

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 2, 2026

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Member Absent: Kelly Firmbach

School Officials Present:

Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Lucas Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Brennan, Business Manager, Andrea Williams, Principal, Craig Shull, High School Principal, Marcella Sanchez, High School Assistant Principal, Anthony Marturano, Middle School Principal, Erin Russo, Middle School Assistant Principal, Kerry Light, Primary School Principal, Dan Doyle, Director of Operations, Dave Ames, Athletic Director and Mindy Potts, District Clerk

Board President Matthew Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

Board Member Max DiOrio 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 WAITS

To approve the agenda as presented with the modification of removing the Langan School Agreement from Consent Agenda Item 7(MM)

Carried, 7-0

MOTION SCOVILLE 2ND DIORIO

To approve the minutes of the following meetings:

May 5, 2026 - Regular Meeting and Budget Hearing Minutes

May 19, 2026 - Special Meeting - Budget Vote and Election

Carried, 7-0

Public Participation

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

- Staff cuts
- Grounds usage and fees
- iReady usage

Board member Elizabeth Phillips arrived at 7:24 p.m.

Board Discussion

- 2025-2026 Retiree Recognition

The Board recognized the following retiring faculty and staff members for their dedicated service to the Ichabod Crane District:

Lisa Labrie, Elementary Teacher

Elisa McNeil, Elementary Teacher

Donna LaTorre, Bus Attendant and Monitor

Ingrid Monaghan, Special Education Teacher

Dan Farley, ELA Teacher

Wilhemena Mazure, District Treasurer

- Committee meetings

- Academic Meeting

Board Member Christopher Scoville reported briefly to the Board on the Academic Committee Meeting held on May 19.

- Policy Meeting

Board member Meghan Lafferty Brown reported to the Board on the Policy Committee Meeting held on May 26.

First Readings:

- 1500 Facilities Usage (revised)

A lengthy discussion on policy 1500 ensued.

MOTION NELSON 2ND PHILLIPS

To send policy 1500 Facilities Usage back to the Policy Committee and postpone the second reading

Carried, 8-0

The Board shared the following tentative meeting dates:

- Proposed Meetings 2026-2027
- Summer Retreat Dates

The Board thanked its out-going members for their service

- Thank you, Max DiOrio and Denise Miranda

Reports/Presentations/Hearings

Student Board Members' Last Report

Both Student Board Members Denise Miranda and Brooklyn Nabozny reported on student events around the district.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marie Digirolamo reported on a number of events, recognitions, and acknowledgements as the school year comes to a close.

Business Office Report

Business Manager Michael Brennan reported to the Board regarding the State Aid now that the State Budget has been passed.

Capital Project Report

Representatives from CS Arch and Turner Construction gave a brief update to the Board on the 2025 Capital Project Schematic Design

K-12 Science

Assistant Superintendent Lucas Christensen, Annette Romano and Science Department Leaders presented to the Board in a comprehensive report on teaching science K-12

Student Board member Brooklyn Nabozny wished to address the Board as member of the public and spoke on cutting teacher positions.

Athletics Participation & Inclusion

Athletic Director Dave Ames and Business Manager Michael Brennan reported to the Board on athletics and student participation on teams and clubs in the District.

Consent Agenda

MOTION SCHAEFER 2ND WAITS

To approve the following items contained under the Consent Agenda:

7(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Donna LaTorre, Bus Attendant and Monitor at the MS, effective June 29, 2026

7(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation of Joslyn Cowan, Teaching Assistant, effective June 27, 2026

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

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2026, Warrants, Transfers, Revenues and Appropriations as presented

7(D) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the CPSE and CSE Recommendations for the 2026-2027 school year as follows: 3/23; 3/30; 4/21; 4/23; 4/27; 4/29; 4/30; 5/5; 5/6; 5/8; 5/11; 5/12; 5/13; 5/14; 5/18; 5/19; 5/21; 5/27

