

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 7, 2020

MINUTES

A Regular meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday April 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Video-Conferencing per Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 which suspended the provisions of the Open Meetings Law requiring school boards to conduct their business at meetings that allow for in-person attendance by the public. Due to that Executive Order, school boards can meet electronically using video and teleconferencing. Meetings held in this manner will be recorded and subsequently transcribed for the public.

District Clerk called a roll for Board members present or absent.

Board members present:

Jessica Berner
Jeffrey Ouellette
Regina Rose

Tammy Crawford
Elizabeth Phillips
Anthony Welcome

Matthew Nelson
Susan Ramos

Anna O'Shea – Student Member on the Board

Trevor Wolfe – Alternate Student Member of the Board

Board member absent: John Antalek

School Officials Present:

Jason D. Thomson, Superintendent, Suzanne Guntlow, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, Craig Shull, High School Principal, Anthony Marturano, Assistant High School Principal, Tim Farley, Middle/Elementary School Principal, Marcella Sanchez, Middle/Elementary School Assistant Principal, Andrea Williams, Primary School Principal, Peg Warner, Special Education Director, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, Todd DiGrigoli, Food Service Director, Dan Doyle, Transportation Director, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Board President Matthew Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Board President Matthew Nelson conducted the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 RAMOS 2ND WELCOME

To approve the agenda as presented

Carried, 8-0

MOTION CRAWFORD 2ND RAMOS

To approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 - Regular Meeting Minutes
Carried, 8-0

Board Discussion

- Academic Committee Meeting (minutes contained in the supplemental file)

Board Member Regina Rose reported on the Academic Committee meeting held on March 3, 2020

Student Board Member Report

Student Board members Anna O'Shea and Trevor Wolfe reported on the status of "distance learning" and educational changes from the student perspective due to the closing of school buildings due to the executive order of Governor Cuomo and the COVID-19 virus threat

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason D. Thomson reported on the following topics most as a result of the closing of school buildings due to the executive order of Governor Cuomo attempting to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

- Academic Report/Update - Instruction is still taking place K-12 via packets and video meetings as required
- Technology Updates - Students in need have been given access to internet and use of chromebooks as available.
- Three NYSED requirements: Food provisions, childcare provisions, academic provisions until April 15th, 2020
- Board Member Elections - Suspended until June 2020
- Construction Project - Moving forward - Currently out for bid

Business Office Report

- Food Service Report

Food Service Director Todd DiGrigoli reported on meals and distribution of food during the school closure

- 2020-2021 Budget Development Update

Business Manager Michael Brennan presented an update on the 2020-21 budget based on new state aid runs.

Consent Agenda

MOTION NELSON 2ND WELCOME

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

9(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Lauren Miter, Special Education Teacher, effective March 6, 2020

9(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation for purpose of retirement of Priscilla Shaw, Custodian, effective April 30, 2020

9(C) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Samantha Noxon, Special Education Teacher, effective April 30, 2020

9(D) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation for purpose of retirement of Harold Hutchinson, Building Mechanic, effective April 30, 2020

9(E) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Full report contained in the Supplemental File)

To accept the Treasurer's Report including Warrants, Revenues, Appropriations and Transfers as presented

9(F) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2019-2020 & the 2020-2021 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 02/24/20, 03/23/20, and 03/04/20

9(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint the following additions to the teaching substitute listing for 2019-2020 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Sarah Hensel	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and TA	04/07/20
Kelly Nicoletta	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	04/07/20

9(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint the following additions to the NON-teaching substitute listing for 2019-2020 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
John (Jack) Dugan, Jr	Substitute Cleaner	04/07/20

9(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERNS for the period of time listed as follows:

Name	Assignment	Effective
Caitlyn Williams	Adam Vooris	March 23 – May 13, 2020

9(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Jason D. Thomson, Leslie Berner to the probationary position of Driver/Monitor, Step 1, effective March 5, 2020

9(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an extension for the leave of absence for Melissa Vooris effective for the 2020-2021 school year (original appointment May 29, 2019 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year - approved at the 2/5/19 BOE meeting)

9(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVE AND APPOINTMENT

To approve an extension of the long term substitute position held by Kristen Roff from February 3, 2020 to March 6, 2020, originally approved at the August 20, 2019 Board meeting; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Central School District hereby appoints upon the recommendation of Jason D. Thomson, Superintendent, Kristen Roff to continue as a long term substitute to fill the position held by Ashley Mitchell is who out on a Leave of Absence. Ms. Roff's appointment will be effective March 7, 2020 and, provided she renders satisfactory service, is intended to continue but no later than June 30, 2020. No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and Ms. Roff's employment may be terminated at any time.

