

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECEMBER 6, 2016

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Board Members Present:

John Antalek <i>(arrived 7:52pm)</i>	Daniel Cohn	Matthew Nelson	Jeffrey Ouellette
Susan Ramos	Regina Rose	Michael Stead	Anthony Welcome
Alexis Hoffmann – Student Member on the Board			

Board Members Absent:

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, Robert McCloskey, Special Education Director, 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 Susan Ramos 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 RAMOS

To approve the agenda with modifications as presented including moving the Questar III presentation to the directly after public participation on the agenda

Carried, 7-0

MOTION NELSON 2ND STEAD

To approve the minutes of the 11/01/16 – Regular Meeting

ANTALEK - ABSENT	COHN - YES	NELSON – YES
OUELLETTE- YES	RAMOS - YES	ROSE – ABSTAIN
STEAD – YES	TREFZGER - ABSENT	WELCOME – YES

Carried, 6-0-1

Meeting Open for Public Participation

One member of the public addressed the Board:

- Jim DiGioia: Veteran’s Exemption, Alternative Fuel Buses, Solar Energy

Questar III Annual Visit

Dr. Gladys Cruz, District Superintendent at Questar III addressed the Board on changes at Questar III.

Board Discussion Items

The Board discussed the following topics:

- Regular January Meeting Change

MOTION RAMOS 2ND COHN

To approve the change in the date of the January Regular meeting from January 3, 2017 to January 10, 2017

Carried, 7-0

- NYSSBA Membership: Discussion on the benefits and cost of membership in the New York State School Boards Association
- Cold War Veteran's Tax Exemption: The Board requested the District schedule a public hearing on this topic
- ASBO 2017-18 School Aid Proposition: Board member Matthew Nelson will be drafting a letter to government leaders in support of ASBOs School Aid proposition
- Procedures on adding Board Discussion Items

Reports/Presentations/Updates

- Enrollment Report *(full report contained under the Supplemental File)*
Superintendent George Zini briefly reported and answered questions on the Enrollment Report for the 2016-2017 school year
- Tax Collection Report
Business Manager, Michael Brennan briefly reported and answered questions on the 2016-2017 Tax Collection

Board member John Antalek arrived at 7:52 p.m.

MOTION NELSON 2ND STEAD *(full report contained under the Supplemental File)*

To accept the Tax Collection Report as prepared for the 2016-2017 school year

Carried, 8-0

Superintendent's Report - Administrators' Comments

Superintendent George Zini reported on the following topics:

- Permission to Plan
Spanish Club Advisor Lisa Duffek and a student from the Spanish Club requested permission to plan a trip which may be a day trip or may be an overnight trip to New York City. The Board had no issues with the planning of this trip. Board approval of the trip will take place at a future meeting.
- Budget Calendar and Budget Process
Superintendent George Zini and Business Manager Michael Brennan presented the 2017-2018 budget planning process and timeline

Committee Meeting Reports

- Communications/Public Affairs Committee

Board member Matthew Nelson briefly reported and answered questions on the Communications/Public Affairs Committee meeting held on November 16, 2016.

MOTION ROSE 2ND RAMOS *(full letter and listing of recipients contained in Supplemental File)*

To authorize the Board members to sign a letter to be sent to elected officials and educational leaders stating the Board's position on the Common Core Standards

ANTALEK - YES	COHN - YES	NELSON – YES
OUELLETTE- YES	RAMOS - YES	ROSE – YES
STEAD – ABSTAIN	TREFZGER - ABSENT	WELCOME – YES

Carried, 7-0-1

- Policy Committee

Reading of Board of Education Policies

Board member Dan Cohn briefly reported on the Policy Committee Meeting held on December 5, 2016. The following policies are considered to have had one reading:

First Reading:

- 8417 Student Transportation in Private Vehicles (revise)
- 8330 Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment (revise)
- 8333 Use of Mobile Communication Devices While Operating District Vehicles (delete)
- 4855 Therapy Dog Policy (new)
- 4855-E Therapy Dog Exhibit (new)

Second Reading:

- 6690 Audit/Finance Committee Policy (new)
- 6690-E Audit/Finance Committee Exhibit (new)
- 8132 Fire Drills (revise and name change)
- 8130 School Safety Plans and Teams (revised)
- 2120.1 Candidates and Campaigning (revised)
- 1930 Education of Homeless Children (delete)
- 5151 Homeless Children (new)

Board Member Regina Rose was opposed to the new language in 6690 E, the Audit/Finance Committee Charter. A short discussion ensued.

