

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 6, 2024

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Board Members Present:

Kelly Firmbach	Meghan Lafferty-Brown	Matthew Nelson
Megan Pelizza	Elizabeth Phillips	Anne Schaefer
Christopher Scoville	Jared Widjeskog	

Board Member Absent: Jennifer Allard

School Officials Present:

Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Lucas Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, Craig Shull, High School Principal, Marcella Sanchez, High School Assistant Principal, Anthony Marturano, Middle School Co-Principal, Tim Farley, Middle School Co-Principal, Andrea Williams, Primary School Principal, Dan Doyle, Transportation Director, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Board President Matthew Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board President Matthew Nelson announced the fire exits and read the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Vice-President Elizabeth Phillips 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 NELSON 2ND WIDJESKOG

To approve the agenda as presented

Carried, 8-0

MOTION NELSON 2ND FIRMBACH

To to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Carried, 8-0

Public Comment

No one from the public wished to address the Board at this time.

Board Discussion

- Communications Committee
Board President Matthew Nelson briefly reported on the Communications Committee Meeting of January 9
- Academic Committee
Board Vice-President Elizabeth Phillips briefly reported on the Academic Committee Meeting of January 16
- Policy Committee
Board Member Anne Schaefer briefly reported on the Policy Committee Meeting of January 23 with the following policies having readings:

First Readings:

- [1230 Public Comment at Board Meeting](#) - name change and revised
- [1230 E Public Comment at Board Meeting Exhibit](#) - new
- 0100 Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity Policy - revised
- 0100 Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity Regulation - rescind
- 0110 Sexual Harassment - rescind
- 0110.1 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment of Students in the District - revised (current ICC policy and regulation)
- 0110.1R Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment of Students in the District Regulation - revise
- 0110.1E Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment of Students in the District Exhibit - new
- 0110.2 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment of Employees - revise
- 0110.2R Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment of Employees Regulation - revised (current ICC policy and regulation and exhibit)
- 0110.2E Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment of Employees Exhibit - revise
- 0110.11R Title IX Regulation - new
- 2210 Board Organizational Meeting - revise
- 5605 Voter Registration for Students - revise and name change

Second Readings: (Consideration for action under Consent Agenda)

- 4321.12 Use of Time Out - name change and revise
- 4321.12 R Use of Time Out Rooms and Physical Restraints Regulation - rescind
- 4321.12 E Use of Time Out Rooms Exhibit - new
- 4321.15 Limited Use of Physical Restraint - new
- 5314 Corporal Punishment - revised
- 1520 Public Conduct on School Property - revised
- 1520 Public Conduct on School Property Regulation - rescinded

- Budget Finance Committee
Board member Christopher Scoville briefly reported on the meeting of January 30

Reports

- Electric Bus Update

Business Manager Michael Brennan reported on the status of the transition to electric buses with Transportation Supervisor Dan Doyle answering questions as well.

Student Board Member Report

Student Board member Ewan McComb reported to the Board on events and activities with the students district-wide.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marie Digirolamo reported on the following:

- Congratulations to two HS art students- artwork selected for the Columbia-Greene Community College Juried HS Student Art Show 2024
- Congratulations to the "We Go Together" student performers, our winter season senior athletes, and the Columbia County Sheriff's Dodge Ball Team
- Twin County Recovery Services -Assistant Superintendent Lucas Christensen briefly reported
- Student Petition regarding IReady - Students and Administration found resolution in "middle ground"

Business Office Report

Business Manager Michael Brennan reported on the following items:

- Moodys & Fiscal Monitoring
- Donation Blackbaud Giving Fund
- PILOT Agreements Solar Energy Systems
- 2024-2025 Budget Development- Non-Instructional Presentation

Consent Agenda

MOTION NELSON 2ND PHILLIPS

To accept the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Thomas Chiappenelli, ELA Teacher, effective July 1, 2024

11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Taylor Smith, Assistant Head Bus Driver, effective July 1, 2024

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

To accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2023 (including Revenues, Appropriations and Transfers and Warrants) as presented

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2023-2024 school years as follows:
Meeting Dates of: 1/17; 1/25; 1/3

11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint Lucas Christensen as Civil Rights Compliance Officer

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT AND APPROVAL

To accept the resignation upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, the following additional Extraclass Appointments and/or Annual Appointments for the 2023-24 school year:

Staff	Assignment
Ingrid Monaghan	(RESIGN) HS Special Education Team/Curriculum Leader

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint the following additions to the non-teaching substitute listing for 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Cynthia Desposito	Substitute Aide and Substitute Clerical	1/26/24
Raelyn Beaucage	Substitute Monitor and Substitute Clerical	2/7/24

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint the following additions to the teaching substitute listing for 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Amber Hills	Tutor	2/7/24
Marylou Knull	Certified Substitute Teacher and TA	1/19/24
Emily Zimmermann	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and TA	2/7/24
Madeline Maloney	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and TA	2/7/24
Raelyn Beaucage	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and TA	2/7/24
Lily Siver	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and TA	2/7/24

11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To accept resignation/appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, the following Interscholastic Coaches for the 2023-2024 school year:

