

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 10, 2026

MINUTES

A Regular meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

All Board Members Present:

Max DiOrio	Kelly Firmbach	Meghan Lafferty-Brown
Matthew Nelson	Elizabeth Phillips	Anne Schaefer (<i>arrived 7:05 pm</i>)
Christopher Scoville	Valerie Spensieri	Cal Waits

School Officials Present:

Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Lucas Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, Tim Farley, Principal, Craig Shull, High School Principal, Erin Russo, Middle School Assistant Principal, Andrea Williams, Primary School Principal, Peg Warner, Special Education Director, Dan Doyle, Director of Operations, and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

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 Cal Waits 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 SCOVILLE 2ND DIORIO

To approve the agenda as presented

Carried, 8-0

MOTION LAFFERTY BROWN 2ND WAITS

To approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 - Regular Board meeting

Carried, 8-0

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

Board Member Anne Schaefer arrived at the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Board Discussion

- Committee Meetings
 - A. Facilities Committee

Board President Matthew Nelson reported on the Facilities committee meeting held on January 15

- B. Budget Committee

Board Member Christopher Scoville reported briefly on the Budget Committee meeting held on February 3

C. Policy Committee Meeting of January 14 (minutes) - Megan Lafferty Brown

Board Member Meghan Lafferty Brown reported on the Policy Committee meeting held on January 14

First Readings:

- 6710 Purchasing Authority - revised
- 8210.1 Use of Surveillance Cameras on School Property - revised
- 4327 Homebound Instruction - revised
- 8520 Free and Reduced Price Food Services - revised
- 9260 Conditional and Emergency Conditional Appointment - Student Safety - revised

A discussion was held referencing policy 5152 Admission of Non-Resident Students and the feasibility of allowing students outside the district enroll at Ichabod Crane for specific reasons.

- Other

Board member Cal Waits questioned the recent complimentary messages to the BOE on safeguarding the rights of immigrant students. Superintendent Marie Digirolamo had spoken directly with some of those members of the community who had messaged the Board. They had seen the Rider Report on International Students and were pleased to see the work of the District supporting students.

Board President Matthew Nelson extended condolences to the family of retired teacher Bob Richburgh who passed away earlier this month.

Student Board Member Report

Student Board member Denise Miranda was not in attendance

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marie Digirolamo reported to the Board on the following topics:

- Congratulations, student artists and K-12 Art Department!
- February Rider Report - International Education
- Capital Project - Schematic Design Report due March, SED submission

Business Manager's Report

Business Manager Michael Brennan presented the second of seven budget development presentations.

- Budget Development Report - Non-Instructional Budget and Bus Proposition

Consent Agenda

MOTION SCOVILLE 2ND WAITS

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

7(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Colleen Dorval, Monitor, effective January 16, 2026 (Colleen will remain in her Substitute Bus Attendant Position)

7(B) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT AND APPOINT

To accept the resignation of Dawn Kerber, bus driver; and
To appoint Dawn Kerber as a substitute bus driver, effective January 17, 2026

7(C) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Full report contained in Supplemental File)

To accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2025 (including Revenues, Appropriations and Transfers and Warrants) as presented

7(D) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, meeting dates as follows: 11/12; 1/6; 1/14; 1/20; 1/23; 1/28; 1/29

7() CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, the following Interscholastic Coaches for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Varsity Flag Football - Head Coach - Bob Allard - Step 1
- Varsity Flag Football - Volunteer Assistant Coach - Tori Holmes
- Varsity Flag Football - Volunteer Assistant Coach - Cori Drummond
- Varsity Softball - Head Coach - Tracy McComb - Step 10
- Varsity Softball - Assistant Coach - Bob Wheeler - Assistant Stipend
- Varsity Softball - Volunteer Assistant Coach - Chris Saccento
- JV Softball - Head Coach - Bob Piel - Step 2
- JV Softball - Volunteer Assistant Coach - Ricky Cartwright
- Modified Softball - Head Coach - Mackenzie Wendelken - Step 1
- Modified Softball - Volunteer Assistant Coach - Jeffrey Montague
- Varsity Baseball - Head Coach - Caleb Doyle - Step 2
- Varsity Baseball - Assistant Coach - Dan Doyle - Assistant Stipend
- Varsity Baseball - Volunteer Assistant Coach - Aidan Jackson
- JV Baseball - Head Coach - Cameron Holzhauser - Step 2
- Modified Baseball - Head Coach - Bob Hanna - Step 10
- Varsity Boys Tennis - Head Coach - Megan Yeats - Step 10
- Varsity Boys Tennis - Assistant Coach - Nolan Wolfe - Assistant Stipend
- Varsity Girls Lacrosse - Head Coach - Dan Cremo - Step 1
- Varsity Girls Lacrosse - Volunteer Assistant Coach - Katie Burke
- Varsity Boys Outdoor Track & Field - Head Coach - Chelsea Bell - Step 4
- Varsity Boys Outdoor Track & Field - Assistant Coach - Len Bates - Step 1
- Varsity Girls Outdoor Track & Field - Head Coach - Molly Goodrich - Step 2
- Varsity Girls Outdoor Track & Field - Assistant Coach - Alison Becker - Step 1
- Varsity Girls Outdoor Track & Field - Assistant Coach - Joslyn Cowan - Step 3

7(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint the following additions to the substitute listing for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Kari Graziano, Uncertified Substitute Teacher and TA, effective 1/22/26
- Matthew Colton, Certified Substitute Teacher and TA, effective 1/15/26
- Amelia Bashford, Uncertified Substitute Teacher and TA, effective 2/4/26
- Courtney Trembley, Certified Substitute Teacher and TA, effective 2/11/26
- Lindsay Knull, Uncertified Substitute Teacher and TA, effective 2/11/26
- Rosemarie Neckles, Certified Substitute Teacher and TA, effective 2/11/26
- Kim Williams, Substitute Cleaner, effective 1/27/26
- Craig Connors, Substitute Cleaner, effective 1/27/26
- Len Bates, Substitute Cleaner, effective 2/2/26

7(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Marie Digirolamo, Matthew Colton as a short term substitute to fill the position held by Ingrid Monaghan who is on leave from her Special Education teaching position. Mr Colton's appointment will be effective January 26, 2026 and, provided he renders satisfactory service, is intended to continue but no later than March 6, 2026. No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and MrColton's employment may be terminated at any time.

- 7(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Tangy Sollenberger, to the probationary position of monitor, Step 1, effective February 4, 2026
- 7(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Carol O'Brien, to the probationary position of monitor, Step 1, effective February 4, 2026
- 7(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Jonathan Ronsani, to the probationary position of driver, Step 1, effective February 25, 2026
- 7(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint Dan Farley as the 2025-2026 advisor for the newly established Trap Club
- 7(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT
To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Stephanie Elliot having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which ends, February 12, 2026, to the permanent position of Monitor
- 7(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL
To approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for Mallory Urbanski from her Teaching position, effective for the 2026-2027 school year
- 7(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION
To approve and authorize the Superintendent to make the following budget transfers for the 2025-26 budget:
Transfer out: \$7,500 from code A1420.442-00-0000 legal
Transfer in: \$7,500 to code A1420.441-00-0000 legal fees

Transfer out: \$8,250 from code A2250.470-00-3000 tuition
Transfer in: \$8,000 to code A2250.500-00-3000 supplies
Transfer in: \$250 to code A2250.501-00-3000 supplies office

Transfer out: \$1,700 from code A2010.411-00-0000 AS curriculum
Transfer out: \$2,250 from code A2110.480-01-0003 texts 3
Transfer out: \$2,250 from code A2110.480-01-0014 texts K
Transfer out: \$1,600 from code A2110.480-01-0001 texts 1
Transfer in: \$1,700 to code A2070.437-00-0000 staff dev
Transfer in: \$6,100 to code A2110.437-00-0000 conference

