

ICHABOD CRANE CENTRAL SCHOOL

*RESIDENTS ATTENDING THIS MEETING WHO INTEND TO ADDRESS THE BOARD PLEASE SEE BELOW

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING March 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called To Order - Board Vice President

Announce Fire Exits – Board Vice President

Pledge of Allegiance – Board Vice President

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."

2. Approval of Present Agenda

3. Consideration for Approval of Minutes of:

February 4, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting ([draft attached](#))

February 25, 2025 - Workshop Meeting ([draft attached](#))

4. Public Participation

Residents wishing to address the Board are asked to record their names, addresses and topics:

**Members of the public may address the Board on school related matters, other than matters involving personnel. Under state and federal privacy laws we are unable to entertain any comments about school personnel. We take personnel concerns very seriously and on these matters, we ask that you go through the appropriate administrative channels.*

The public comment period is not designed to be a discussion and, in general, the Board does not respond during the public comment period. We take your comments seriously and want to have sufficient time to process and research issues if need be. We will, however, respond to your questions and concerns at a future meeting, or have the proper staff member get back to you at the appropriate time.

In keeping with the Ichabod Crane Central School District mission, we want our school Board meetings to serve as an example of civil discourse and mutual respect. We ask that speakers address their comments to the Board directly, rather than the audience. The Board, at any time, can recess or end the meeting, if deemed necessary. Finally, I want to remind everyone that you may submit written comments to the Board in lieu of speaking during the public comment period, if you so choose.

The Board will now entertain public comments for up to thirty minutes. Each individual speaker is allotted two minutes.

5. Smart Schools Bond Act Hearing
 - A. Hearing Declared Open
 - B. Presentation - [Smart Schools Bond Act](#)
 - C. Questions
 - D. Hearing Declared Closed
6. Board Discussion
 - Committee Meetings
 - Communications Committee Meeting of January 7 ([minutes](#)) - Kelly Firmbach
 - Facilities Committee Meeting of February 4 (minutes) & February 12- (minutes) - Max DiOrio
 - Budget Committee Meeting - no report
 - Policy Committee - no meeting
 - Second Readings - Consideration for action under [Consent Agenda](#) Item 11(T):
 - [5710 School Safety and Education Climate \(SSED\) Reporting](#) - name change and revised
 - [5151 Homeless Children](#) - revised
 - [5151 Homeless Children Regulation](#) - revised
 - [5225 Student Personal Expression](#) - revised
 - [4700 Status of High School Students](#) - repeal
 - [4720 Testing Programs](#) - repeal
7. Reports
 - None
8. Student Board Member Report - Amara Gabriel
9. Superintendent's Report
 - Budget
10. Business Office Report - Michael Brennan
 - 2025-2026 Budget Development - [Instructional Budget Presentation](#)
11. Consent Agenda
 - 11(A) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
 - To accept the resignation of Berit Erickson, Teacher on Special Assignment, effective March 28, 2025
 - 11(B) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
 - To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Kim Palmer, Teacher, effective July 1, 2025
 - 11(C) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE
 - To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Victoria Dick, Teaching Assistant, effective July 1, 2025

11(D) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Susan Jermain, Teacher, effective July 1, 2025

11(E) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (attached)

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

11(F) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (attached)

To accept the [CPSE and CSE Recommendations](#) for the 2024-2025 and the 2025-2026 school year as follows: Meeting Dates of: 1/16; 1/21; 2/3; 2/4; 2/5; 2/6; 2/7; 2/10; 2/11; 2/12; 2/24; 2/25

11(G) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

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

Name	Position	Effective
Thomas Seamon	Substitute Bus Driver	2/10/25
Cindee Mackey	Substitute Food Service Helper and Substitute Monitor	3/5/25
Dawn Jefferson	Substitute Food Service Helper	2/3/25
Bruce MacIntosh	Substitute Bus Driver	2/24/25
Emma Accuosti	Substitute Monitor	3/5/25
Wendy Wenzel	Substitute Clerical	3/7/25

11(H) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

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

Name	Position	Effective
Mathew Moore	Uncertified Substitute Teacher/TA	3/5/25
Shelby Kline	Uncertified Substitute Teacher/TA	3/5/25
Wendy Wenzel	Uncertified Substitute Teacher/TA	3/7/25

