

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

NOVEMBER 18, 2014

MINUTES  
VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION HEARING

The Ichabod Crane Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Board Members Present:

Kyle Aschenbrenner	John Chandler	Tricia Gerkman <i>(left 9:00pm)</i>
Barbara-anne Johnson-Heimroth <i>(left 8:00pm)</i>		Bruce Naramore
Jeffrey Ouellette	Susan Ramos <i>(arrived 7:02pm)</i>	Cheryl Trefzger
Anthony Welcome		

Board Members Absent: 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, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Others Present: Laura Cannamela, Art Department Chair

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 Kyle Aschenbrenner 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 CHANDLER 2<sup>ND</sup> TREFZGER

To approve the agenda as presented  
Carried, 8-0

Board member Susan Ramos arrived at the Board meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Public Hearing – VETERANS' TAX EXEMPTION

President Anthony Welcome declared the Public Meeting open and introduced Michael Brennan, Business Manager.

Discussion of Proposed Exemption

Michael Brennan, Business Manager, gave a presentation on the Veterans' Tax Exemption, legislation passed by Governor Cuomo which allows school districts to offer an exemption for veterans.

Hearing Open For Public Discussion

Fourteen Members of the public addressed the Board:

Gary Flaherty, Bob Cramer, Bennett McEwan, Jim DiGioia, Joe Dybkas, David Kolb, Carmen Esposito, Tom Wright, Chris Delaney, Howard Gleason, Bob Antonicia, Chip Lynch, and Jim Yager: approving the exemption.

Walt Wheeler: regarding the increasing taxes on non-veteran households

Board Questions/Discussion

The Board asked for clarification on a couple specific areas, but decided to The Board did not make a decision to vote or not vote on the resolution. There will be discussion at future board meetings. The Board will need to pass a resolution by March 1, 2015 if the exemption is to be applied to the 2015 school taxes.

Public Hearing Closed

Board President declared the Public Hearing Closed at 7:55 p.m.

Presentation

- Art Department

Laura Cannamela, Art Department Chair, gave a presentation on Art at all levels, from kindergarten to grade 12, in the district.

Barbara-anne Johnson-Heimroth left the meeting.

Board Discussion

- Open Meetings Law

Superintendent George Zini, in response to questions from the November Regular Board meeting, informed the Board that the District is in complete compliance with the Open Meetings Law. To clarify, language was added to the minutes reflecting that additional materials were attached to the minutes by way of a Supplemental File.

Board Vice-President, John Chandler briefly left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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

To approve the minutes of the 10/07/14 – Regular Board Meeting

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

Failed, 3-1-3

Consent AgendaMOTION NARAMORE 2<sup>ND</sup> TREFZGER

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

## 7(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2014-2015 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 11/13/14

## 7(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Michael Gleason, Network Systems Engineer, effective November 20, 2014.

## 7(C) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Christine Hamm, Teaching Assistant, effective November 21, 2014.

## 7(D) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Corinn Haker, Teaching Assistant, effective December 1, 2014.

## 7(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following *additions* to the non-teaching substitute listing for 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Deborah Prendergast	Clerical Substitute	11/18/14

## 7(F) 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
Brenda Warrington	Uncertified Substitute Teacher/TA	11/18/14

## 7(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an extension of Sara Kane's Term Substitute appointment from on or about October 15, 2014 to November 26, 2014 (*original appointment at the 09/09/14 BOE Mtg*)

End of Consent Agenda:

Carried, 7-0

Board Vice-President John Chandler returned to the meeting.

Executive SessionMOTION TREFZGER 2<sup>ND</sup> NARAMORE

To adjourn to Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

Carried, 8-0

Board President, Anthony Welcome volunteered to serve as Clerk Pro Tem. There were no objections from the other Board members.

Others Present at Executive Session:  
Superintendent George Zini

Board member Tricia Gerkman did not attend Executive Session.

The District Clerk left the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

MOTION ASCHENBRENNER 2<sup>ND</sup> RAMOS  
To adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.  
Carried, 7-0

Meetings:

Regular Meetings:

12/02 (Tue) – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00pm – High School Library

Committee Meetings:

- 11/18 (Tue) Policy Committee – 5:00pm – Central Office
- 11/24 (Mon) Academics Committee – 6:00pm – Central Office
- 12/02 (Tue) Audit/Finance Committee – 5:30pm – Central Office
- 12/09 (Tue) Policy Committee – 5:00pm – Central Office
- 12/09 (Tue) Facilities Committee – 6:00pm – Central Office

Other:

11/24 (Mon) OPEN HOUSE for Renovated HS Library and Gymnasium – 7:00-8:30 p.m. – HS

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Anthony Welcome  
Clerk Pro Tem

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Mindy M. Potts  
District Clerk