

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 12, 2024

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Board Members Present:

Max DiOrio	Meghan Lafferty-Brown	Matthew Nelson	
Elizabeth Phillips	Anne Schaefer	Valerie Spensieri	Cal Waits

Board Members Absent: Kelly Firmbach Christopher Scoville

School Officials Present:

Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Lucas Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, Marcella Sanchez, High School Assistant Principal, Anthony Marturano, Middle School Co-Principal, Dave Ames, Athletic Director and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Board President Matthew Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Board member Meghan Lafferty-Brown 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 SCHAEFER

To approve the agenda with the modifications presented including moving item 11(Y) to Discussion Action, item following the consideration of the Consent Agenda

Carried, 7-0

MOTION DIORIO 2ND SPENSIERI

To approve the minute of the:
October 8, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2024 - Workshop Meeting Minutes

Carried, 7-0

Public Comment

Two members of the public addressed the Board on the following topics:

- Track Invitational
- Craft Fair

Board Discussion

- NYSSBA Annual Conference Report
Attendees: Matthew Nelson, Kelly Firmbach, Meghan Lafferty-Brown, Max DiOrio, Cal Waits, Elizabeth Phillips, Marie Digirolamo and Lucas Christensen

- Committee Meetings
 - Facilities Committee
Board President Matthew Nelson briefly reported on the Facilities Committee Meetings held on October 17th and November 7. More information from the Capital Project Reports later in the Board meeting.
 - Policy Committee
Board Member Meghan Lafferty-Brown briefly reported on the Policy Committee Meeting held on October 29.
The following policies are considered to have First Readings:
 - 5275 Athletic Code of Conduct (revised)
 - 5100 Attendance (revised)
 - 5205 Eligibility for Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities (revised)

- Athletic Team Partnership Discussion
Athletic Director Dave Ames reported to the Board on an opportunity to partner with Chatham CSD to improve the football program for both schools. More discussion will take place at the next Board meeting.

Reports

- Academic Report - K-12 Math
Teacher Leaders in the area of Math reported to the Board on teaching math district-wide.
- Capital Project Referendum 2025 - District Team, CSArch, Bernard P. Donegan Financial Consultants

Student Board Member Report - Amara Gabriel

Student Board Member Amara Gabriel reported briefly on events happening in the buildings and with students District-wide.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marie Digirolamo reported to the Board on the following items.

- Congratulations fall season student athletes and performers!
- Nov 5 Superintendent's Conference Day
- BOE Book Study: *The Anxious Generation* Parts III and IV - January 14 at 7:00 pm
- ICAA MOA

Business Office Report

Business Manager Michael Brennan reported to the Board on the following items which are listed under the consent agenda:

- Tax Collection Update and Collector's Report - Item 11(W)
- Donations to the District - Items 11(R-V)

Consent Agenda

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND LAFFERTY-BROWN

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Alexandria Mokhiber, Bus Driver, effective November 7, 2024

11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Heather Scarano, Special Education Teacher, effective Nov 29, 2024

11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Lisa Schmitt, Aide, effective November 23, 2024

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Full report in Supplemental File)

To accept the Treasurer's Report for September 2024 (including Revenues, Appropriations and Transfers and Warrants) as presented

11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:
Meeting Dates of: 5/14; 6/18; 8/6; 8/27; 9/17; 9/20; 9/23; 9/25; 10/3; 10/4; 10/7; 10/16;
10/17; 10/21; 10/22; 10/23; 10/24; 10/30; 11/4

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

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

Name	Position	Effective
Helen O'Toole	Certified Substitute Teacher and TA	11/4/24
Mark Whitworth	Certified Substitute Teacher and TA	10/21/24
Barb Duggan	Certified Substitute TA	10/24/24
Colin Dijan	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and TA	11/12/24
Alyson Yoder	SEIT	11/13/24

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

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

Name	Position	Effective
Julie Ordway	Substitute RN	11/12/24
Stacey Wurzburg	Substitute FSH	11/12/24
Dawn Kerber	Substitute Cleaner	10/31/24
April Stromberg	Translator	11/12/24
John Rivero	Translator	11/12/24

11(H) 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
Todd DiGrigoli	Ski Club Advisor
Nolan Wolfe	Pride Club Advisor
Molly Fryer	Extended Day