Position	Name	Step
RESIGN JV Boys Basketball - effective 1/18/24	Austin Babcock	--
APPOINT JV Boys Basketball - effective 1/18/24	Tom Call	Step 8
Varsity Softball Head Coach	Tracy Nytransky-McComb	Step 10
Varsity Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach	Bob Wheeler	--
Varsity Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach	Chris Saccento	--
Varsity Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach	Nancy Graziano	--
Modified Softball Head Coach	Phil Leader	Step 10
Modified Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach	Jeffrey Montague	--
Varsity Baseball Head Coach	Brian McComb	Step 10
Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach	JJ Suafoa	--
Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach	Jason Mavrides	--
JV Baseball Head Coach	Ryan Heimroth	Step 2
JV Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach	Caleb Doyle	--
Modified Baseball Head Coach	Bob Hannah	Step 10
Varsity Outdoor Track & Field Girls Head Coach	Devyn Fernandez	Step 7
Varsity Outdoor Track & Field Boys Head Coach	Chelsea Bell	Step 2
Varsity Outdoor Track & Field Paid Assistant Coach	Patrick Sanger	Step 10
Varsity Outdoor Track & Field Paid Assistant Coach	Molly Goodrich	Step 1
Varsity Outdoor Track & Field Paid Assistant Coach	Joslyn Cowan	Step 1
Varsity Outdoor Track & Field Volunteer Assistant Coach	Philip Saunders	--
Modified Outdoor Track & Field Boys Head Coach	Tahnee Heins-Bickerton	Step 10
Modified Outdoor Track & Field Girls Head Coach	Melissa Vooris	Step 1
Varsity Girls Lacrosse Head Coach	Kaitlin Burke	Step 3
Varsity Boys Tennis Head Coach	Megan Yeats	Step 10
Varsity Boys Tennis Volunteer Assistant Coach	Nolan Wolfe	--

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, the following people to provide after school instruction, per the ICTA contract, for Special Education Itinerant Services (SEIT) during the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Tonya Sauca	SEIT Teacher	2/7/24

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the establishment of the following club for the 2023-2024 School Year with the following unpaid advisors:

Club	Unpaid Advisor
Japanese Club	Penelope Walker

11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION

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

- 4321.12 Use of Time Out - name change and revised
- 4321.12 R Use of Time Out Rooms and Physical Restraints Regulation - rescind
- 4321.12 E Use of Time Out Rooms Exhibit - new
- 4321.15 Limited Use of Physical Restraint - new
- 5314 Corporal Punishment - revised
- 1520 Public Conduct on School Property - revised
- 1520 Public Conduct on School Property Regulation - to be rescinded

11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION (Full Agreement in Supplemental File)

To approve a 2023-2024 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the Greenville Central School District for one student attending a private school within the district (Grapeville) in the amount of \$1,099.05 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract

11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION (Full Agreement in Supplemental File)

To approve a 2023-2024 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the North Greenbush Common School District for 8 students attending a private school within the district (LaSalle) in the amount of \$2,792.72 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract

11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Full Report in Supplemental File)

To accept the High School and Middle School Extraclass Activity Fund Reports as of the following date(s):

AS OF 12/31/23

Account Balance: \$ 220,227.34

11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, per Part 174 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Tuition Rates Actual for 2022-2023 and Estimated Tuition Rates for 2023-2024 as follows:

	Actual Tuition Rates 2022-23	Estimated Tuition Rates 2023-24
Full Day Grades K-6	\$9,047	\$8,948
Full Day Grades 7-12	\$11,008	\$12,480
Special Education Student K-6	\$38,109	\$41,526
Special Education Student 7-12	\$40,070	\$45,058

11(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION (Full Agreement in Supplemental File) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Payment In Lieu of Taxes Agreement For Solar Energy Systems offered by Running Creek Road Solar LLC (Lease Parcel Area North) with respect to the solar project to be constructed at 321 Running Creek Road (Tax Map No. 22.-1-7.3) in the Town of Kinderhook, and authorizes the Superintendent to execute said Agreement on behalf of the District.

11(R) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION (Full Agreement in Supplemental File) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Payment In Lieu of Taxes Agreement For Solar Energy Systems offered by Running Creek Road Solar LLC (Lease Parcel Area South) with respect to the solar project to be constructed at 321 Running Creek Road (Tax Map No. 22.-1-7.3) in the Town of Kinderhook, and authorizes the Superintendent to execute said Agreement on behalf of the District.

11(S) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION

To approve and authorize the Superintendent to make the following budget transfers:

Budget Code	Transfer In	Transfer Out
A2855.530-00-3400 Supplies	\$18,000	
A5530.400-00-0000 Prof. Services		\$13,000
A2110.510-00-0000 Control Supply		\$5,000

11(T) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to the Middle School of \$160 from The Blackburn Giving Fund and approve an increase in the 2023-2024 budget from \$48,609,101 to \$48,609,261 into the following Appropriation Codes:

- A2110.510-02-0000 - in the amount of \$160

11(U) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Full Report in Supplemental File)
 To accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report for January 2024 as presented

11(V) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION (Full Agreements in Supplemental File)
 To authorize the Board President or Superintendent to execute the following agreements:

- Professional Learning Committee Consultant Agreement
- Twin County Recovery Services

End of Consent Agenda
 Carried, 8-0

Public Comment
 No one wished to address the Board at this time

Meetings

- Regular BOE Meetings
 - March 5 at 7:00 pm - High School Library
- Committee Meetings
 - Budget and Finance February 27 at 3:30 pm CO Conference Room
 - Academic Committee March 5 at 5:45 pm CO Conference Room

Budget Development Meetings	
02/27/24	Budget and Finance Committee Meeting - Instructional Budget
03/05/24	Board Meeting Presentation - Instructional Budget, State Aid Projections and Tax Cap
03/26/24	Budget and Finance Committee Meeting - Revenue
04/09/24	Board Meeting Presentation - Draft Budget
04/23/24	Board Meeting Presentation - Final Budget and Anticipated Adoption
05/07/24	Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
05/21/24	Vote and Election

MOTION LAFFERTY-BROWN 2ND FIRMBACH
 To adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.
 Carried 8-0