Transfer out: \$1,000 from code A2110.480-04-1200 MS Math
Transfer out: \$1,500 from code A2110.480-04-1201 MS Sci
Transfer out: \$1,000 from code A2110.480-04-1300 MS Lang
Transfer out: \$2,000 from code A2110.480-05-1100 Sci
Transfer out: \$1,000 from code A2110.480-01-0001 G 1
Transfer in: \$6,500 to code A2010.501-00-0000 Assistant Super

7(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION

(Full agreement - Exhibit A - in Supplemental File)

To approve and authorize the Board President to execute the attached agreement with Questar III for the lease of Chromebooks and associated expenses

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District of New York State (the "School District") desires to enter into a contract with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties ("Questar III"), entitled the "Contract for Cooperative Educational Services", a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services, Questar III will, on behalf of the School District, facilitate the provision of lease/purchase financing for the capital equipment described in Schedule A of the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services (the "Capital Equipment");

WHEREAS, the School District believes that the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services will facilitate the provision of technology improvement under the model schools program;

WHEREAS, the School District believes that the Cooperative Bidding Program provides a cost effective means of facilitating the Contract for Educational Services and that it is in the best interests of the School District to execute and deliver the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, or such other individuals as the Board of Education may appoint, be, and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver such documents and papers in the name of the School District as he or she deems necessary, advisable or appropriate to carry into effect the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services.

7(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve, per Part 174 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Tuition Rates Actual for 2024-2025 and Estimated Tuition Rates for 2025-2026 as follows:

Full Day Grades K-6:	Actual 2024-25 \$9,660;	Estimated 2025-26 \$8,708
Full Day Grades 7-12:	Actual 2024-25 \$12,628;	Estimated 2025-26 \$13,953
Special Education K-6:	Actual 2024-25 \$44,794;	Estimated 2025-26 \$44,280
Special Education 7-12;	Actual 2024-25 \$47,762;	Estimated 2025-26 \$49,525

7(P) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Full report contained in Supplemental File)

To accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report for January 2026 as presented

7(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNATURE (Full agreements in Supplemental File)

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

- Trap Shooting Club Coordinator Stipend - ICTA MOA
- Letter of Services for BPD Municipal Finance
- Retirement Incentive - ICTA MOA

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 9-0

MOTION NELSON 2ND LAFFERTY BROWN

Whereas Cheryl Meenagh commenced probationary service on March 2, 2022 as a probationary professional educator, and

Whereas Cheryl Meenagh's probationary appointment will expire on March 1, 2026, and

Whereas Cheryl Meenagh holds a valid New York State Public School Teacher Certificate in the certification area(s) English to Speakers of Other Languages

Whereas Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent of the Ichabod Crane Central School District, recommends Cheryl Meenagh'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 Cheryl Meenagh effective March 2, 2026, to the position of professional educator in the tenure area(s) of English as a Second Language

Carried, 9-0

Public Comment (agenda items only)

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

Meetings

Regular BOE Meeting

March 3 Regular Meeting at 7pm High School

Committee Meetings

Budget and Finance: February 24 at 5:45 pm in CO Conference Room

Wall of Fame Committee: February 26 at 6:00 pm HS Library

Academic: March 3 at 5:45 pm

Budget Development Meetings

02/24/26: Budget and Finance Committee Meeting - Instructional Budget

03/03/26: Board Meeting Presentation - Instructional Budget, State Aid Projections and Tax Cap

03/24/26: Budget and Finance Committee Meeting - Revenue

03/31/26: Board Meeting Presentation - Budget Updates and Draft Budget

04/14/26: Budget/Finance Committee Meeting - Final Draft Budget

04/21/26: Board Meeting Presentation - Final Budget and Anticipated Adoption

05/05/26: Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting

05/19/26: Vote and Election

MOTION NELSON 2ND DIORIO

To adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Carried, 9-0