7(E) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

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

- Paul Herrington - volunteer at the Primary School
- Dave Ames - Teacher-In-Charge

7(F) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

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

- Michelle Berkey, Substitute Clerical, Uncertified Substitute Teacher/TA, effective 5/21/26
- Victoria Slade, Certified Substitute Teacher and TA, effective 5/21/26
- Lauren Harrigan, Substitute RN, effective 6/3/26
- Trevor Van Allen, Substitute Cleaner, effective 6/29/26

7(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo Superintendent, Tanya Hamm, to the position of .6 FTE Art Teacher at a rate of Step 6 (prorated) for the 2026-2027 School Year

7(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Marie Digirolamo, Erin Curry as a short term substitute to fill the position held by Mallory Urbanski who is on leave from her Special Education teaching position. Ms Curry's appointment will be effective on or about May 13, 2026 and, provided she renders satisfactory service, is intended to continue but no later than June 30, 2026. No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and Ms Curry's employment may be terminated at any time.

7(I) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To establish the following rates for Summer 2026 personnel, July 6 through July 30, 2026 as follows:

- Summer School Teacher (HS, MS, Invitations, Apex) at \$44.00/hour
- Substitute Summer School Teacher at \$44.00/hour
- Summer School Teaching Assistant/Aide at \$22.00/hour
- Summer School Nurse at \$38.50/hour

7(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint the following as 2026 Summer School Teachers and Substitutes:

- Tessa Fox-Kondas, Nicole Luckfield, Jaime Eastman, Jennifer Beebe, Holly Vincent, Ashley Walsh, Cheryl Meenagh, Katherine Gardner, David Manarel, Don Dingee, Selena Cook, Libbie Chadwick, Nick Spanswick, Nicole Naef, Bob Piel, Courtney Dobkins, Sarah Knightes, Brooklyn Doyle, Brittany Teehan, Nikki Canuteson, Rachael Imbert, Maggie Allen, Becca Wiseman, Susan Nichols, Maria Doubrava, Paul Giammarco, Gosia Geiger, Nolan Wolfe, Katie Heimroth, Rene Kanzler, Jennifer Welch, Alyssa Moore, Katie Snyder, Deb Rivero, Gosia Geiger, Kate Turrin

7(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint the following as 2026 Summer School Teaching Assistants and Substitutes:

- Michele Webb, Lyn LaBounty, Abby Bartlett, Erin Lockmer, Susan Bowker, Tess Warner, Angelique Hebert

7(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint the following as 2026 Summer School Support Staff:

- Registered Nurses and Substitutes: Sarah Altomer, Mary Ann Hughes, Michelle Warner and Bridget Bashford
- Monitor: Carol O'Brien

7(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, the following transportation department positions for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Melissa Tart as School Bus Driver Instruction (SBDI)

7(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, the following Teacher Leader appointments for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Curriculum ELA 6-8: Deb Rivero and Kristyn McHugh (shared)
- Curriculum ELA K-5: Mary Ann Gorke
- Curriculum ENL K-12: Katie Snyder
- Curriculum Inst. Tech K-12: Kara DiMarino and Greg Miller (shared)
- Curriculum Math 6-8: Margaret Warner
- Curriculum Math K-5: Jennifer Beebe
- Curriculum Science 6-8: Rebecca Rowley
- Curriculum K-5: Kara DiMarino
- Curriculum Social Studies 6-8: Robert Hanna and Lara Marotta (shared)

7(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, the following Team Leader appointments for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Team Leader Grade 1: Melissa Welcome
- Team Leader Grade 2: Christy Bailey
- Team Leader Grade 3: Ashley Walsh
- Team Leader Grade 4: Rachael Imbert
- Team Leader Grade 5: Jennifer Rickert
- Team Leader Grade 6: Melanie Moon
- Team Leader Grade 7: Robert Hanna
- Team Leader Grade 7/8: Karen Brink
- Team Leader Grade 8: Julianne Montross
- Team Leader ENL: Jennifer Dunn
- Team Leader Kindergarten: Angela Shevy

