



**AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CROWN POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITORIUM**

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 3: ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Regular Meeting – August 22, 2023 – Attached

Recommended Action: "That the Board of Education make any necessary corrections and move the acceptance of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2023."

ITEM 5: COMMUNICATIONS - NYS DOT 9N Crosswalk

**ITEM 6: FINANCIAL REPORTS - Vicki Russell, District Treasurer
- Brandy Harrington, Deputy District Treasurer
- Margaret Polihronakis, Claims Auditor**

A. Bank Reconciliations – Attached

Recommended Action: "That the Board of Education receive the following reconciliation reports:"

1. Consolidated Payroll Reconciliation Report
2. Multi-Fund Checking Account
 - a. General Fund (A)
 - b. School Lunch Fund (C)
 - c. Federal Funds (F)
 - d. Capital Funds (H)
 - e. Trust & Agency Account (T)

B. Expenditure Reports - Attached

Recommended Action: "That the Board of Education authorize the following bills for payment:"

- a. General Fund (A)
- b. School Lunch Fund (C)
- c. Federal Funds (F)

- d. Capital Fund (H)
- e. Trust & Agency Account (T)

C. Claims Auditor Report(s) - Attached

Recommended Action: "That the Board of Education receive the Claims Auditors Report(s), as presented."

ITEM 7: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Tara S. Celotti

A. C.S.E./C.P.S.E. – Chairperson, Tieah Gunnison - Handout

Recommended Action: "That the Board of Education accept the CSE/CPSE recommendations, as presented."

B. Personnel

1. Addition to Substitute List

Recommended Action: "That the Board of Education authorize the addition of the following individual(s) to the 2023-2024 Substitute List:"

- 1. Sabrina Lawson, Instructional, effective September 6, 2023
- 2. Alyssa Norton, Instructional
- 3. Maddison Mead, Instructional

2. Side Letter of Agreement with CPTA

Recommended Action: "That the Board of Education authorizes the Additional Assignment Side Letter of Agreement between the following personnel and CPTA, as presented."

- a. Jacqueline Pockett – 1/6th
- b. Elizabeth Ross – 1/6th
- c. Crystal Farrell – 1/6th
- d. Paula LaDeau – 1/6th
- e. Paula Norton—1/6th
- f. Marijane Stanley – 1/6th
- g. Ryan Jaquish – 1/6th
- h. Samala Rubin – 1/6th

3. Teaching Assistant Tenure Date – Keri Charboneau

Recommended Action: "Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to set the tenure date for Keri Charboneau, tenure area for a Teaching Assistant, probationary period commencing on September 1, 2023, and anticipated to end on August 31, 2027. In order to be eligible for tenure, individuals receiving a probationary appointment as a classroom Teaching Assistant must receive annual composite or overall APPR ratings of Highly Effective or Effective in at least three of the four preceding years. If the individual received a rating of Ineffective in the final year of the probationary period, (he or she) will not be eligible for tenure at that time, as presented."

4. Time Off Without Pay – Chrystal Scheuer

Recommended Action: "That the Board of Education approve leave without pay for Chrystal Scheuer for February 16, 2023 and February 26, 2023 as presented."

5. Appointment(s)

1. Extra-Curricular Positions

Recommended Action: "That the Board of Education appoint the following individual(s) to the extra-curricular position(s) listed below, for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented."

1. Advisor, Junior Class – Paula Norton

2. Building Use Request(s) – attached

Recommended Action: "That the Board of Education approve the following building use requests:"

1. Christine Sargent - Crown Point Youth Commission – Soccer Fields Youth Soccer practices will vary during the week but will not interfere with school sports and games Every Saturday, August 26, 2023 – October 28, 2023, effective August 26, 2023.

ITEM 8: NEW BUSINESS

A. J.J. Curran & Son, Inc. Bid Proposal – Handout

Recommended Action: "That the Board of Education authorize the J.J. Curran & Son, Inc. Bid Proposal in the amount of _____, as presented."

ITEM 9: OLD BUSINESS –

A. Superintendent Evaluation

B. Ferrara Fiorenza PC, - Settlement Offer for Claims Against Altria

Recommended Action: "That the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing partial settlement of vaping litigations, as presented."

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF VAPING LITIGATION

WHEREAS, in recent years the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices increased dramatically among high school and middle school students, leading to significant risks of addiction and potentially life-threatening respiratory ailments; and

WHEREAS, students attending the Crown Point Central School District (the "School District") have not been immune to this phenomenon with the School District observing students using e-cigarettes and vaping devices in school and on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices by students has caused the School District to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases and stops; and

WHEREAS, the School District authorized the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC, to initiate litigation against Altria Group, Inc. and Philip Morris USA, Inc., Altria Client Services LLC, Altria Enterprises LLC, and Altria Group Distribution Company (collectively "Altria") by board resolution relating to the production, marketing, sale, and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, a tentative settlement has been reached with Defendant Altria whereby in return for discontinuing the litigation, the School District would receive certain cash payment; and

WHEREAS, the amount that the School District receives will be no less than \$2,524; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") has determined it is necessary, advantageous, desirable, and in the public interest and the best interests of the School District that it settle this litigation against Altria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the School District, as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the partial settlement of the vaping lawsuit against defendant Altria.
2. A Settlement with the substantive terms contained herein is hereby approved in substantially the form reviewed by the Board and together with such minor modifications as are deemed necessary by the School District's attorneys and administrators to protect the best interests of the School District.
3. The Board President, Superintendent and their designee(s) are hereby authorized to finalize, sign and enter into the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the School District and take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Date: _____ District Clerk _____

ITEM 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. NYSSBA Legislative Liaison

ITEM 11: PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

ITEM 12: ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

A. Upcoming Meetings/Events

1. September 29, 2023 – School Pictures
2. October 2-6, 2023 - Book Fair
3. October 6, 2023 – College & Career Rally
4. October 6, 2023 – Early Dismissal 1:05
5. October 9, 2023 – Columbus Day - No School
6. October 17, 2023 – 7:00 P.M. Regular BOE Meeting

ITEM 13: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recommended Action: “That the Board convene in Executive Session to discuss the subject(s) enumerated below, as presented.”

A. The Employment History of a Particular Person

B. The Discussions regarding a Particular Student

C. The Discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT