

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOVEMBER 3, 2015

MINUTES

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

Board Members Present:

John Antalek                      John Chandler                      Tracy Farrell                      Regina Rose  
Michael Stead                      Cheryl Trefzger                      Anthony Welcome  
Alexander Mangione-Smith – Student Member on the Board

Board Members Absent:

Barbara-anne Johnson-Heimroth                      Susan Ramos

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.

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."*

School Board Recognition Week

Superintendent Georg Zini announce that October 26 - 30, 2015 was School Board Appreciation Week. A donation was made in the Board's name to the "Hunger Games" a food donation competition benefitting local food banks.

MOTION FARRELL                      2<sup>ND</sup> ROSE

To approve the agenda with modifications as presented.  
Carried, 7-0

MOTION ANTALEK                      2<sup>ND</sup> STEAD

To approve the minutes of the 10/06/15 – Regular Board Meeting  
ANTALEK - YES  
JOHNSON-HEIMROTH – ABSENT  
STEAD – YES  
Carried, 6-0-1

CHANDLER - YES                      FARRELL – YES  
RAMOS - ABSENT                      ROSE – YES  
TREFZGER - ABSTAIN                      WELCOME – YES

Meeting Open For Public Participation

Three members of the public spoke on the following topics:

- Jack Sweeny – Common Core testing and school climate over opting out
- Bob Cramer – rental lights at the football field
- Jim DiGioia – testing

Board Discussion Items

The Board discussed the following topic briefly:

- Safe Schools Committee, a committee made up of law enforcement, clergy, community members and school officials, has been meeting and continuing to work together to help keep our students safe. Board

Reports/Presentations/Updates

Enrollment Report *(report contained in Supplemental File)*

Superintendent, George Zini, reported briefly on the Enrollment Report from BEDs Day which was October 7, 2015. District enrollment has dropped, however, it is in line with the predictions of the Enrollment Study done by Paul Seversky, and if enrollment stays consistent with the report, it may be at a plateau for the next ten years.

Superintendent’s Report – Administrators’ Comments

- Local Action Plan

Superintendent Georg Zini and Primary School Principal Suzanne Guntlow reported briefly regarding the accountability status rating for the Primary School. Although Ichabod Crane is a District in Good Standing, based on the 2013-2014 testing, the Primary School did not meet the achievement level. As directed by SED, the District must develop and implement a Local Assistance Plan which is to be used as a tool to the raise student performance.

MOTION CHANDLER 2<sup>ND</sup> TREFZGER *(Plan contained in Supplemental File)*

To accept the Local Assistance Plan as presented

Carried, 7-0

Committee Meeting Reports:

Facilities Committee

Board Member Regina Rose and Maintenance Director Steve Marotta briefly reported and answered questions on the Facilities Committee meeting held on October 21, 2015.

Policy Committee

Board Vice President, John Chandler briefly reported on the policies up for first reading after the Policy Committee meeting of October 28, 2015. The following policies are considered to have had one reading:

First Reading:

- 8123.1 Contagious Diseases Policy (revise)
- 8123.1-R Contagious Diseases Regulation (new)
- 8123.1-E Contagious Diseases Exhibit (new)

Second Reading:

- 8123 Hygiene Precautions and Procedures (revised)
- 8123-R Hygiene Precautions and Procedures Regulation (revised)
- 8132 Fire Drills (reviewed – no changes)
- 8700 Insurance (revised)
- 1800 Donations (revised)

Audit/Finance Committee Report

Board Member Cheryl Trefzger reported briefly on the Audit/Finance Committee meeting held prior to the night's Regular Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of Warrants: (full report contained in Supplemental File)

MOTION ROSE 2<sup>ND</sup> FARRELL

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented

Carried, 7-0

Consent Agenda

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

To accept the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:  
Meeting Dates of: 10/16/15, 10/22/15, and 10/27/15

11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Maureen Wiesnewski as a Term Substitute, effective November 6, 2015 through December 7, 2015 (for employee #83)

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
Dharini Adhvarya	Un-certified Substitute Teacher and TA	11/03/15
Peggy Antonecchia	Un-certified Substitute TA	11/03/15
Brittney Gerber	Un-certified Substitute Teacher and Certified Substitute TA	11/03/15

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Tania Yearwood to the temporary position of Clerk-Typist, effective October 13, 2015 through January 13, 2016