7(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, the following Teacher Leader appointments for the 2026-2027 school year:

- TL/CL Art K-12: Sandy Dwileski
- TL/CL English 9-12: Katie Goold
- TL/CL Guidance K-12: Lucas Silvis
- TL/CL World Languages 6-12: Nick Spanswick
- TL/CL Math 9-12: Linda Knight
- TL/CL Music K-12: Amy Giammatei
- TL/CL PE/Health K-12: Tracy Nytransky
- TL/CL Science 9-12: Cori Drummond
- TL/CL SpEd 4-8: Judy Ooms
- TL/CL SpEd 9-12: Peg Warner and Marcella Sanchez (shared)
- TL/CL SpEd K-3: Kelly Bins
- TL/CL Social Studies 9-12: Patrick Sanger
- TL/CL Tech/FACS K-12: Jared Bevington

7(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, the following Annual appointments for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Adult Ed Director: Amy Kneller
- Athletic Director: Dave Ames
- Chat. Fair Coordinator: Jessica Mascolo
- Enrichment/OM Coordinator: Amy Kneller
- Nurse Coordinator: Michelle Warner
- Central Treasurer: John Wilary
- Faculty Auditor: Lara Marotta
- Teacher in Charge Primary: Amy Stephenson
- Teacher in Charge MS: Jason Jause
- Teacher in Charge HS: Dave Ames
- TL Mentor: Jen Rickert
- TL Professional Development: Courtney Long
- Chemical Hygiene Officer: Cori Drummond

7(R) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To approve the following Student Teachers/Interns and assignments as listed:

- Gabrielle Dowdall as Department of Labor Teacher Residency Program paid intern, Libbie Chadwick, Cooperating Teacher for the 2026-27 SY

7(S) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Denise Cipollino, having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which ends, June 1, 2026, to the permanent position of Aide

7(T) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Tami Barlow, having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which ends, July 2, 2026, to the permanent position of Senior Head Bus Driver

7(U) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Dawn Richardson, having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which ends, July 2, 2026, to the permanent position of Head Bus Driver

7(V) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Ross Cox having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which ends, July 2, 2026, to the permanent position of Senior Head Building Mechanic

7(W) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for Stephanie Elliott, monitor, effective May 11, 2026 through the end of the 2025-2026 school year

7(X) CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION

To adopt, upon recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Benchmark as the reading program for grades 2 and 3 at the Primary School.

7(Y) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the following field trip requests and chaperones per Board Policy #4531:

DESTINATION: Washington DC

DATE: February 9-12, 2027

PARTICIPANTS: approximately 120 8th grade students

CHAPERONES: 12 including Lara Marotta

7(Z) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve the date of the 2026-2027 Organizational meeting as July 14, 2026

7(AA) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of a flute from Amy Mitchison to the ICC Music Department

7(BB) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of keyboard and other musical accessories from Sandra Kennedy to the ICC Music Department

7(CC) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION (Full Agreement in Supplemental File)

To approve a 2025-2026 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the Rensselaer City School District for three students attending a private school within the district (Doane Stuart) in the amount of \$2,645.55 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract

7(DD) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION (Full Agreement in Supplemental File)

To approve a 2025-2026 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the Albany City School District for 18 students attending a private school within the district (Albany Academies and Holy Names) in the amount of \$23,568.12 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract

7(EF) CONSIDERATION FOR ABOLISHMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane School District hereby abolishes the following effective July 1, 2026:

- One position in the Elementary Education tenure area
- Three positions in the Teaching Assistant tenure area
- One position in the Industrial Arts General tenure area
- One position in the Math tenure area
- Two positions in the Remedial Reading tenure area

The Superintendent is directed to notify the affected staff members of this action.

