

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 1, 2016

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Board Members Present:

John Antalek	John Chandler	Barbara-anne Johnson-Heimroth
Susan Ramos	Regina Rose	Michael Stead
Anthony Welcome	Alexander Mangione-Smith – Student Member on the Board	

Board Members Absent:

Tracy Farrell	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, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, 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 Barbara-anne Johnson-Heimroth 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 ROSE 2ND CHANDLER

To approve the agenda with modifications as presented

Carried, 7-0

MOTION RAMOS 2ND ANTALEK

To approve the minutes of the 02/02/16 – Regular Meeting

Carried, 7-0

Meeting Open For Public Participation

One member of the public addressed the Board:

Jim DiGioia – 2016-2017 Budget and negotiations with ICTA

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on the topic of the Smart Schools Investment Plan

Board President Anthony Welcome declared the hearing open at 7:08 p.m.

Superintendent George Zini gave a brief summary of the spending plan which would involve submission of documentation and subsequent refund by SED.

Members of the public asked questions on the following topics:

- Balance of spending for building and infrastructure spending directly for students
- How the plan effects staffing
- Security cameras purpose

Board members received clarification on the following:

- Number of cameras
- Technology infrastructure

The public hearing was declared closed at 7:27 p.m.

MOTION RAMOS 2ND ROSE *(Plan contained in the Supplemental File)*

To accept the Smart School Investment Plan as presented

Carried, 7-0

Board Discussion Items

Board members discussed the following topics:

- Donations from benefactors
- Banking and interest rates
- Class sizes
- Elementary school enrichment

Superintendent Report

- Facilities Report Card

Facilities Director Steve Marotta reviewed and answered questions regarding the annual facilities report card

MOTION ROSE 2ND STEAD *(Report contained in the Supplemental File)*

To accept the Facilities Report Card as presented

Carried, 7-0

- District Reserve Funds

Business Manager Michael Brennan reviewed and answered questions on the various reserves, rules regarding the usage of reserves and the status of reserve accounts at Ichabod Crane

- 2016-2017 Budget Development Update

Superintendent George Zini reported on the development of the 2016-2017 status. At the April 5 Board meeting, there will be a full presentation of the budget.

A short discussion on the budget development process ensued.

- New Visions
Two ICC Students, Maragaret Richards and Katie Gibson, participating in the New Visions Program are competing in the State "We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition in Washington DC. In April, the students will be presenting to the BOE as the trip costs \$1400 per student and the girls would like to do fundraising to defer the costs

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

The following policies are considered to have had one reading:

Second Reading:

- 6750.2 Amazon Purchasing Policy (new)
- 8635 Security Breach Policy (revised)
- 8635-R Security Breach Regulation (reviewed – no changes)
- 4526 & R Computer Use in Instruction Policy (revised and renamed)
- 4526 & R Computer Use in Instruction Regulation (revised and renamed)
- 4526.1 R Internet Safety Policy (new)
- 4526.1 R Internet Safety Regulation (new)
- 8414.1 Bus Driver Qualifications and Training (revised)

Calendar Committee

George Zini reported briefly on the February 22 meeting of the Calendar committee, which consists of representatives of ICTA, CSEA, school administration and the Board. Recommendations for amending the 2015-2016 to adjust for unused emergency days and the 2016-2017 calendar are listed under the Consent Agenda for Board consideration.

Audit/Finance Committee

Board Member Susan Ramos briefly reported on the Audit/Finance Committee meeting held just prior to the Board meeting

Treasurer's Report and Acceptance Of Warrants: *(Report contained in the Supplemental File)*

MOTION ROSE 2ND RAMOS
To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented
Carried, 7-0

Consent Agenda

MOTION ANTALEK 2ND RAMOS
To accept the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

- 11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the resignation of Debbie Igras, Bus Driver, effective November 26, 2015
- 11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2015-2016 & the 2016-2017 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 02/01/16, 02/03/16, 02/04/16, 02/05/16, 02/08/16, 02/10/16, 02/11/16, 02/23/16, 02/25/16 and 02/26/16

11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following additions to the teaching substitute listing for 2015-2016 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Maria Dilis	Certified Substitute Teacher	March 1, 2016
Emily Farley	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Tutor	March 1, 2016
Katherine Lindemann	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	March 1, 2016
Carey Bielawa	Certified Substitute Teacher and TA	March 1, 2016
Crystal First-Nabozny	Un-certified Substitute TA	2/29/16

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS JESSE LAW who is eligible for a New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in the certification area(s) of MUSIC

WHEREAS George Zini, Superintendent of the Ichabod Crane Central School District, recommends JESSE LAW be appointed to a position, conditionally, pending New York State Education Department certification and safety clearance, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District in compliance with Education Law 3012 and 8 NYCRR Part 30.3 does hereby appoint JESSE LAW to the position .5 FTE MUSIC Teacher for one (1) year to commence on February 22, 2016 and to expire on June 30, 2016

11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent of Schools, Carly Wills as a Cook effective February 29, 2016

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Barbara D’Alberto as Temporary Part-Time Teaching Assistant (per student IEP) at a rate of \$14.25/hour (through special education grant) effective, February 26, 2016 through June 22, 2016

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following additions to the non-teaching substitute listing for 2015-2016 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Becky Becker	Substitute Cleaner	3/1/16
Debbie Halloran	Substitute Clerical	3/1/16
Cindy Williams	substitute bus attendant	3/1/16

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following staff for the Primary School Extended Day Program to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, effective February 23 through March 31, 2016:

Position	Name
Primary Extended Day Substitute Teaching Assistants	Rebecca Chapman, Gina Slyer

11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip request and chaperones per Board Policy #4531:
 DESTINATION: New York City, NY (Spanish Club)
 DATE: April 16, 2016
 PARTICIPANTS: approx. 20 students
 CHAPERONES: 2-3 including Lisa Duffek (Spanish Club Advisors)

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip request per Board Policy #4531:
 DESTINATION: Mount Snow
 DATE: February 28, 2016
 PARTICIPANTS: SKI CLUB – approx. 100 students
 CHAPERONES: (8) – including advisors Todd DiGrigoli and Jacob Patenaude

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL *(Contained in the Supplemental File)*

To approve, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent the 2016-2017 School District Calendar as presented

11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION

To approve a revision to the 2015-2016 School District Calendar in order to provide for unused Emergency Days as follows:

May 27th; April 22nd; May 13th; March 24th; March 28th will be designated as school **not** in session.