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
Varsity Boys Basketball Non-Paid Assistant Coach	Christopher Mueller
Varsity Boys Basketball Non-Paid Assistant Coach	Mike Hoose
Varsity Boys Basketball Non-Paid Assistant Coach	Dave Dellehunt
Varsity Girls Basketball Non-Paid Assistant Coach	Adam Vooris
Varsity Girls Basketball Non-Paid Team Manager	Bruce Decker
Modified Wrestling Head Coach	Anthony Barnes
Varsity Indoor Track & Field Head Coach	Justin Pangie
Varsity Indoor Track & Field Assistant Coach	Cadie Cargile
Varsity Cheerleading	Shameeka Pompey

11(F) 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
Danielle Chiudina	Kathryn Bernarde	October 26 - December 11, 2015
Katherine Lindemann	Steve Werthner	October 26 - December 18, 2015

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To increase Roseann Antonovich's position as a Bus Driver from 2.25 hours to 4.0 hours per day, effective November 3, 2015

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To increase Alfred Calabrese's position as a Bus Driver from 2.25 hours to 4.0 hours per day, effective November 3, 2015

11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Heather Dorval to the probationary position of Bus Attendant, effective November 3, 2015

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint Kevin McIlvary, having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which ends, November 16, 2015, to the permanent position of Bus Mechanic

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint Carolyn Schmiemann, having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which ends, November 16, 2015, to the permanent position of Part-Time Bus Driver (2 Hrs)

11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint Richard McLoughlin, having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which ends, November 16, 2015, to the permanent position of Part-Time Bus Driver (2 Hrs)

11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint Thomas Clinton, having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which ends, November 16, 2015, to the permanent position of Part-Time Bus Driver (2 Hrs)

11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL *(club descriptions contained in Supplemental File)*

To approve the establishment of the following clubs for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Club	Unpaid Advisor(s)
Pride Club	Beth Ruiz and Cori Drummond
Interact	TBD
Military Modeling Club	Randy Gould
Fandoms United	Curt Barford

11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip requests, per Board Policy #4531:  
DESTINATION: Area All-State Music Festival  
LOCATION: Dover High School, Dover Plains, NY  
DATE: Friday, November 20, 2015  
PARTICIPANTS: 11  
CHAPERONES: 2 (including David Bulan)

11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip requests, per Board Policy #4531:  
DESTINATION: Area All-State Music Festival  
LOCATION: Dover High School, Dover Plains, NY  
DATE: Saturday, November 21, 2015  
PARTICIPANTS: 11  
CHAPERONES: 2 (including David Bulan)

11(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an increase the sub driver rate from \$16.00 per hour to \$18.00 per hour (original rate established at the 7/7/15 BoE mtg) effective November 3, 2015

11(R) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of a flute and music stand to the ICC Music Program from Jennifer Tennier

11(S) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Middle School of \$24 from ICC PTA and to approve an increase in the 2015-2016 budget in the amount of \$24 from \$37,557,116 to \$37,557,140 and to increase the following Appropriation Codes:  
A2110-517-04-2600 – in the amount of \$24

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

To accept the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for October 2015

11(U) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION *(executed agreement contained in Supplemental File)*

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

- Renewal Agreement - Roemer Wallens Gold and Mineaux

11(V) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Anne Gardner, as a Substitute Bus Driver, contingent upon successful completion of all 19A requirements, effective October 20, 2015

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 7-0

Public Participation – Agenda Items Only

One member of the public addressed the Board on the following topic:

- Jim DiGioia – primary school construction start

Executive Session

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

To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law and to discuss the employment history of particular individuals  
Carried, 7-0

During this closed session, the Board also discussed a specific student and personally identifiable information, a matter exempt from the Open Meetings Law.

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 9:47 p.m.

MOTION CHANDLER 2<sup>ND</sup> ANTALEK  
To adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m.  
Carried, 7-0

Meetings:

Regular Meetings:

12/01 (Tue) – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00pm – High School Library

Committee Meetings:

11/17 (Tue) Policy Committee – 5:00pm – Central Office

12/01 (Tue) Audit/Finance Committee – 5:30pm – Central Office

Other Meeting:

11/4 (Wed) AIDS Education Advisory Council – 6:30 pm – HS Library

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Anthony Welcome  
Clerk Pro Tem

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Mindy M. Potts  
District Clerk