

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

August 20, 2024

MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Board Members Present: Max DiOrio Kelly Firmbach Meghan Lafferty-Brown
Matthew Nelson Christopher Scoville Valerie Spensieri Cal
Waits

Board Members Absent: Elizabeth Phillips and Anne Schaefer

School Officials Present: Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Lucas Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, Craig Shull, High School Principal

Board President Matthew Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Board member Meghan Lafferty-Brown read the 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 DIORIO
To approve the agenda as presented
Carried, 7-0

MOTION NELSON 2ND SCOVILLE
To approve the minutes of the:
August 6, 2024 - Regular Meeting and Workshop Meeting
August 7, 2024 - Workshop Meeting
Carried, 7-0

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

Board of Education Student Leaders

MOTION NELSON 2ND WAITS
To appoint, in accordance with policy #2245, Amara Gabriel to serve as Student Representative to the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year and;

To appoint Sophia Karic to serve as an Alternate Student Representative to the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year

Carried, 7-0

The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office for newly appointed Student Board Members.

High School Principal Craig Shull introduced the new Student Leaders to the Board members.

Board Discussion

The Board discussed the following:

- Board Member Max DiOrio briefly reported on the Facilities Committee meeting from August 15, 2024 including a introduction to the public of the proposed Capital Project and CSArch presenting at the November Board meeting.
- ICCSD Instructional Program Vision
Discussion of wording for the draft of the Program Vision
- [Rider Goals 2027](#)
Reviewed the draft of the Rider Goals 2027 created at the workshop meetings on August 6-7
- *The Anxious Generation* BOE
To be continued in October and monthly until complete
- Wall of Fame Committee Members: Matthew Nelson and Meghan Lafferty-Brown

Reports

District-Wide Safety Plan

Tina Tierney from Needham Risk Management presented to the Board and answered questions on the District-Wide Safety Plan. There were no questions from the public on this topic and the approval of the plan had consideration under the Consent Agenda.

Public Hearing: Code of Conduct Policy

- A. Hearing Declared Open at 7:52 p.m.
- B. Presentation by Marie Digirolamo
- C. Questions from the Board
The Board asked a question regarding cell phones and bullying followed by a brief discussion.
- D. Questions from the Public
There were no questions from the public
- E. Hearing Declared Closed 8:03 p.m.
Consideration for adoption of policy 5310 Code of Conduct under Consent Agenda

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marie Digirolamo briefly reported on teachers and students returning to school.

Business Office Report

Business Manager Michael Brennan briefly discussed the tax levy and the beginning of tax collection for the 2024-2025 school year.

Consent Agenda
MOTION NELSON 2ND FIRMBACH

11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND ADOPTION (Warrant in Supplemental File)
To adopt a tax levy, inclusive of STAR reimbursement, at \$27,477,201 with the tax levy to be at 2.94% over last year’s actual levy;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District at the Annual District Vote and Election held on May 21, 2024, was authorized by the voters of the district to expend sums in the total amount of \$ 50,187,013 during the 2024-2025 school year, and to levy the necessary tax therefor;

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED, that the tax warrant of the Board of Education, inclusive of STAR reimbursement, dated August 20, 2024 in the amount of \$27,477,201 is hereby executed and the collection of said taxes to begin on September 3, 2024 and to end on November 1, 2024 giving the Tax Warrant an effective period of 60 days, at the expiration of which time said Tax Collector shall make an account in writing to the Board of Education;

AND BE IT FURTHER DIRECTED that the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

- First 30 days (September 3 - October 2) no penalty
- Second 30 days (October 3 - November 1) 2% penalty

AND TO ESTABLISH the date of July 26, 2025 as the last date for accepting applications for third party notification of Real Property Taxes in accordance with Chapter 758 of the Laws of 1986

11(B) AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESIDENT TO SIGN
To authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the following documents:

- Uncollected Levy for Rensselaer and Columbia Counties

11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:
Meeting Dates of: 5/1; 5/28; 5/29; 6/5; 6/7; 6/13; 6/21; 8/6

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint the following additions to the non-teaching substitute listing for 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Tika Veakins	Substitute Cleaner	8/12/24

11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT AND APPROVAL
To to appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, the following additional Extraclass Appointments and/or Annual Appointments for the 2024-25 school year:

Staff	Assignment
Jessica Mascolo, Laura Sarno, Mary Middleton	Mentor
Katie Goold	Mentor (half-year)

Mel Vooris	K-12 Guidance Teacher Leader
Kim Palmer	4th Grade Teacher Leader
Resign: Judy Bury	Habitat for Humanity

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Adult Education Instructors, with such appointments to take effect if there is sufficient enrollment to offer the courses of study to which a teacher is appointed:

Teacher	Course
Linda Renken	5 Hour Pre-Licensing
Michelle Lagonia, Emily Heins	Yoga
Katie Snyder	Zumba
Melissa Kugler	Cardio Kickboxing
Joyce Flower	Basket Weaving
James Farnam	How Money Works/Medicaid 101
Shane Morris, Jeff Gibeault & Greg Dedrick	Adult Basketball

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Alba Velazquez, to the probationary position of Clerk-Typist, Step 1, effective August 19, 2024

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the establishment of the following club for the 2024-2025 School Year with the following unpaid advisors:

Club	Unpaid Advisor
Spanish Club (Middle School)	Nick Spanswick and Julie Johnson

11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL (Full Plan in Supplemental File)

To approve the District-wide Safety Plan as presented

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL

To authorize the expenditure of money for Valerie Spensieri's mandatory Board online training through NYSSBA at a cost of \$280

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION (Full Agreements in Supplemental File)

To authorize the Superintendent or Board President to execute the following agreements:

- Hillcrest Education Center
- SBC Instructional Consulting, LLC
- MOU OK Kids
- MOA ICTA
- MOA CSEA

11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Sarah O'Neil, bus driver, effective August 19, 2024

11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Marie Digirolamo, Kim Funk to a long term substitute to fill the position held by Kim Zorzi who resigned from her Math Teacher position. Ms. Funk's appointment will be effective August 28, 2024 and, provided she renders satisfactory service, is intended to continue but no later than June 27, 2025 at a rate of MO Step 15. No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and Ms. Funk's employment may be terminated at any time.

11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To accept the resignation of Mary Beth Strobel, Monitor, for the purpose of accepting another position within the district; and

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Mary Beth Strobel, to the probationary position of Food Service Helper (3-hour), Step 1 effective August 28, 2024

11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Heather Dorval, to the probationary position of Food Service Helper (3 hour), Step 1, effective August 28, 2024

11(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Dawn Kerber, to the probationary position of Food Service Helper (3 hour), Step 1, effective August 28, 2024

11(R) CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION (attached)

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

- 5310 Code of Conduct

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 7-0

Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

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

Meetings

- September 10 - Regular Board Meeting 7pm - HS Library
 - New Teacher and Newly Tenured Teacher Reception 6:30 pm
- October 8 - District Tour 5pm - Meet in front on the HS
- October 8 - Regular Board Meeting 7pm - HS Library

Committee Meetings

- September 10 - Academic Committee 5:15 pm - Central Office Conference Room
- September 17 - Policy Committee 5:45 pm - Central Office Conference Room
- September 19 - Facilities Committee 4:00 pm - Virtual

Adjournment

MOTION NELSON 2ND DIORIO

To adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Carried, 7-0

August 20, 2024