

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 3, 2015

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

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, Daniel Farley, Assistant High School Principal, Tim Farley, Middle/Elementary School Principal, Anthony Marturano, Middle/Elementary School Assistant Principal, Suzanne Guntlow Primary School Principal, Melissa Murray, Principal Responsible for APPR and Curriculum and Instruction, 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 Vice President John Chandler 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 2<sup>ND</sup> ASCHENBRENNER

To approve the agenda as presented

Carried, 9-0

MOTION CHANDLER 2<sup>ND</sup> GERKMAN

To approve the minutes of the 01/20/15 – Special Meeting

KYLE ASCHENBRENNER - YES	CHANDLER - YES	GERKMAN - YES
JOHNSON-HEIMROTH - ABSTAIN	NARAMORE - YES	OUELLETTE – YES
RAMOS - YES	TREFZGER - YES	WELCOME - YES

Carried, 8-0-1

Meeting Open For Public Participation

Three members of the public addressed the Board:

- Bob Cramer – in support of the Veterans’ Tax Exemption
- Roger Johnson – in support of the Veterans’ Tax Exemption
- Karen Vecellio – shared a resolution adopted by ICTA regarding NYS testing

Board Discussion Items

The Board discussed the following topics:

- Board Vice President John Chandler requested information on NYS curriculum requirements as compared to ICC curriculum
- Board Member Bruce Naramore discussed running for School Board member elections in May

Reports/Presentations/Updates

Business Manager Michael Brennan gave brief powerpoint presentation which included figures updated from the presentation given on November 18, 2014 at the Public Hearing. A lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION JOHNSON-HEIMROTH 2<sup>ND</sup> OUELLETTE

**WHEREAS**, veterans have provided an invaluable service to this country by risking their lives to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of this service and the sacrifices that it entailed, on December 18, a bill was signed into law allowing school districts to partially exempt property owned by certain qualified veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, such bill requires the governing body of a school district to pass a resolution, after public hearing, to approve such exemption; now, therefore, be it

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Kinderhook Central School District does hereby adopt the exemption provided for in Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §458-a at the basic maximum exemption levels as defined by RPTL §458-a; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the maximum exempt amount shall be as follows:

- \$12,000.00 for all eligible recipients of the exemption provided for under RPTL §458-a
- \$8,000.00 additional exemption for all veterans who served in a "combat zone" as the term is defined under RPTL §458-a
- \$40,000.00 for all veterans who suffered a "service connected" disability as the term is defined under RPTL §458-a;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Kinderhook Central School District does hereby adopt the expanded definition of the term "qualified owner," as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a , to include a "Gold Star Parent" as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Kinderhook Central School District does hereby allow a qualified veteran under RPTL §458-a to transfer, on a prorated basis, his exemption to another home purchased within the Kinderhook Central School District.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

KYLE ASCHENBRENNER - ABSTAIN

CHANDLER - ABSTAIN

GERKMAN - YES

JOHNSON-HEIMROTH - YES

NARAMORE - YES

OUELLETTE - YES

RAMOS - YES

TREFZGER - YES

WELCOME - ABSTAIN

Carried, 6-0-3

Superintendent's Report – Administrators' Comments

Superintendent George Zini reported on the 2015-2016 Budget planning which will be impacted by the Governor not releasing state aid runs. Mr. Zini will be writing a letter to send to the Governor requesting the release of the figures.

Committee Meetings

Board Vice President briefly reported on the Policy Committee Meeting of January 10, 2015. The following policies are considered to have had one reading:

## First Reading:

- 6870 Participant Direct Tax Deferred Retirement Accounts (revise)
- 7345 Internal Control Procedures Capital Construction – Change Orders (delete)
- 7335 Change in Scope of Work on Capital Construction Projects (new)
- 9700 Staff Development (new)
- 9280 and 9280-R Professional Staff Development Policy and Regulation (delete)

## Third Reading:

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

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 TREFZGER 2<sup>ND</sup> ASCHENBRENNER

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented (*full report contained in Supplemental File*)  
Carried, 9-0

Consent Agenda

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

To accept the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

## 11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2014-2015 school years as follows:  
Meeting Dates of: 01/20/15

## 11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following  
EXTRA-CLASS ADVISORS AND ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS for the 2014-2015 school year:

School Position	Name
Primary School Extended Day Teachers	Lisa Labrie, Berit Erickson, Mary Oles
Primary School Extended Day TAs	Chris Schertel, Emily Zeh, Ashley Dawson, Loribeth Torok
Music Director of the Crane Acting Troupe	Dianne Rieck

## 11(C) 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
Taryn Phippen	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher and TA and Tutor	02/03/15
Mary Ames	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher and TA	02/03/15
Layne Woodward	Certified Substitute Teacher and TA	02/03/15

## 11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint Donna Williams to the permanent position of Cook (6 hour), having successfully completed the one year probationary period expiring February 3, 2015

## 11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint Jennifer Johnson to the permanent position of Monitor (Lunchroom), having successfully completed the one year probationary period expiring February 23, 2015

## 11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To increase Paul Voltz's part-time position as Bus Driver from 2.0(hrs) to 4.0(hrs), effective February 3, 2015

## 11(G) 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
Kelsey Krein	Melissa Vooris	January 22 - May 8, 2015

## 11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an FMLA leave of absence for employee #1115 for the period commencing on or about May 3, 2015 and continuing through the end of the 2014-2015 school year

## 11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an FMLA leave of absence for employee #1942 for the period commencing on or about May 7, 2015 and continuing for 6 weeks

## 11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION

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

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

## 11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Primary School (Kindergarten Field Trip) of \$1687 from ICC PTA and to approve an increase in the 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$1687 from \$35,786,467 to \$ 35,788,154 and to increase the following Appropriation Codes:

A 2110-400-01-0000 – in the amount of \$1687

## 11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Ichabod Crane Athletics of \$1166 from the Booster Club and to approve an increase in the 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$1166 from \$ 35,788,154 to \$35,789,320 and to increase the following Appropriation Codes:

A 22855-441-00-3400 – in the amount of \$1166

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

To accept the Final Risk Assessment Report and Corrective Action Plan as presented

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

To accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report as presented

## 11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL &amp; AUTHORIZATION

*(fully executed documents contained in Supplemental File)*

To approve a 2014-2015 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the North Greenbush Common School District for seventeen (17) students attending a private school within the district (La Salle) in the amount of \$4,257.48 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 9-0

Public Participation

Three members of the public commented on the Veterans' Tax Exemption

One member of the public asked a question about the budget and PreK to which Superintendent George Zini was able to respond.

Executive Session

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

To adjourn to Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular individual and to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law

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

Carried, 8-1

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 and Michael Brennan, Business Manager

The meeting was reconvened in open session at 8:45 p.m.

MOTION CHANDLER 2<sup>ND</sup> GERKMAN

To adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Carried, 9-0

Regular Meetings:

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

03/31 (Tue) – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00pm – High School Library

Committee Meetings:

02/10 (Tue) Policy Committee – 5:00pm – Central Office

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

03/10 (Tue) Policy Committee – 5:00pm – Central Office

Other Meeting(s):

04/01/15 (Wed) – Annual Meeting and Dinner - Questar III Administrative Building - 5:45 pm

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Anthony Welcome  
Clerk Pro Tem

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Mindy M. Potts  
District Clerk