

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 1, 2014

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Cheryl Trefzger

School Officials Present:

George Zini, Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, William Schneider, High School Principal, Daniel Farley, Assistant High School Principal, Tim Farley, Middle/Elementary School Principal, Craig Shull, 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 7:01 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 NARAMORE 2<sup>ND</sup> RAMOS

To approve the agenda with modifications as presented.

Carried, 8-0

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

To approve the minutes of the 03/04/14 - Regular Board Meeting

KYLE ASCHENBRENNER - YES	CHANDLER - YES	GERKMAN - YES
JOHNSON-HEIMROTH -ABSTAIN	NARAMORE - YES	OUELLETTE - YES
RAMOS - YES	TREFZGER - ABSENT	WELCOME - YES

Carried, 7-0-1

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

To approve the minutes of the 03/25/14 – Budget Development Meeting

Carried, 8-0

Meeting Open For Public Participation

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

Board Discussion Items

No Board member had any items for discussion at this time.

Superintendent's Report – Administrator's Comments

Superintendent George Zini reported to the Board on the following:

- Update on the 2014-2015 Budget – Currently the district is anticipating a levy increase near 2% over last year's levy.
- Drop-Out Prevention Plan – The administration presented a district-wide plan to increase graduation rates. Statistics show that underachievement in lower grades can be a predictor of older student drop-out potential, therefore the District will address student achievement at all grade-levels in order to increase graduation rates.

Committee Meetings:Communication Committee Meetings

Board Member Tricia Gerkman briefly reported on the Board Handbook, brought forth by the Communications Committee, which met on March 10, 2014. Board Vice President, John Chandler mentioned a verification of receipt page which was to be attached to the handbook for members to sign once they had received the handbook. The Board would like to see a draft of the page.

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

To approve the Board Handbook as presented.

Carried, 8-0

Policy Committee

Board member Kyle Aschenbrenner reported on the Policy Committee meeting of March 27, 2014 and the policies brought to the Board for a first reading. The following policies are considered to have had one reading:

First Readings:

- 5500 & R - Student Records and Regulation (revised)
- 5455 & E - Notification of Rights Under FERPA and Exhibit (delete)
- 1120 & R - School District Records(revised)
- 1525 Tobacco Policy (delete)
- 1530 Smoking and Other Tobacco Use on School Premises (new)

Third Reading:

Adoption of the following policies for consideration under Consent Agenda:

- 9520.2 and 9520.0-R Family Medical Leave Act and Regulation (revised)
- 6231 Chapter 1/PSEN Programs and Services (delete)
- 6440 NIMAS (Purchase of Alternative/Electronic Texts for Students) (reviewed – no changes)

Audit/Finance Committee Meeting Report

Board member Susan Ramos briefly reported on the Audit/Finance Committee meeting held prior to the Regular Board meeting on April 1, 2014.

Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of Warrants:

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

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented

Carried, 8-0

Consent AgendaMOTION RAMOS 2<sup>ND</sup> CHANDLER

To accept the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

## 11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 03/04/14, 03/06/14, 03/11/14, 03/12/14, 03/14/14, 03/18/14, 03/19/14, 03/25/14, 03/26/14, and 03/27/14

## 11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following additions to the teaching substitute listing for 2013-2014 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Christine Wells	Certified TA Substitute	3/11/14
Jennifer Hecker	Certified TA Substitute	4/1/14
Gina Slyer	Certified TA / Non-Certified Teacher Substitute	4/1/14
Gloriana Furey	Non-Certified Teacher Substitute	4/1/14
Sarah Cotsonas	Tutor	3/21/14
Carrie Engel	Certified Teacher Substitute	4/1/14
Corrine Janis	Certified TA Substitute	4/1/14
Chris Bubniak	Certified TA Substitute	3/10/14
Jenae Nicoletta	Non-Certified TA Substitute	4/1/14

## 11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following Interscholastic Coaches Appointments for the 2013-2014 school year:

Position	Name
Robert Hanna	Modified Baseball Head Coach
Phil Leader	Modified Softball Head Coach
Ryan Boehme	Non-Paid Baseball Assistant Coach

## 11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following DISTRICT-WIDE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS, CURRICULUM LIAISONS, TEAM LEADERS & GRADE LEVEL APPOINTMENTS for the 2013-2014 school year:

Position	Staff
Generalist Mentor	Linda Wheeler

## 11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, additional/ EXTRA-CLASS ACTIVITY ADVISORS for the 2013-2014 school year as listed:

Position	Name
Natures' Classroom Chaperones	Gary Hamm, Marco Pantoja, Margaret (Peg) Siver, Jacqueline Stigi, Stephen Krizar, Todd DiGrigoli, Nicole Luckfield, Sean Dugan, Kim Von Wedel
Christine Hamm	Extended Day Teacher

## 11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, Robert McCloskey to the position of RMTS (Random Moment Time Study) Coordinator

## 11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION

To adopt the following policies pursuant to Board Policy #2410 – Formulation, Adoption and Amendment of Policies:

- 9520.2 and 9520.0-R Family Medical Leave Act and Regulation (revised)
- 6231 Chapter 1/PSEN Programs and Services (delete)
- 6440 NIMAS (Purchase of Alternative/Electronic Texts for Students) (reviewed – no changes)

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION *(mailed w/agenda)*

To approve a 2013-2014 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the North Greenbush Common School District for seventeen (17) students attending a private school within the district (LaSalle) in the amount of \$3,672.00 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract

## 11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip request and chaperones per Board Policy #4531:

DESTINATION: Virginia Beach, VA

DATE: May 15-19, 2014

PARTICIPANTS: 68 students

CHAPERONES: 6 including Maureen VanTassel and Jean Barford

## 11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve a change to the 2013-2014 School District Calendar due to the 6<sup>th</sup> emergency weather date used on March 13, 2014:

- School will be in session on May 23, 2014

## 11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent the 2014-2015 School District Calendar as presented

## 11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Ichabod Crane High School of \$854 from Booster Club and approve an increase in the 2013-2014 budget from \$34,913,235 to \$34,914,089 into the following Appropriation Code:

A2855.441-00-3400 – in the amount of \$854

## 11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Ichabod Crane High School of \$312 from Hannaford Helps Schools and approve an increase in the 2013-2014 budget from \$34,914,089 to \$34,914,401 into the following Appropriation Code:

A2110.510-05-0000 – in the amount of \$312

## 11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Ichabod Crane School District of \$4,560 from the PTA (Arts in Education) and approve an increase in the 2013-2014 budget from \$34,914,401 to \$34,918,961 into the following Appropriation Code:

A2110.490-00-9000 – in the amount of \$4,560

## 11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of \$700 from Scholarship America into the following Special Aid Appropriation Code:  
F27-2110-400-03-0000 – in the amount of \$700

## 11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the High School and Middle School Extra-classroom Activity Fund Report as of the following date(s):

	<u>AS OF 2/28/14</u>
Account Balance:	\$ 92,493.93

## 11(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report as presented

## 11(R) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION

To approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make budget transfers per the attached listing

## 11(S) CONSIDER FOR AUTHORIZATION

To authorize the Board President to execute the following document:

- Agreement with Education Inc.

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 8-0

Discussion Action

Tenure Appointments

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

WHEREAS Christina Latter commenced probationary service on September 1, 2013 as a probationary professional educator, and

WHEREAS Christina Latter's probationary appointment will expire on June 30, 2014, and

WHEREAS Christina Latter holds a valid New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in the certification area(s) of Early Childhood Education (B-2); Childhood Education (1-6)

WHEREAS George Zini, Superintendent of the Ichabod Crane Central School District, recommends Christina Latter's appointment to tenure, 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 grant and appoint on tenure Christina Latter effective September 1, 2014, to the position of professional educator in the tenure area(s) of Elementary K - 6.

Carried, 8-0

Public Participation – Agenda Items Only

One member of the public addressed the Board:

Bob Cramer brought a letter from the Town of Kinderhook's attorney regarding the issue with the Rod and Gun Club and Catherine Trethaway who had addressed the Board at the February 25, 2014 Board meeting.

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

To adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Carried, 8-0

Regular Meetings:

05/06/14 (Tue) Regular Board Meeting – 7PM – HS Library

Budget Meetings:

04/08/14 (Tue) Budget Development and Tentative Budget Adoption – 7PM – HS Auditorium

Committee Meetings:

05/01 (Thu) – Policy Committee – 5:00pm – Central Office

05/06 (Tue) – Audit/Finance Committee – 5:30pm – Central Office

Other Meeting(s):

04/09/14 (Wed) – Annual Meeting and Dinner - Questar III Administrative Building - 5:45 pm

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Mindy M. Potts  
District Clerk