

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

September 10, 2024

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Prior to the meeting, a reception was held for the Newly Tenured and Newly Hired Instructional Faculty.

Board members Present:

Max DiOrio	Kelly Firmbach	Meghan Lafferty-Brown	
Matthew Nelson	Elizabeth Phillips	Valerie Spensieri	Cal Waits

Board members Absent:

Anne Schaefer Christopher Scoville

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, Andrea Williams, Primary School Principal, Peg Warner, Special Education 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 conducted 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 FIRMBACH

To approve the agenda as presented

Carried, 7-0

MOTION DIORIO 2ND WAITS

To approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024 - Regular Board meeting

Carried, 7-0

Public Participation

Two members of the public addressed the Board on a number of topics:

- November’s election and proposed changes pertaining to the federal education department
- Diversity in staff at the school
- School Resource Officers

- Press Box
- Baseball Fields and lights
- Basketball tournament
- Food and meal options at the school

Board Discussion

- NYSSBA Voting Delegate - to be Kelly Firmbach and more discussion in October

Student Leader Report

Student Board member Amara Gabriel reported on the overall beginning of the school year and Open Houses in the district buildings.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marie Digirolamo reported briefly on the following topics:

- Professional Learning Days and First Day of School
- Traffic concerns and potential solutions
- Preset - October BOE Meeting discussion of *The Anxious Generation*

Business Office Report

Business Manager Michael Brennan reported briefly on the following topics:

- Review of Fund Balance and Reserves
- West and Co., External Auditors will report to the Board in October
- Update on Taxes

Consent Agenda

MOTION NELSON 2ND LAFFERTY-BROWN

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Scott Stafiej, French and Science Teacher, effective August 8, 2024

11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Jennifer Handy, Aide, effective September 12, 2024

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

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2024 (including Revenues, Appropriations and Transfers and Warrants)

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year as follows: meeting dates of: 5/30; 6/10; 6/12; 6/24; 8/6; 8/27

11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT AND APPROVAL

To to appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, the following additional Extraclass Changes and/or Annual Appointments for the 2024-25 school year:

Staff	Assignment
Cori Drummond	Chemical Hygiene Officer
Nick Ronca	Co-Advisor of the MS News Media Club
Jason Jause	TIC Middle School
Lara Marotta, Julianne Montross	Extended Day Teachers
Resign: Scott Stafiej	Socrates Club Advisor
Dara Rexhouse	After School Detention
Nick Spanswick	LOTE Team leader
Resign: Mel Vooris Appoint: Lucas Silvas	TL K-12 Guidance Department
Nicholas Ronca, Rachael Imbert, Katie Snyder	Substitute Detention

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint the following additions to the Non-teaching substitute listing for 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Elizabeth Briggs	Substitute Food Service Helper and Substitute Monitor	9/4/24
Lisa Schmitt	Substitute Aide	9/4/24
Melissa Tart	Substitute Monitor	9/9/24

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint the following additions to the Teaching substitute listing for 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Sydney Cook	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and TA	9/10/24
Katherine Heimroth	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and TA	9/10/24

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, the following Interscholastic Coaches for the 2024-2025 school year:

Position	Name	Step
JV Boys Soccer - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Dayten Sweeney-McClanahan	---
Varsity Cheerleading - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Alexis Jostlin	---

11(I) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT

To accept the resignation of Dell Potts, Long-Term Substitute TA position, for the purpose of accepting another position within the district; and,

Whereas Dell Potts who is eligible for a New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in the certification area(s) of Teaching Assistant

Whereas Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent of the Ichabod Crane Central School District, recommends Dell Potts be appointed to a probationary position, conditionally, pending New York State Education Department certification and safety clearance, 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 appoint Dell Potts to the position of professional educator in the tenure area(s) of Teaching Assistant, Bachelors Step 1 for a probationary period of four years to commence on or about September 3, 2024 and to expire on September 2, 2028

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Whereas Sarah Freeman who is eligible for a New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in the certification area(s) of Teaching Assistant