7(FF) 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):

Account Balance as of 4/30: \$174,665.37

- 7(GG) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Bid Tab in Supplemental File)
To award bid #2026-01 Propane Bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Nolan Bottle Gas Co., Inc., at a fixed rate, in the amount of \$1.182 per gallon for the 2026-2027 heating season. (per the bid opening held on 05/20/26)
- 7(HH) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Bid Tab in Supplemental File)
To award bid #2026-02 Waste and Recycling Bid to the lowest responsible bidder, County Waste & Recycling in the amount of \$46,222.92 for the 2026-2027 school year (per the bid opening held on 05/20/26)
- 7(II) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Bid Tab in Supplemental File)
To award bid #2026-03 Paving Bid to the lowest responsible bidder, J Hunziker Paving in the amount of \$8,300 (per the bid opening held on 05/20/26)
- 7(JJ) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Bid Tab in Supplemental File)
To award bid #2026-04 Septic Pumping Services Bid to the lowest responsible bidder, McCagg Excavating, Inc. at a fixed rate of \$0.24 per gallon for the 2026-2027 school year (per the bid opening held on 05/20/26)
- 7(KK) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL
To approve a transportation lease agreement request submitted by the Village of Kinderhook for use of school buses during the Summer 2026
- 7(LL) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (Full Report in Supplemental File)
To accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report for May 2026 as presented
- 7(MM) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNATURE (Full Agreements in Supplemental File)
To authorize the Board President or Superintendent to execute the following documents:
- Center for Spectrum Services - Summer 2026
 - ICC and Siena MOA - Student Teachers
 - Needham Risk Management
- 7(NN) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL
WHEREAS, on June 26, 2025 the Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane (Kinderhook) Central School District determined that probable cause existed to prefer disciplinary charges against Cole Moon, a tenured teacher, pursuant to Education Law Section 3020-a; and,
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Education Law §3020-a, a hearing has been held on said Charges before a duly appointed Hearing Officer; and,
- WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer's Decision dated May 6, 2026 has been received by the School District; and,
- WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer concluded that Mr. Moon is guilty of certain Charges and Specifications against him and imposed a penalty pursuant to said findings.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) The Decision of the Hearing Officer in the matter of Kinderhook Central School District v. Cole Moon (SED No. 45,786) dated May 6, 2026, is hereby acknowledged and implemented.

(2) Pursuant to said Decision, Mr. Moon is guilty of Misconduct and Conduct Unbecoming a Teacher relating to portions of charges and specifications set forth in the Charges dated June 26, 2025, and as further detailed in the Hearing Officer's Decision dated May 6, 2026.

(3) The stated penalty of a fine of \$1,000 shall be implemented and is effective immediately. The Superintendent of Schools shall so notify Mr. Moon.

DATED: June 2, 2026

7(OO) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Daniel Farley, ELA Teacher, effective July 2, 2026

7(PP) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

To approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for Christine Suchoski, Teacher, on or about September 14 - November 2, 2026

End of Consent Agenda

Carried, 8-0

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

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

Meetings

Board Meeting:

July 14, 2026 - Organizational meeting at 7pm

Committee

Policy TBD (early summer)

Reminders:

Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony - June 24 at 6:00 pm (weather date June 25 at 6:00 pm)

Retiree Recognition and End of Year Staff Meeting - June 26 at 8:00 am - Multi-purpose field

Graduation - June 26 at 6:30 pm (Weather date - June 27 at 10:00 am)

Executive Session

MOTION NELSON 2ND PHILLIPS

To adjourn to Executive Session at 10:45 p.m. to discuss the employment and financial history of particular individuals

Carried, 8-0

MOTION PHILLIPS 2ND WAITS

To appoint Elizabeth Phillips as Clerk Pro Tem

Carried, 8-0

The District Clerk left the meeting.

Others present at Executive Session:

Marie Digirolamo (*arrived at 11:00 p.m.*)

The meeting was reconvened in open session at 11:03 p.m.

MOTION NELSON 2ND SPENSIERI

To adjourn the meeting at 11:04 p.m.

Carried, 8-0