

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education

August 3, 2021

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Primary School Auditorium.

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Allard	Elaine Berlin	John Chandler	Jeffrey Ouellette
Elizabeth Phillips	Anne Schaefer	Jared Widjeskog	

Board Members Absent: Kelly Firmbach Matthew Nelson

School Officials Present:

Suzanne Guntlow, Superintendent, Lucas Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, Craig Shull, High School Principal, Tim Farley, Middle School Co-Principal, Andrea Williams, Primary School Principal, Peg Warner, Special Education Director, Steve Marotta, Director of Facilities, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Board Vice President Elizabeth Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Board Vice President Elizabeth Phillips announced the fire exits, 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.”

Board member Anne Schaefer briefly left the meeting.

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND CHANDLER

To approve the agenda as presented

Carried, 6-0

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND WIDJESKOG

To approve the minutes of the following Board meetings:

- July 13, 2021 - Organizational and Regular Meeting Minutes
- July 26, 2021 - Special Workshop Meeting
- July 28, 2021 - Special Workshop Meeting

Carried, 6-0

Board member Anne Schaefer returned to the meeting.

Public Participation

One member of the public addressed the Board:

- Frank Wood - reopening of school

Board Discussion

The Board discussed the following topics

- NYSSBA Annual Conference - This conference is to be held in person and consideration of Board members attending this professional development opportunity will be during Discussion Action items.
- The Common Thread Workshop and Goal Setting Workshops were held in person on July 26 and July 28 and were streamed for the public to view.
- Board Committee Membership as set by the Board President were shared with Board members

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suzanne Guntlow reported and briefly answered questions on the following topics:

- Capital Project Update
The Capital Project is on target and the community will be able to view updates during a Showcase scheduled to be held on September 14
- HVAC Update
Director of Maintenance Steve Marotta gave an overview of the district-wide HVAC system and the filtration and ventilation capabilities
- Re-opening Plan
To address social/emotional stresses, the theme for return to school is Unity. Specific information regarding the opening will be forthcoming.

Business Office Report

Business Manager Michael Brennan briefly reported on the following

- Grants Update
- Tax Update
- Audit Update
- EPC Financing Update

Consent Agenda

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND BERLIN

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

- 11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Full Report Contained in Supplemental File)
To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2021 (including Revenues, Appropriations and Transfers) and Warrants as presented
- 11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:
Meeting Dates of: 3/30; 4/14; 4/21; 4/23; 4/28; 5/3; 5/5; 5/7; 5/14; 5/17; 5/19; 6/1; 6/2; 6/3; 6/4; 6/7; 6/9; 6/10; 6/14; 6/16; 6/21; 7/8; 7/22

11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Crystal First, Secretary, effective August 6, 2021

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Patrick Pasculi, Bus Driver, effective July 1, 2021

11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Erin Bulan, Teacher, effective August 30, 2021

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Suzanne Guntlow, Superintendent, additional ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS: TEAM LEADER /GRADE LEVEL/ DISTRICT-WIDE/ DEPARTMENT CHAIRS for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

Staff	Assignment
Todd DiGrigoli	Social Media Specialist
Bob Hanna	Team 8 Team Leader
Catrina Scully and Anne Flemming	Curriculum Co-Leaders - ELA 6 - 8
Laura Regan	<u>Resign:</u> Enrichment Coordinator
Karen Vecellio	<u>Appoint:</u> Enrichment Coordinator

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT AND APPROVAL (Full List Contained in Supplemental File)

To accept all Extra-classroom Activities for the 2021-2022 school year per the attached listing and to upon the recommendation of Suzanne Guntlow, Superintendent, the following Extraclass Appointments for the 2021-22 school year:

Assignment	High School Staff
After-school Homework Center Supervision	Robin Sullivan, Angelique Hebert, Jean Barford
After-school Hall Duty - Supervision	Jean Barford, Robin Sullivan, Angelique Hebert
After-school Library - Supervision	Jennifer Two-Axe, Theresa Longhi, Nancy Konkle
After School Library - Supervision Substitute	Robin Sullivan, Angelique Hebert, Jean Barford
After-school Science Lab - Supervision	Gregory Miller, Cori Drummond, Anastassia Gonyea, Jessica Porter, Timothy McErlean, Curt Barford, Scott Stafiej, Todd Megan, Christopher Drumma
Regents Review classes	Tom Chiappinelli, Nancy Dolan, Dan Farley, Katherine Goold, Steve Werthner, Megan Yeats, Curt Barford, Chris Drumma, Cori Drummond, Anastassia Gonyea, Todd Megan, Greg Miller, Jessica Porter, Timothy McErlean, Scott Stafiej, Victoria Austin, Steve Cangemi, Linda Knight,