Audit/Finance Committee

Board Member Susan Ramos briefly reported on the Audit/Finance Committee meeting held prior to this evening's Regular Board meeting

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

MOTION NELSON 2ND ROSE

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented

Carried, 8-0

Consent Agenda

MOTION ROSE 2ND STEAD

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2016-2017 school year as follows:
Meeting Dates of: 11/03/16, 11/09/16, 11/10/16, 11/15/16, 11/16/16 and 12/1/16

11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following additions to the non-teaching substitute listing for 2016-2017 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Maria Orozco	Translator	11/16/16
Jamie Stickles	Substitute Clerical	11/16/16
John Allen	Substitute Cleaner	12/6/16
Margaret Bortugno	Substitute Cleaner	12/6/16
Lorraine Warner	Substitute Clerical	12/06/16

11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following additions to the teaching substitute listing for 2016-2017 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Aiden Campion-Pratt	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, TA and Tutor	11/07/16
Robert McHugh	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, TA and Tutor	11/07/16
Lorraine Warner	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher and TA	12/06/16

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following Interscholastic Coaches Appointments for the 2016-2017 school year:

Position	Name
JV Boys Volleyball Head Coach	Dennis Shields Jr.
Unpaid Volleyball Assistant Coach	Bob Wheeler
Indoor Track Assistant Coach	Kolbi Smith
Unpaid Varsity Track Assistant Coach	Stephen Naegeli
Unpaid Modified Girls' Basketball Volunteer Coach	Kaitlyn Williams

11(E) 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
Carly Martin	Susan Mallery	January 18 – March 10, 2017
Alyssa Palmer	Judith Ooms	January 18 – March 10, 2017

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School (Kinderhook Central School District), pursuant to Sections 3012 and 3009 Subdivision 2b of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 and 80.33b of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Amber Porpa who holds a TEACHING ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE in the Special Subject :Teacher Assistant (K -12) tenure area for a probationary period of (4) four years to commence on November 21, 2016 and to expire on June 30, 2020 conditionally, pending New York State Education Department certification and safety clearance

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Amber Porpa during this year of appointment be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between Ichabod Crane Central School Teachers' Association and the Board of Education, as being the salary for a TEACHING ASSISTANT.

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an FMLA leave of absence for employee #1951 effective on or about May 1, 2017 and continuing for 6 weeks and subsequent unpaid leave of absence through the second quarter of the 2017-2018 school year

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an extension of unpaid leave of absence for employee #1626 continuing through the end of the 2016-2017 school year (*original approval through the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year, 6-7-16 BOE mtg*)

11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL (*original appointment through January 30, 2017, 08-02-16 BOE mtg*)

To extend the appointment of Danielle Chiudina, permanent substitute professional educator in the tenure area of Elementary 1-6, through the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

WHEREAS DANIELLE CHIUDINA who is eligible for a New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in the certification area(s) of School Counselor

WHEREAS George Zini, Superintendent of the Ichabod Crane Central School District, recommends DANIELLE CHIUDINA be appointed to a permanent substitute 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 DANIELLE CHIUDINA to the position of professional educator in the tenure area(s) of ELEMENTARY EDUCATION to commence on January 30, 2017 and end on June 30, 2017.

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Colleen Dorval to the probationary position of Food Service Helper (2.5 hours), effective 11/17/16

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Kenneth Stowell, as a Substitute Bus Driver, contingent upon successful completion of all 19A requirements, December 7, 2016

11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Barbara Coons, as a Substitute Bus Driver, contingent upon successful completion of all 19A requirements, December 7, 2016

11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE *(full 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):

	<u>AS OF 09/30/16</u>
Account Balance:	\$ 127,464.66

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

To accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report as presented

11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve transportation lease agreement requests submitted by Denise Holzhauser, Program Director of O.K. KIDS, INC., for the use of two (2) school buses for the purpose of providing transportation for field trips during school vacation weeks as follows:

- December 2016
- February 2017
- April 2017

11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT (for employee #1533)

WHEREAS DONNA DISABATO who is eligible for a New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in the certification area(s) of School Counselor

WHEREAS George Zini, Superintendent of the Ichabod Crane Central School District, recommends DONNA DISABATO be appointed to a permanent substitute 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 DONNA DISABATO to the position of professional educator in the tenure area(s) of ACADEMIC SCIENCE to commence on December 7, 2016 and to expire on June 30, 2017.

End of Consent Agenda
Carried, 8-0

Public Participation

One member of the public addressed the Board:

Jim Digioia: Public Participation on the Budget; Tax Freeze Credit Checks; Veterans' Exemption

Board member Michael Stead commented on the graveside ceremony recognizing the anniversary of the birth of 8th President Martin Van Buren and the participation of Ichabod Crane students.

Executive Session

MOTION NELSON 2ND ROSE

To adjourn to Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law and to discuss matters leading to the employment of a particular individual

Carried, 8-0

Board President Anthony Welcome volunteered to serve as Clerk Pro Tem. There was no dissent from the rest of the Board

Superintendent George Zini also attended Executive Session

District Clerk Mindy Potts left the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened in open session at 10:22 p.m.

MOTION NELSON 2ND ROSE

To adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Carried, 8-0

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Anthony Welcome
Clerk Pro Tem

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Mindy M. Potts
District Clerk