9(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason D. Thomson, Kasey Conklin to continue as a long term substitute to fill the position held by Melissa Vooris who is out on a Leave of Absence. Ms. Conklin's appointment will be effective July 1, 2020 and, provided she renders satisfactory service, is intended to continue but no later than June 30, 2021. No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and Ms. Conklin's employment may be terminated at any time.

9(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason D. Thomson, Erin Small to as a short term substitute to fill the position held by Kristen Roff is who took a Leave of Absence from her position to fill another position within the district. Ms. Small's appointment will be effective on or about April 15, 2020 (pursuant to the executive order from Governor Cuomo to resume in person classroom instruction) and, provided she renders satisfactory service, is intended to continue but no later than June 30, 2020. No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and Ms. Small's employment may be terminated at any time.

9(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason D. Thomson, Courtney White as a professional educator at Step 5 in the tenure area of Special Education for a probationary period of four years, effective on or about April 15, 2020 and ending April 14, 2024

9(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

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

DESTINATION: Washington DC

DATE: December 1-4, 2020

PARTICIPANTS: 160 8th grade students

CHAPERONES: 14 including Advisor Lara Marotta

9(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL (Calendar contained in the Supplemental File)
To approve the 2020-2021 calendar as presented

9(R) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Full report contained in the Supplemental File)
To accept the High School and Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report as of the following date(s):

AS OF 2/29/20

Account Balance: \$ 133,352.69

9(S) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Ichabod Crane Schools of \$1,339 from the PTA and approve an increase in the 2019-2020 budget from \$41,601,251 to \$41,602,590 into the following Appropriation Code:

- A2110.510-99-2000 - in the amount of \$1,339

9(T) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION

(Full agreement contained in the Supplemental File)

To approve a 2019-2020 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the South Colonie Central School District for one student attending a private school within the district in the amount of \$771,56 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 8-0

MOTION RAMOS 2ND WELCOME

WHEREAS, an appeal to the New York State Commissioner of Education was filed by Jeffrey Ouellette on March 23, 2020, pursuant to New York State Education law §306; and

WHEREAS, the Petition names as respondent Matthew Nelson, as President of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane (Kinderhook) Central School District; and

WHEREAS, the appeal seeks, inter alia, the removal of said respondent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane (Kinderhook) Central School District desires to have its attorneys, Girvin & Ferlazzo, P.C., defend Matthew Nelson in his capacity as President of the Board of Education;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane (Kinderhook) Central School District hereby authorizes its attorneys, Girvin & Ferlazzo, P.C., to defend Matthew Nelson, President of the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane (Kinderhook) Central School District, in his capacity as President of the Board of Education, in and throughout the administrative proceeding referenced above, including but not limited to the filing of an answer and supporting affidavits and memorandum of law and for any necessary personal appearances

on his behalf, and further authorizes the Board Vice-President or his designee to execute and verify any necessary documents.

A brief discussion ensued

ANTALEK - ABSENT

NELSON - ABSTAIN

RAMOS - YES

Carried, 6-1-1

BERNER - YES

OUELLETTE - NO

ROSE - YES

CRAWFORD - YES

PHILLIPS - YES

WELCOME - YES

Board President Matthew Nelson thanked OK Kids Director Kara Udway who was in attendance at the meeting for the additional child care provided to children in the district by OK Kids during this time of school closure.

Superintendent Jason D Thomson encouraged everyone to check our website often to keep up-to-date as changes to Education Law are happening quickly and often.

MOTION NELSON 2ND WELCOME

To adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Carried, 8-0