	Emily Lock, Meredith Grizzaffi, Dave Vona, John Wilary, Bob Allard, Jodi Gajadar, Randy Goold, Angela Pemberton, Patrick Sanger, Maureen Van Tassel, Lisa Duffek, Abrayshka Ortiz, Ingrid Monaghan, Nicole Naef, Courtney Dobkins, Brent Pemberton, Robert Piel, Sarah Warren, Andrew Mead, Mallory Favreau
Regents Exam Proctors and Graders	Tom Chiappinelli, Nancy Dolan, Dan Farley, Katherine Goold, Steve Werthner, Megan Yeats, Curt Barford, Chris Drumma, Cori Drummond, Anastassia Gonyea, Todd Megan, Greg Miller, Jessica Porter, Timothy McErlean, Scott Stafiej, Victoria Austin, Steve Cangemi, Linda Knight, Emily Lock, Meredith Grizzaffi, Dave Vona, John Wilary, Bob Allard, Jodi Gajadar, Randy Goold, Angela Pemberton, Patrick Sanger, Maureen Van Tassel, Lisa Duffek, Abrayshka Ortiz, Ingrid Monaghan, Nicole Naef, Courtney Dobkins, Brent Pemberton, Robert Piel, Sarah Warren, Andrew Mead, Mallory Favreau
Central Treasurer (HS/MS)	John Wilary
Faculty Auditor	Lara Marotta

Assignment	Middle School Staff
After School Hallway Supervision	Maria Walsh, Janet Haywood, Gene Ringwood, Carrie Dugan, Gail Colton
After-school Athletes Supervision	Marcela Mason, Jason Jause, Gene Ringwood, Carrie Dugan
After School Homework Center - Grades 4/5	Judith Ooms, Maria Walsh, Mary Middleton
Extended Day Teachers	Maria Walsh, Judith Ooms, Elisa McNeil, Hannah Sive, Christine Hamm, Melanie Moon, Janet Haywood, Marianne Noll, Tricia Rathke, Forrest Madison
Extended Day Substitute Teachers	Jennifer Gecewicz, Mary Middleton, Nicolas Spanswick

Assignment	High School Club Advisors
Anime Club	Dan Farley
Art Club	CoAdvisors: Sandy Dwileski and Gayle Abrams
Color Guard Advisors	Alicia Cowan
Crane Acting Troupe Artistic Director	Gayle Nadeem Helfer
Crane Acting Troupe Financial Advisor	John Wilary
Crane Acting Troupe Music Director	Karolyn Eberhardt
Crane Acting Troupe Producer	Gayle Nadeem Helfer
Crane Acting Troupe Technical	Michael Rivenbrug
Crane Acting Troupe Choreographer	Deborah Anthony
Envirothon Co Advisors	Greg Miller, Todd Megan
French Club	Scott Stafiej
Friends of Rachel	CoAdvisors: Ashley Southard and Angeique Hebert
Girls' Athletic Council	Tracy Nytransky
Habitat for Humanity	Co-Advisors: Randy Goold, Judy Bury
Ichabod Crane Sports Network	Dave Ames
Interact Club	Co-Advisors: Greg Miller, Anatassia Gonyea
Junior Class	Greg Miller
Literary Magazine	Dan Farley

Marching Band	Jennifer Edwards
Military Modeling Club	Dan Farley
Model UN Club	CoAdvisors: Patrick Sanger and Robert Allard
National Honor Society	Curt Barford
Newspaper Club "The Blue and White"	Katherine Goad
No Place for Hate	Co-Advisors: Mallory Favreau and Angelique Hebert
Peer Mediation	Jean Barford
Pride Club	Co-Advisors: Beth Ruiz, Andrew Mead
Rock School (aka School of Rock)	Stephen Werthner
Sala Latina/ISO	Co-Advisors: Theresa Longhi, Nancy Dolan
SADD Advisor	Co-Advisors: Mallory Favreau and Jennifer Two Axe
Students Against Violating the Earth (SAVE)	Co-Advisors: Cori Drummond, Victoria Austin
Senior Class	Co-Advisors:Maureen VanTassel, Victoria Austin, Nancy Konkle
Ski Club	Todd DiGrigoli
Sophomore Class	Co-Advisors: Daniel Farley and Nancy Konkle
Spanish Club	Lisa Duffek
Spectrum	Karolyn Eberhardt
Stage Crew	Jennifer Edwards
Student Council	Co-Advisors: Linda Knight, Meredith Grizzaffi
Student School Store	Co-Advisors: Jean Barford, Robin Sullivan
Summer Band Camp	Jennifer Edwards
Technology Club	Cole Moon
Varsity Club	Dave Ames
Yearbook Advisors-Financial	John Wilary