11(I) 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
Girls Modified Basketball - Head Coach	Tahnee Bickerton	Step 10
Girls JV Basketball - Head Coach	Phil Leader	Step 10
Girls Varsity Basketball - Head Coach	Bob Allard	Step 2
Girls Varsity Basketball - Assistant Coach	Tori Austin	Step 1
Girls Varsity Basketball - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Madison Graham	n/a
Girls Varsity Basketball - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Cori Drummond	n/a
Girls Varsity Basketball - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Jason Jause	n/a
Boys Modified Basketball - Head Coach	Tom Banks	Step 5
Boys JV Basketball - Head Coach	Tom Call	Step 9
Boys JV Basketball - Volunteer Assistant	Cameron Holzhauer	n/a
Boys Varsity Basketball - Head Coach	Chris Mueller	Step 2
Boys Varsity Basketball - Assistant Coach	Will Ferguson	Step 10
Boys Varsity Basketball - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Tim Ragosta	n/a
Boys Modified Volleyball - Head Coach	Jeffrey Montague	Step 3
Boys Modified Volleyball - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Dell Potts	n/a
Boys Varsity Volleyball - Head Coach	Sean Connors	Step 10
Boys Varsity Volleyball - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Will Valley	n/a
Boys Varsity Volleyball - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Dennis Shields	n/a
Boys Varsity Volleyball - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Bob Wheeler	n/a
Boys Modified Wrestling - Head Coach	Dan Cremo	Step 10
Boys Modified Wrestling - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Theodore Lerman	n/a
Boys Varsity Wrestling - Head Coach	Lucas Silvis	Step 3
Boys Varsity Wrestling - Assistant Coach	Hugh Sarno	Step 1
Boys Varsity Wrestling - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Tim Sarno	n/a
Boys Varsity Wrestling - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Jair Gomez-Martinez	n/a
Boys Varsity Wrestling - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Mike Alessi	n/a
Boys Varsity Wrestling - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Nick Ronca	n/a
Boys & Girls Indoor Track - Head Coach	Devyn Fernandez	Step 8
Boys & Girls Indoor Track - Assistant Coach	Chelsea Bell	Step 3
Boys & Girls Indoor Track - Assistant Coach	Pat Sanger	Step 8
Boys & Girls Indoor Track - Assistant Coach	Phil Saunders	Step 1
Boys & Girls Indoor Track - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Nick Johnston	n/a
Boys & Girls Varsity Swimming - Head Coach	Dan Funk	Step 10
Sideline Cheer - Head Coach	Ashlee Jefferson	Club Stipend
Sideline Cheer - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Lexi Jostlin	n/a
Statistician/Scorekeeper	Scott Holzhauer, Dave Dellehunt, Sean Dugan, Ted Call, Mindy Potts	

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Marie Digirolamo, Cali Ringwood as a short term substitute to fill the position held by Emma Accousti who is on leave from her teaching assistant position. Ms. Ringwood's appointment will be effective October 31, 2024 and, provided she renders satisfactory service, is intended to continue but no later than January 24, 2025. No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and Ms. Ringwood's employment may be terminated at any time.

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Marie Digirolamo, Maureen Wisniewski as a short term substitute to fill the position held by Carrie Dugan who is on leave from her teaching assistant position. Ms. Wisniewski's appointment will be effective November 1, 2024 and, provided she renders satisfactory service, is intended to continue but no later than January 2, 2025. No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and Ms. Wisniewski's employment may be terminated at any time.

11(L) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District, hereby corrects the appointment of Danielle B. Ooms, granting her a three (3) year probationary appointment as an Elementary Education teacher in the Elementary Education (K-6) tenure area, effective retroactive to August 30, 2021 and terminating no later than October 7, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, based upon a review of the employment history of Danielle B. Ooms, which reveals that she was not credited with certain long-term probationary service in the Elementary Education tenure area immediately preceding her probationary appointment, hereby corrects her employment status to grant her tenure in the area of Elementary Education, retroactive to October 7, 2024.

This appointment is to correct the term, tenure area, and tenure status of a previous appointment.

11(M) CONSIDERATION TO CREATE AND APPOINT (Full agreement in Supplemental File)

To accept the resignation of Carly Wills, Head Cook, for the purpose of accepting another position within the district, and furthermore;

To appoint, Carly Wills to the position of Director of Food Services effective December 2, 2024 at a rate of \$65,000 per year, and;

To authorize the Board President to execute the agreement

11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Tika Veakins, to the probationary position Cleaner, Step 1, effective November 13, 2024

11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Deborah Smith, to the probationary position Monitor, Step 1, effective November 12, 2024

11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT

To accept the resignation of Emily Kline, monitor, for the purpose of accepting another position within the district, and

Whereas Emily Kline 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 Emily Kline 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 Emily Kline 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 November 6, 2024 and to expire on November 5, 2028

11(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve a transportation lease agreement request submitted by OK Kids for use of a school bus during the December, February and April recess weeks

11(R) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to Ichabod's Table of \$350 into appropriation code CM 2989.400-05-000 from Lisa Duffek

11(S) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to Ichabod's Table of \$500 into appropriation code CM 2989.400-05-000 from the Class of 1974 (Valerie Bertram)

11(T) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to Ichabod's Table of \$128 into appropriation code CM 2989.400-05-000 Hannaford Fight's Hunger

11(U) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation to Ichabod's Table of \$3 into appropriation code CM 2989.400-05-000 from Hannaford Giving Tag Program

11(V) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, to the District of \$2,000 from OK Kids, Inc. and approve an increase in the 2024-2025 budget from \$50,187,013 to \$50,189,013 into the following Appropriation Codes:

- A2110.510-00-0000 - in the amount of \$2,000

11(W) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Full report in Supplemental File)

To accept the 2024-2025 Tax Liaison Report as presented

11(X) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Full report in Supplemental File)

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

11(Y) moved to Discussion Action

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 7-0

Discussion Action

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND SCHAEFER

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

- School Resource Deputy Agreement and Body-worn Camera
- Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central Schools MOA

Board Member Cal Waits had questions regarding the School Resource Deputy Agreement

MOTION NELSON 2ND WAITS

To table consideration of the School Resource Deputy Agreement until the Superintendent receives answers to the questions, which should be prior to the December Board meeting

Carried, 7-0

The Board then considered authorization of the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Central Schools MOA

Carried, 7-0

Public Comment

One member of the public thanked the District for its support of the OK Kids Program

Meetings

Regular BOE Meetings

- December 3 - Regular Board meeting - 7:00 pm High School Library

Committee Meetings

- November 19 - District Level Committee: DEI Committee at 5:45 pm - CO Conference Rm
- November 21 - Facilities Committee - 4:00 pm - virtual
- December 3 - Policy Committee - 5:45 pm - CO Conference Room
- December 10 - Academic Committee - 5:45 pm - CO Conference Room

MOTION NELSON 2ND PHILLIPS

To adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Carried, 7-0