

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUGUST 18, 2015

MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Board Members Attending:

John Antalek	Kyle Aschenbrenner <i>(arrived 7:04pm)</i>	John Chandler
Tracy Farrell	Susan Ramos	Regina Rose
Alexander Mangione-Smith – Student Member on the Board		Anthony Welcome

Board Members Absent:

Cheryl Trefzger

School Officials Present:

George Zini, Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, Craig Shull, High School Principal, Tim Farley, Middle/Elementary School Principal, Melissa Murray, Principal Responsible for APPR and Curriculum and Instruction, 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

Student Board Member Alexander Mangione-Smith 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 FARRELL 2ND CHANDLER

To approve the agenda with modifications as presented
Carried, 6-0

MOTION ROSE 2ND FARRELL

To approve the minutes of the 08/04/15 – Regular Meeting
Carried, 6-0

Meeting Open For Public Participation

No one signed up to address the Board at this time.

Board member Kyle Aschenbrenner arrived at the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent George Zini briefly reported on the following topics:

- Update on Capital Project: The walls at the Middle School Library were constructed over the summer. Key swipe entry at the High School is being installed. Additionally the electronic sign is scheduled to arrive next week.
- APPR Update: Melissa Murray, Principal Responsible for APPR and Curriculum and Instruction Health Curriculum briefly reported on deadlines and responsibilities of the district.
- Sex Education Curriculum: Although there is no state mandated sex education curriculum, schools must instruct on HIV and AIDS prevention. A lengthy discussion ensued

JC MOTION 2ND SR 7-0

Superintendent and Board President establish an Advisory Council subject to the Board of Education's approval, to recommend an integrated sexual health education program, following State and Federal Laws and aligned with the NYS Education Department Commissioner Regulations section 135.3 Health Education

Carried, 7-0

Those Board members interested in serving on the committee should inform Board President, Anthony Welcome.

Reports/Presentations/Updates:

2015-2016 TAX LEVY/WARRANT DISCUSSION

Business Manager Michael Brennan briefly discussed and answered questions on the tax levy and warrant. Consideration of adoption of the levy follows the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

MOTION ASCHENBRENNER 2ND RAMOS

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

- 11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the resignation of Ashley Dawson, Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2015
- 11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the resignation of Christine Hamm, Teaching Assistant, effective August 12, 2015
- 11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the resignation of Emily Sellman, Special Education Teacher, effective August 12, 2015
- 11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept CPSE and CSE Recommendations for 2015-2016 school year as follows: Meeting Date(s) of: 08/12/15

11(E) 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
Boys' Varsity Football	David Wagner
Boys' Varsity Football Asst.	Matthew Clarke, Ben Cooke, Alex Lambert
Boys' Varsity Football Volunteer Assistants	Rob Enoch
Boys' Varsity Soccer	Gustavo da Costa
Boys' Varsity Soccer Volunteer	Sean Dugan
Boys' JV Soccer	Resign: Dan Cremo Appoint: Michael Young
Girls' JV Soccer	Dan Cremo
Girls' Modified Soccer Volunteer Assistant	Melissa Vooris
Girls' Varsity Field Hockey	Debbie Smith
Girls' Varsity Field Hockey Volunteer Assistant	Michael Smith
Girls' JV Field Hockey	Resign: Ashley Hoffman
Girls' Modified Field Hockey	Ashley Hoffman
Girls' Modified Cross Country	Resign: Gosia Geiger
Modified Cross Country	Gosia Geiger
Girls' JV Volleyball	Sean Connors
Fall Cheerleading	Shameeka Pompey

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following EXTRA-CLASS ADVISORS AND ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS for the 2015-2016 school year:

Position	Staff
Middle School Yearbook Co-Advisor	Gosia Geiger

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT *(full listing contained in the Supplemental File)*

To appoint, upon the recommendation George Zini, Superintendent, the teaching substitute list for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Teaching Assistants
- Tutors

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

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

- Clerical Support/Substitutes
- Maintenance Support/Substitutes
- Food Service Helper Substitutes
- Registered Nurse Substitutes
- Bus Drivers and Attendants Substitutes
- Substitute Aides, Substitute Monitors and Interpreters

- 11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint Nicholas Ronca to the position of Term Substitute effective August 31, 2015 and continuing for 8 weeks (for employee #1625)
- 11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
WHEREAS SELENA HAWVER-COOK who is eligible for a New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in the certification area(s) of Literacy (Birth to Gr 6)
- WHEREAS George Zini, Superintendent of the Ichabod Crane Central School District, recommends SELENA HAWVER-COOK 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 SELENA HAWVER-COOK to the position .4 FTE Reading Teacher for one (1) year to commence on August 30, 2015 and to expire June 30, 2016.
- 11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint Michele Robillard, having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which expires, August 26, 2015, to the permanent position of Recess Monitor, effective August 26, 2015
- 11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint Melissa Schieren, having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which expires, August 26, 2015, to the permanent position of Recess Monitor, effective August 26, 2015
- 11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint Michelle Turek, having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which expires, August 28, 2015, to the permanent position of Monitor, effective August 28, 2015
- 11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint Crystal First-Nabozny, having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which expires, September 2, 2015, to the permanent position of Part-time Aide, effective September 2, 2015
- 11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint, based upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Adult Education Instructors, with such appointments to take effect if there is sufficient enrollment to offer the courses of study to which a teacher is appointed:

Teacher	Course
Linda Renken	5 Hour Pre-Licensing
Adam Rakoczy, Thomas Dingley and Michael Sleasman	Financial Planning
Mena Mazure	Exercise Class
Raul DeLeon, John White, Will Ferguson, and Stan Smith	Basketball
Joyce Flower	Basketweaving
Alissa Weaver	Papercrafting
Katie Snyder	Zumba
Anne Marie Mink	Zumba Gold
Melissa Falkner	Paint with Friends
Victor Bujanow	Notary Review

11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION

To approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make the following budget transfers:

FROM: A.9050.800.00.0000 \$12,696
TO: A.9060.800.00.7004 \$12,696

FROM: A.2250.470.00.3000 \$35,000
TO: A.2250.470.00.3001 \$35,000

11(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION

Whereas the Ichabod Crane School Board recognizes there is a safety concern on the playing fields, we have determined that an "Emergency Declaration" be made so that a broadleaf weed control treatment can be done to reduce the population of clover and other broadleaf weeds in the playing fields. It has further been determined that clover presents potential hazards in that:

1. The surface of clover can become slippery, causing an unpredictable playing surface, especially for contact sports, which creates the potential for injuries.
2. Bees foraging on the blooming clover can create a safety hazard from stinging, which can be more likely in the fall when bees become more aggressive.

Therefore, we recommend an application be made for selective weed control to minimize the potential for the above referenced issues. Any application will require the product used to have a "Caution" label (the least toxic material). Furthermore, the application will be done after the fields are mowed, so that blooms on the clover will be minimal, so as to reduce the potential of harm to bee colonies.

The District will continue appropriate turf management practices to include proper mowing, irrigation, aeration, fertilization, and seeding to minimize the likelihood of future applications of weed control materials.

11(R) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Ichabod Crane School District of \$3,200 from SMART School Columbia County and approve an increase in the 2015-2016 budget from \$37,553,718 to \$ 37,556,918 into the following Appropriation Code:
A2010.501-04-0000 - in the amount of \$3,200

11(S) AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESIDENT TO SIGN *(agreement contained in the Supplemental File)*

To authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the following document:

- Wildwood School

11(T) AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESIDENT TO SIGN *(agreement contained in the Supplemental File)*

To authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the following document:

- COARC

11(U) AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESIDENT TO SIGN *(agreement contained in the Supplemental File)*

To authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the following document:

- MOU with OK Kids 2015-2016 school year

11(V) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Eric Carey to the probationary position of Head Mechanic, effective August 17, 2015

11(W) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Alexandra Wait, Teaching Assistant, effective August 8, 2015

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 7-0

MOTION ASCHENBRENNER 2ND FARRELL

To adopt a tax levy, inclusive of STAR reimbursement, at \$22,302,988 with the tax levy to be at 2.59% over last year's actual levy;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District at the Annual District Vote and Election held on May 19, 2015, was authorized by the voters of the district to expend sums in the total amount of \$ 37,552,000 during the 2015-2016 school year, and to levy the necessary tax therefor;

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED, that the tax warrant of the Board of Education, inclusive of STAR reimbursement, dated August 18, 2015 in the amount of \$22,302,988 is hereby executed and the collection of said taxes to begin on September 1, 2015 and to end on October 30, 2015 giving the Tax Warrant an effective period of 60 days, at the expiration of which time said Tax Collector shall make an account in writing to the Board of Education;

AND BE IT FURTHER DIRECTED that the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

1 st month - Sept 1 to Sept 30	No Penalty
2 nd month - Oct 1 to Oct 30	2% Penalty

AND TO ESTABLISH the date of July 26, 2016 as the last date for accepting applications for third party notification of Real Property Taxes in accordance with Chapter 758 of the Laws of 1986

Carried 7-0

MOTION ANTALEK 2ND ASCHENBRENNER

To authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the following documents:

- Uncollected Levy for Rensselaer and Columbia Counties

Carried, 7-0

Public Participation – Agenda Items Only (10 Min)

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

Executive Session

MOTION FARRELL 2ND RAMOS

To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual
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 8:35 p.m.

MOTION ANTALEK 2ND RAMOS

To adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.
Carried, 7-0

Meetings:

Regular Meetings:

09/08 (Tue) – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00pm – High School

10/06 (Tue) – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00pm – High School

Committee Meetings:

09/08 (Tue) Audit/Finance Committee – 5:30pm – Central Office

10/06 (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