

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 26, 2014

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A meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 in the Middle School Library at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Kyle Aschenbrenner	John Chandler	Tricia Gerkman
Barbara-anne Johnson-Heimroth	Bruce Naramore	Jeffrey Ouellette
Anthony Welcome		

Board Members Absent: Susan Ramos and Cheryl Trefzger

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, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Others Present: Andy DeFeo, Questar III

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

The Board heard presentations from the Co-chairs of the Strategic Planning – Action Planning Committees:

Physical Space Committee

Co-Chaired by Judy Ooms (Teacher) and Tim Farley (Middle/Elementary School Principal)

Addressed the following Strategic Planning Initiative:

**By 2016, a plan will be implemented that ensures the best use of the district's physical space/campus to meet the students' developmentally appropriate needs and realize maximum efficiency of resources.**

Technology Committee

Co-Chaired by Dave Vona (Teacher) and Craig Shull (High School Principal)

Addressed the following Strategic Planning Initiative:

**By 2016, technology will be expanded and enhanced in the areas of networking and infrastructure hardware and software, acquisition, professional development and curriculum offerings to support classroom instruction and administrative efficiencies to increase students' college and career readiness.**

Health and Well-Being Committee

Co-Chaired by Patricia Bianchi (Community Member) and Suzanne Guntlow (Primary School Principal)

Addressed the following Strategic Planning Initiative:

**By 2015, ICC shall design a district-wide plan to create a safe and productive environment and thereby manage student conduct to meet established Code of Conduct and to promote the health and well-being of all students.**

### Student Engagement Committee

Co-Chaired by Tracy Farrell (Community Member) and Dan Farley (High School Assistant Principal)

Addressed the following Strategic Planning Initiative:

**By 2016, the district should implement, in partnership with the community, a broad range of experiences to engage the students inside and outside of the traditional classroom setting and curriculum. Through participation in arts, music, sports, course electives, community service and internships, students attain a more balanced, well-rounded perspective to better prepare them for college and career. These experiences provide the opportunity to expand communication skills, teamwork and appreciation of diversity, which enhance students' overall preparation for life.**

### Communication Committee

Co-Chaired by Paul Herrington (Community Member) and Michael Brennan (Business Manager)

Addressed the following Strategic Planning Initiative:

**By 2016, 90% of the respondents to a representative district survey will agree that they are receiving communications from the district that provide sufficient information to make informed decisions.**

After hearing from the Strategic Planning – Action Planning Committees on the work done over the past school year, the Board, facilitated by Andy DeFeo, worked on forming District Goals using the Strategic Planning Initiatives and reviewing goals from the 2013-2014 school year.

The Board came up with the following draft goals which will be considered for adoption at the September 9, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting:

- By June 30, 2015, the District will develop a comprehensive communication plan that will provide the entire Ichabod Crane community with information to make informed decisions.
- By June 30, 2015, the District will develop, using the results of the demographic study, a plan for the district's physical space which will meet the students' developmental needs and maximize efficiency of resources.
- By June 30, 2015, the District will develop a comprehensive district-wide technology plan that will ensure all Ichabod Crane students possess the requisite technological skills upon graduation for college and career readiness.
- By June 30, 2015, the District will develop a district-wide plan that promotes the physical and emotional well-being of all students and includes articulation of present district-wide health curriculum.
- By June 30, 2015, the District will develop a comprehensive plan to engage the students both inside and outside of the traditional classroom setting and curriculum, to help the students attain a well-balanced perspective and to prepare them for college, career and life.
- By April, 30 2015, using the study of post-graduation results of the class of 2009, the District will review the structure and scope of the academic program at the high school and make recommendations that will best support the college and career readiness of our students. As part of its review, the District will develop an action plan to evaluate ICC's preparation of its students for post-secondary success.
- The district will work to maintain, and continually improve upon, a positive cultural environment in all district buildings through the use of training, staff development, collegial approaches, and regular school climate surveys

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.