Assignment	Middle School Advisors
Art Club	Jessica Mascolo
Book Club	Co-Advisors: Beth Kelly, Hannah Sive
DC Club	Lara Marotta
Dungeons and Dragons	Forrest Madison
Elementary Robotics Club	Co-advisors: Selena Hawver-Cook
5 /6 Pops	Amy Giammattei
Friends of Rachel	Mary Middleton
Garden Club	Gail Colton
Jazz Band	Allesandra Shellard
Junior SAVE	Jessica Mascolo
National Jr. Honor Society	Kim Zorzi
Newspaper/Media	Co-Advisors: Elisabeth Milot Elisa McNeil
Pawsitive Peers	Laura Sarno
Peer Mediation	Co-Advisors: Jackie Purificato Gail Colton
School Store	Co-Advisors: Elisa McNeil Mary Middleton
Sing Swing	Maggie Rempe
Ski Club	Elisa McNeil
S.T.E.M.	Jennifer Gecewicz
Student Council	Jeff Montague
Walking Club	Sarah Cotsonas
Yearbook Advisors	Co-Advisors: Melanie Moon Jessica Mascolo

Assignment	Middle School Staff
After School Hallway Supervision	Maria Walsh, Janet Haywood, Gene Ringwood, Carrie Dugan, Gail Colton
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Extended Day Substitute Teachers	Jennifer Gecewicz, Mary Middleton, Nicolas Spanswick

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following additional staff to work summer 2021 school programs:

Name	Building	Position
Nicholas Spanswick	any	Summer Substitute Teacher

11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Suzanne Guntlow, Superintendent, the following Interscholastic Coaches for the 2021-2022 school year:

Position	Name	Step
Varsity Golf Head Coach	Dan Funk	STEP 10
Varsity Girls Cross Country Head Coach	Ciena Lentz	STEP 1
Varsity Football Head Coach	Tom Call	STEP 4
Football Assistant Coach	Ken Schultz	STEP 6
Football Assistant Coach	Dan Loeffert	STEP 2
Football Assistant Coach	Guy Changa	STEP 2
Modified Football Head Coach	John Brusie	STEP 1
Varsity Girls Volleyball Head Coach	Adam Vooris	STEP 10
Varsity Girls Soccer Head Coach	Sean Dugan	STEP 5
Varsity Girls Tennis Head Coach	Megan Yeats	STEP 10
Varsity Field Hockey Head Coach	Phil Leader	STEP 4
JV Girls Volleyball Head Coach	Sean Connors	STEP 10
Modified Boys Soccer Head Coach	Robert Hanna	STEP 8
Modified Girls Soccer Head Coach	Tahnee Heins-Bickerton	STEP 9
Modified Cross Country Head Coach	Alanna Moss	STEP 6
Fall Cheerleading	Shameeka Pompey	----
Football Assistant Coach	Robert Allard	STEP 2
Football Assistant Coach	Ryan Puckett	STEP 1

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Suzanne Guntlow, Jessica Iorio to a long term substitute to fill the position held by Melissa Vooris who took a Leave of Absence from her School Counseling and Guidance position. Ms. Iorio's appointment will be effective August 9, 2021 and, provided she renders satisfactory service, is intended to continue but no later than June 30, 2022 at a rate of Masters +18 Step 10. No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and Ms. Iorio's employment may be terminated at any time.

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Suzanne Guntlow, Danielle Ooms to a long term substitute to fill the position held by Jennifer Wachunas who took a Leave of Absence from her teaching position. Ms. Ooms's appointment will be effective August 30, 2021 and, provided she renders satisfactory service, is intended to continue but no later than January 28, 2022 at a rate of Masters Step 2 (prorated). No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and Ms.Ooms's employment may be terminated at any time.

