

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

NOVEMBER 19, 2013

MINUTES

A Special meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Board members present:

Kyle Aschenbrenner	John Chandler	Tricia Gerkman	Bruce Naramore
Jeffrey Ouellette	Cheryl Trefzger	Anthony Welcome	

Board members absent:

Barbara-anne Johnson-Heimroth Susan Ramos

School Officials present:

George Zini, Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, Melissa Murray, Principal Responsible for APPR and Curriculum and Instruction, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Board President Anthony Welcome called the meeting to order at 7:03 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:

"In our quest for excellence, the Ichabod Crane Central School District is dedicated to preparing all students to meet the challenges of our future and to appreciate the value of their own lives by nurturing each individual's unique talents, instilling a desire for life-long learning, and fostering a strong spirit of community."

MOTION TREFZGER 2ND NARAMORE

To approve the agenda with modifications as presented.

Carried 7-0

Workshop Topics

• Library Department Presentation

Superintendent George Zini introduced the Library Department Chair, Jennifer Two-Axe, Elementary/Middle School Librarian Elizabeth Kelly, Primary School Librarian Alana Almstead and Library Teaching Assistant Lori Fenoff who gave a presentation to the Board and answered questions on the curriculum and services offered to students K-12 over the three buildings in the District.

• Tax Collection Report

Business Manager Michael Brennan reported briefly and answered questions on the Tax Collection Report. Acceptance of the report was considered under the Consent Agenda.

• New Website Update

Superintendent George Zini gave a demonstration of the newly redesigned website which is to be launched by the end of December 2013.

Meeting Open For Public Participation

No one signed up to address the board.

Consent Agenda

MOTION TREFZGER 2ND ASCHENBRENNER

8(A) 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
Christina Latter	Tutor	11/19/13

8(B) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

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

Name	Position	Effective
Tanya Yearwood	Substitute Bus Attendant	11/19/13

8(C) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of George Zini, Superintendent, the following EXTRA-CLASS ADVISORS AND ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS for the 2013-2014 school year:

High School Position	Staff
Technical Advisor for the Crane Acting Troupe	Mike Rivenburg

8(D) 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
Modified Girls Basketball Coach	Priscilla Wollard
Volunteer Girls Basketball Asst.	Adam Vooris
Indoor Track & Field Asst.	Jennifer Pulver

8(E) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the Tax Collection Report as prepared for the 2013-2014 school year

8(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve transportation lease agreement requests submitted by Denise Holzauer, Program Director of O.K. KIDS, INC., for the use of one (1) school bus for the purpose of providing transportation for field trips during school vacation weeks as follows:

- December 2013 – Hudson Movieplex
- February 2014 – Spare Time in East Greenbush
- April 2014 – Hudson Movieplex

8(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

RESOLVED, the Ichabod Crane (Kinderhook) Board of Education hereby nominates Matthew Wade of the Brunswick (Brittonkill) Central School District for the position of Area 7 Director of the New York State School Boards Association. The two-year term begins January 1, 2014.

End of Consent Agenda
Carried, 7-0

MOTION GERKMAN 2ND NARAMORE

Resolution Calling upon the New York State Commissioner of Education and the NYS Board of Regents to Stop the Over-Reliance on Standardized Tests as a Measure of Student Performance and Principal/Teacher Effectiveness

WHEREAS, the Ichabod Crane Central School District is dedicated to preparing all students to meet the challenges of our future and to appreciate the value of their own lives by nurturing each individual's unique talents, instilling a desire for life-long learning, and fostering a strong spirit of community; and

WHEREAS, the decline in State support for public schools has forced our District to compromise our mission by reducing programs and has limited our ability to implement the new programs mandated by the State, such as the Common Core Standards, creating an uneven roll-out of the standards among school districts around the State; and

WHEREAS, our State's school systems have been spending increasing amounts of already scarce time, money, and energy on high-stakes standardized testing, in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators, and schools; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that research recommends the use of multiple measures to gauge student performance and teacher effectiveness, the State's growing reliance on standardized testing is adversely affecting students across all spectrums, the morale of our educators, student learning time, is narrowing the curriculum, further draining already scarce resources, and jeopardizing the rich, meaningful education our students need and deserve; and

WHEREAS, the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act's testing policies fail to appropriately accommodate the unique needs of students with disabilities and English language learners in assessing their learning, resulting in test scores that do not accurately represent a true measure of the contributions of teachers and schools; and

WHEREAS, it is time for policymakers to reconsider the number, duration and appropriate use of standardized tests so that we can refocus our efforts on student learning;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we call upon the Commissioner of Education, the NYS Board of Regents, and other policymakers to reexamine public school accountability systems in our State, and to develop a system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive standardized testing, more accurately reflects the broad range of student learning, and is used to support students and improve schools; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the U.S. Congress and the Administration to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (currently known as the "No Child Left Behind Act"), reduce federal testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability, and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators.

Carried, 7-0

The Board sent a copy of this resolution to federal elected officials, state elected officials, Commissioner King, Chancellor Tisch and District Superintendent Baldwin.

MOTION CHANDLER 2ND NARAMORE

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District believe it to be the best interests of the School District and the members of the School community to not participate in the selection or implementation of a Data Dashboard Solution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby determines not to participate in the selection or implementation of a Data Dashboard Solution and the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to take all necessary steps to implement this decision in order to protect the privacy of our students and families.

Carried, 7-0

With the passage of this resolution, Superintendent George Zini will send a letter to inBloom requesting any student data be deleted and no new data accepted by inBloom.

The Board discussed the meeting scheduled for December 17, 2013 and decided it was not necessary to hold this meeting.

MOTION OUELLETTE 2ND ASCHENBRENNER

To adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Carried, 7-0

Meetings:

Regular Meetings:

- 12/03 (Tue) - Tenure Reception – HS Auditorium – 6:00 PM
- 12/03 (Tue) - Regular Board Meeting – HS Auditorium - 7:00 PM

Committee Meetings:

- 11/18 (Mon) – Facilities Committee – 6:00pm – Central Office
- 11/21 (Thu) – Policy Committee – 5:00pm – Central Office
- 12/03 (Tues) – Audit/Finance Committee – 5:00pm – Central Office (time change)

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Mindy M. Potts
District Clerk