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 JV Softball Head Coach	Bob Piel	Step 1
Girls JV Softball Volunteer Assistant	Rick Cartwright	---
Girls Modified Softball Volunteer Assistant	Jeffery Montague	---
Boys Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant	George Cox	---
Girls Modified Track & Field	Melissa Vooris	Step 4

11(J) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To accept the resignation, for the purpose of accepting another position in the district, of Donna Williams, Cleaner; and,

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Donna Williams, to the probationary position of Custodian, Step 1, effective January 30, 2025

11(K) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Stephanie Elliott, to the probationary position Monitor, Step 1, effective February 12, 2025

11(L) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Marie Digirolamo, Tara Patterson as a short term substitute to fill the position held by Rebecca Wiseman who is on leave from her Special Education teaching position. Ms. Patterson's appointment will be effective March 17, 2025 and, provided she renders satisfactory service, is intended to continue but no later than June 25, 2025. No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and Ms. Patterson's employment may be terminated at any time.

11(M) CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT

To appoint upon the recommendation of Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent, Zachary Rowe having successfully completed a 52 week probationary period which ends, April 1, 2025, to the permanent position of Cleaner

11(N) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVE (attached)

To approve the [scope of work](#) for the Professional Learning Committee and Plan Development with Consultant Annette Romano (2025 spring semester)

11(O) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVE (attached)

To approve the [scope of work](#) for supporting ELLs with SBC Instructional Consulting, LLC

11(P) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION (Full resolution and agreement attached)

To approve and authorize the Board President to execute the attached [agreement with Questar III for purchase of Chromebooks and Cases](#)

11(Q) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION (Full resolution and agreement attached)

To approve and authorize the Board President to execute the attached [agreement with Questar III for Lease of Kyocera Copiers](#)

11(R) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION (attached)

To approve a 2024-2025 [Health Services Contract](#) in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the Taconic Hills Central School District for 22 students attending a private school within the district (Hawthorne Valley) in the amount of \$18,604.19 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract

11(S) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (attached)

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

AS OF 12/31/24
Account Balance: \$233,625.74

AS OF 1/31/25
Account Balance: \$255,265.45

- 11(T) CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION (attached)
To adopt the following policies pursuant to Board Policy #2410 – Formulation, Adoption and Amendment of Policies:
- [5710 School Safety and Education Climate \(SSED\) Reporting](#) - name change and revised
 - [5151 Homeless Children](#) - revised
 - [5151 Homeless Children Regulation](#) - revised
 - [5225 Student Personal Expression](#) - revised
 - [4700 Status of High School Students](#) - repeal
 - [4720 Testing Programs](#) - repeal
- 11(U) CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE (attached)
To accept the [Internal Claims Auditor Report for February 2025](#) as presented
- 11(V) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL
To approve a transportation lease agreement request submitted by the Town of Kinderhook for use of one school bus during the Community Day Event, June 20, 2026
- 11(W) CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNATURE (attached)
To authorize the Board President or Superintendent to execute the following documents:
- [Parsons Agreement](#)
- 11(X) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL
To approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for Deborah Smith, Bus Driver, on or about April 7-April 25, 2025.

12. Discussion Action

13. Public Participation

14. Meetings

Regular or Special BOE Meetings

April 8 at 7pm High School Library

Committee Meetings

Policy March 11 at 5:45 pm CO Conference Room

Facilities March 20 at 4:00 pm CO Conference Room - in person

Audit March 25 at 4:45 pm CO Conference Room

Wall of Fame Ceremony March 26 at 6pm HS Auditorium

Budget and Finance April 1 at 3:30 CO Conference Room

Communications Committee April 8 at 5:45 CO Conference Room

Budget Development Meetings and Important Dates	
03/31/25	Board Candidate Petition Packets Available
04/01/25	Budget and Finance Committee Meeting - Revenue
04/08/25	Board Meeting Presentation - Draft Budget
04/21/25	Board Candidate Petitions Due by 5pm
04/22/25	Board Meeting Presentation - Final Budget and Anticipated Adoption
05/06/25	Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
05/20/25	Vote and Election

15. Executive Session

(A Board of Education may meet in Executive Session under certain circumstances upon a majority vote of the total membership to discuss matters related to collective bargaining-negotiations, personnel matters, proposed, pending, or current litigation, real property, public safety, certain aspects related to law enforcement or the preparation, grading or administration of examinations.)

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss the employment history of particular individuals

MOTION to appoint a Clerk Pro Tem

16. Adjournment