11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane (Kinderhook) Central School District hereby appoints and employs Stacey Gazda to a term position as an AIS Science Teacher, for the maximum period September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, at a rate of Masters Step 4. This is a term appointment and is not a probationary appointment. It is specifically acknowledged that Stacey Gazda has agreed to waive any rights they may have to a probationary appointment and consideration for tenure and such agreement is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties.

11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane (Kinderhook) Central School District hereby appoints and employs Katie Orecki to a term position as an AIS Social Studies Teacher, for the maximum period September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, at a rate of Bachelors+24 Step 1. This is a term appointment and is not a probationary appointment. It is specifically acknowledged that Katie Orecki has agreed to waive any rights they may have to a probationary appointment and consideration for tenure and such agreement is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties.

11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane (Kinderhook) Central School District hereby appoints and employs Kristen Harrington to a term position as an AIS ELA Teacher, for the maximum period September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, at a rate of BA Step 4. This is a term appointment and is not a probationary appointment. It is specifically acknowledged that Kristen Harrington has agreed to waive any rights they may have to a probationary appointment and consideration for tenure and such agreement is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties.

11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT ON TENURE

Whereas Jayne Ferguson commenced probationary service on October 5, 2016 as a probationary professional educator, and
Whereas Jayne Ferguson's probationary appointment will expire on October 4, 2021, and

Whereas Jayne Ferguson holds a valid New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in the certification area(s) Teaching Assistant

Whereas Suzanne Guntlow, Superintendent of the Ichabod Crane Central School District, recommends Jayne Ferguson'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 Jayne Ferguson effective September 1, 2021, to the position of professional educator in the tenure area(s) of Teaching Assistant.

11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To accept the resignation of Ed Ogden, Cleaner, for the purpose of accepting another position within the district; and
To appoint, upon the recommendation of Suzanne Guntlow, Superintendent, Ed Ogden, to the probationary position of Custodian, Step 1, effective August 3, 2021

11(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION

(Full agreement Contained in Supplemental File)

To approve a 2020-2021 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the Albany City School District for thirteen students attending a private school within the district (Albany Academies and Holy Names) in the amount of \$10,122.32 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract

11(R) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION (Full List Contained in Supplemental File)

To approve and authorize, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, budget transfers per the attached listing

11(S) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Full Report Contained in Supplemental File)

To accept the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for July 2021

- 11(T) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the resignation of Abrayshka Ortiz, Teacher, effective July 31, 2021
- 11(U) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the resignation of Laura Franzese, Teacher, effective, August 31, 2021
- 11(V) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the resignation of Brenda Cole, Teaching Assistant, effective August 2, 2021
- 11(W) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the resignation of Jen Farrell, Teacher, effective August 30, 2021
- 11(X) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Lynn Folmsbee, Custodian, effective September 1, 2021
- 11(Y) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint, upon the recommendation of Suzanne Guntlow, Superintendent, Jamie Stickle, to the probationary position of Monitor, Step 1, effective September 7, 2021
- End of Consent Agenda
Carried, 7-0

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND CHANDLER

To authorize the expenditure of money for Elizabeth Phillips and Jared Widjeskog to attend NYSSBA's annual conference on October 24-26, 2021 at a cost of \$515 (each) plus travel expenses

MOTION CHANDLER 2ND BERLIN

To amend the motion to include Elaine Berlin to attend the conference
Carried, 7-0

Vote on amended resolution
Carried, 7-0

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND BERLIN

To authorize the expenditure of money for Jared Widjeskog's mandatory Board online training through NYSSBA at a cost of \$260
Carried, 7-0

Public Participation

One member of the public asked for clarification the EPC Project which was answered by Business Manager Michael Brennan

Meetings

- August 24 - Regular Board Meeting - 7pm - Location TBD
- September 14 - Middle & High School Community Capital Project Showcase - 5:30pm
- September 14 - Newly Hired and New Tenure Teacher Reception - 6:30pm
- September 14 - Regular Board Meeting 7pm - Middle School Library

Committee Meetings

- August 24 - Superintendent Goal Committee 5:45 pm (tentative) - CO Conference Room
- September 14 - Communications Committee - 5pm (Tentative) - CO Conference Room

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND BERLIN

To adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Carried, 7-0