Whereas Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent of the Ichabod Crane Central School District, recommends Sarah Freeman be appointed to a probationary position, conditionally, pending New York State Education Department certification and safety clearance, 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 appoint Sarah Freeman to the position of professional educator in the tenure area(s) of Teaching Assistant, Bachelors Step 1 for a probationary period of four years to commence on or about September 3, 2024 and to expire on September 2, 2028

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND APPOINTMENT

To approve a leave of absence effective September 3, 2024- January 24, 2025 for Kacey Veakins, Monitor, for the purpose of accepting another position within the district; and

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Marie Digirolamo, Kacey Veakins to a long term substitute to fill the position held by Emma Accousti who took a Leave of Absence from her teaching assistant position. Ms. Veakins's appointment will be effective September 3, 2024 and, provided she renders satisfactory service, is intended to continue but no later than January 24, 2025 at a rate of TA Step 1. No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and Ms. Veakins's employment may be terminated at any time.

11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Colleen Dorval, to the probationary position of Monitor, Step 1, effective September 4, 2024

11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Dawn Kerber, to the probationary position of Bus Driver, Step 1, effective September 12, 2024

11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Melissa Tart having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which ends, October 3, 2024, to the permanent position of Bus Driver

11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, James Elmendorf having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which ends, October 3, 2024, to the permanent position of Bus Driver

11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION

To approve and authorize the Superintendent to transfer \$108,889 from the A825 (ERS) Reserve to the General Fund; and

To approve and authorize the Superintendent to transfer \$62,000 from the A830 (EBLAR) Reserve to the General Fund; and

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

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

	AS OF 7/31/24
Account Balance:	\$101,793.73

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

To accept the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for August 2024

11(S) AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNATURE (Full Agreements in Supplemental File)

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

- Capital Psychology
- Hudson High Transportation Afternoon Agreement
- Hudson High Transportation Morning Agreement
- CTE Aviation Transportation Agreement

11(T) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

WHEREAS, Education Law § 1507(1) provides that with the written consent of the trustees of all the districts affected thereby, the district superintendent may make an order altering the boundaries of any school district within her jurisdiction, and fix in such order a day when the alteration shall take effect; and

WHEREAS, there exists a parcel of real property located in the Town of Kinderhook, commonly known as 240 Hennett Road and designated as Tax Map No. 54.-1-48.122 ("the Property"), which is so situated so as to be partially within the Ichabod Crane Central School District and partially within the Chatham Central School District, as depicted on certain school district boundary maps; and

WHEREAS, the assessment roll maintained by the Town of Kinderhook currently lists the Property as located within the Ichabod Crane Central School District for school tax purposes; And

WHEREAS, there is presently one (1) school-aged child residing on the Property, which child currently attends school in the Chatham Central School District on a non-resident tuition basis; and

WHEREAS, the owner(s) of the Property have requested that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District provide its written consent pursuant to Education Law §1507(1) so as to allow the District Superintendent of the Questar III BOCES to make an order altering the boundary line between the Ichabod Crane Central School District and the Chatham Central School District so as to locate the Property entirely within the Chatham Central School District; and

WHEREAS, under the facts and circumstances presented, and taking into consideration the educational interests of the children involved, the effect of the proposed transfer on the student population, and the tax revenues and education program of the school district from which the property would be transferred, the Board of Education has determined that the proposed boundary line alteration is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District consents to the District Superintendent of Questar III BOCES making an order altering the boundary line between the Ichabod Crane Central School District and the Chatham Central School District so as to locate the property commonly known as 240 Hennett Road and designated as Tax Map No. 54.-1-48.122 entirely within the Chatham Central School District, and directs that a copy of this Resolution be provided to said District Superintendent as evidence of such written consent.

11(U) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Angela Grandinetti, Teaching Assistant, effective October 9, 2024

11(V) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Nicholas Funk, Teaching Assistant, effective September 10, 2024

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 7-0

Public Participation

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

Meetings

- October 3 - Fall Administrative and BOE Social 4-6pm
- October 8 - Regular Meeting 7pm - HS Library
- November 12 - Regular 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 5:00 pm - Virtual
- TBD - Superintendent Goals 5:45 pm - Central Office Conference Room
- October 1 - Audit Committee 5:45 pm - Central Office Conference Room

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MOTION NELSON 2ND DIORIO
To adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.