meetings:

01/13 (Tue) Policy Committee – 5:00pm – Central Office

02/03 (Tue) Audit/Finance Committee – 5:30pm – Central Office

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Anthony Welcome
Clerk Pro Tem

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Mindy M. Potts
District Clerk