If there is a need for an emergency day, the above dates in the order they appear - or the next date subsequent to the emergency day- will be used as a school day in session. Should there be a need to use two emergency days prior to March 24, the Superintendent is authorized to revise the order

11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, per Part 174 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Tuition Rates Actual for 2014-2015 and Estimated Tuition Rates for 2015-2016 as follows:

<u>TUITION RATES ACTUAL - 2014-2015</u> FULL DAY GRADES K-6 - \$7,132 GRADES 7-12 - \$8,714	<u>TUITION RATES ESTIMATED - 2015-2016</u> FULL DAY GRADES K-6 - \$6,054 GRADES 7-12 - \$7,652
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT</u> GRADES K-6 - \$30,009 GRADES 7-12 - \$31,591	<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT</u> GRADES K-6 - \$31,129 GRADES 7-12 - \$ 32,727

11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION *(Agreement contained in the Supplemental File)*

To approve a 2015-2016 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the Lansingburgh Central School District for two (2) students attending a private school within the district (Catholic Central School) in the amount of \$992.90 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract

- 11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION *(Agreement contained in the Supplemental File)*
To approve a 2015-2016 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the North Greenbush Common School District for sixteen (16) students attending a private school within the district (LaSalle) in the amount of \$3,817.60 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract
- 11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE *(Report contained in the Supplemental File)*
To accept the High School and Middle School Extra-classroom Activity Fund Report as of the following date(s):
AS OF 01/31/16
Account Balance: \$ 101,387.61
- 11(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION
To approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make the following budget transfer:
FROM: A2250.150-04-4285 CSE Salary \$46,392
TO: A2250.490-00-9001 Summer BOCES Bill \$46,392
- 11(R) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION
To approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make the following budget transfer:
FROM: H73 200 Capital \$398,243.61
TO: V200 Debt Service \$398,243.61
- 11(S) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the District of \$376 from Target "Take Charge of Education" and to approve an increase in the 2015-2016 budget in the amount of \$376 from \$37,563,100 to \$37,563,476 and to increase the following Appropriation Code:
A 2110-510-01-0000 – in the amount of \$376
- 11(T) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the District of \$206 from Target "Take Charge of Education" and to approve an increase in the 2015-2016 budget in the amount of \$206 from \$37,563,476 to \$37,563,682 and to increase the following Appropriation Code:
A 2110-510-04-0000 – in the amount of \$206
- 11(U) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE *(Report contained in the Supplemental File)*
To accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report as presented
- 11(V) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION *(Agreement contained in the Supplemental File)*
RESOLVED, that Michael Brennan, Business Manager, as the Board of Education's designated representative to the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Workers' Compensation Consortium, is authorized and directed to execute the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Workers' Compensation Consortium Agreement to Provide Workers' Compensation Insurance Benefits, as proposed by the Board of Directors of the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Workers Compensation Consortium at its January 2016 meeting, on behalf of the Ichabod Crane School District.

11(W) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION *(Agreement contained in the Supplemental File)*
 To authorize the Board President to execute the following:

- Agreement with Advanced Therapy for the 2016-2017 school year

11(X) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Tania Yearwood, to the probationary position of clerk typist effective 2/25/16

11(Y) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Richard McLoughlin, bus driver, effective March 1, 2016

11(Z) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following Interscholastic Coaches Appointments for the 2015-2016 school year:

Position	Name
Varsity Boys Track & Field Head Coach	Michael Young
Varsity Girls Track & Field Head Coach	Patrick Sanger
Track & Field Assistant Coach	Devyn Fernandez
Modified Boys Track & Field Head Coach	Tahnee Heins
Modified Girls Track & Field Head Coach	Maureen Kuhn
Non-Paid Varsity Softball Assistant Coach	Alli Pullen
Non-Paid Varsity Softball Assistant Coach	Lynn Fisher
Non-Paid JV Baseball Assistant Coach	Frank Pino

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 7-0

MOTION ANTALEK 2ND RAMOS

Be it resolved, that the qualifications of Edmund Brooks, the candidate nominated by the Board President, has been reviewed by the Ichabod Crane Central School District Board of Education and deemed qualified to serve; and

It is further resolved that the Board approves the nomination of Edmund Brooks to the Rensselaer-Columbia-Green BOCES Board

Carried, 7-0

Public Participation – Agenda Items Only

Two members of the public addressed the Board:

- Jim DiGioia – state aid numbers
- Matthew Nelson – class size

Executive Session

MOTION STEAD 2ND RAMOS

To adjourn to Executive Session at 9:04 p.m. to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law

Carried, 7-0

Board President Anthony Welcome volunteered to serve as Clerk Pro Tem.

There was no dissent from the rest of the Board.

The District Clerk left the meeting.

Others in attendance at Executive Session:
George Zini, Superintendent

The meeting was reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

MOTION ROSE 2ND CHANDLER

To adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Carried, 7-0

X

Anthony Welcome
Clerk Pro Tem

X

Mindy M. Potts
District Clerk