

MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CROWN POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023 - 7:00 PM
SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITORIUM

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Mitch St. Pierre called this meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael St. Pierre, Board President
Florence St. Pierre-Sears, Board Vice-President
June Glebus
Sierra Harrington
Anita Johnson
Terry Ross

OTHERS PRESENT

Tara S. Celotti, Superintendent
Vicki Russell, District Treasurer
Karla J. Vigliotti, District Clerk

OATH OF OFFICE – NEW BOARD MEMBER – Oath of office administered by District Clerk - Sierra Harrington 8/22/2023-06/30/2024

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting, July 11, 2023, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Motion made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 11, 2023, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

COMMUNICATIONS - CFES Brilliant Pathways School of Distinction for the 2022-2023

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bank Reconciliations

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mrs. Glebus, that the Board of Education receive the bank reconciliation reports for July 2023, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Expenditure Reports

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mrs. Glebus, that the Board of Education authorize the bills for payment ending July 31, 2023, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Claims Auditor Report(s)

Motion made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Glebus, that the Board of Education receive the claims auditor reports, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Tax Warrant

Motion made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Glebus, that the Board of Education set the tax rate for the Crown Point Central School District (including Library \$60,180), as presented.

Crown Point: \$9.492534

Moriah: \$10.505181

Ticonderoga: \$9.670287

Tax Rates per M on Assessed Value: \$9.105149

Tax Rates per M on True Value: \$9.498449

All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Bus Lease Purchase

Motion made by Mrs. St. Pierre-Sears, second by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education authorize the purchase of a 66-passenger bus from Leonard Bus Sales for \$34,450, as presented.

All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Annual Audit Services

Motion made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education authorize the 5 year contract with Telling and Hillman, P.C. for Annual Audit Services, per RPF Fee Estimate for school years ending June 2024 – June 2028, as presented. All in Favor -

Motion Carried 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Tara S. Celotti

C.S.E./C.P.S.E. – None

Personnel

Addition to Substitute List

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, second by Mrs. Glebus, that the Board of Education authorize the addition of the following individual to the 2023-2024 Substitute List:

Kameron Vigliotti – Instructional

Michael Ross, Non-Instructional

All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Appointments

Part Time Teacher Pre-K/AIS – Mary Hope McGinness

Motion made by Mrs. St. Pierre-Sears, second by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education appoint, Mary Hope McGinness as a Part-Time Teacher, for the 2023-2024 school year, as assigned in Pre-K/AIS, 3 Days per week, remote and/or in district at a salary of \$35,000 total, (\$17,500 to be paid in 2023, and \$17,500 to be paid in 2024), as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Part Time Teacher AIS – Lisa Harrington

Motion made by Mrs. St. Pierre-Sears, second by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education appoint Lisa Harrington as a Part-Time Teacher, for the 2023-2024 school year, as assigned to AIS, 3 Days per week, in district, at a salary of \$35,000 total, (\$13,740 to be paid in 2023, and \$21,260 to be paid in 2024), as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Long Term Substitute Lunch Monitor – Dawn Wranosky

Motion made by Mrs. St.Pierre-Sears, second by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education appoint Dawn Wranosky as a Long-Term Substitute Lunch Monitor for the 2023-2024 school year, at the hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Full Time Pupil Personnel Services – Michelle Dedrick

Motion made by Mrs. St.Pierre-Sears, second by Mr. Ross, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michelle P. Dedrick, is hereby appointed to the position of Pupil Personnel Services, Salary for the 2023-2024 school year effective September 1, 2023, is Step 1, per CPTA contract. In addition, approve summer curriculum hours as needed, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Extra-Curricular Positions

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mr. Ross, 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.

- Advisor, 6th Grade – Randy Pertak
 - Freshman Class – Marijane Stanley
 - Senior Class – Erica Carey/Joanne Mazzotte (50/50)
 - Yearbook Advisor – Lori Cutting
 - Webmaster – Karla Vigliotti
 - Modified Soccer Boys –
- All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

2023-2024 Grant Stipend Positions

Motion made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Johnson, That the Board of Education appoint the following for the Grant Stipend Position(s), as presented.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
1. Mentor Teacher (Ryan Jaquish)	Liz Ross	\$500
2. Mentor Teacher (Samala Rubin)	Marijane Stanley	\$500

All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Summer Hours – Joanne Mazzotte

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education approve Joanne Mazzotte, Summer School Counseling hours for 86 hours at 2022-2023 hourly rate, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Award of Tenure – Marijane Stanley

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education award tenure in the area of Childhood Education/Elementary Education, to Marijane Stanley effective August 31, 2023, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Teaching Assistant Tenure Date – Hillary B. Price

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mrs. St. Pierre-Sears, that Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to set the tenure date for Hillary B. Price, 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. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Resignation – Megan Walls, Music Teacher

Motion made by Mrs. St.Pierre-Sears, second by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Megan Walls, as Music Teacher, effective July 14, 2023, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Resignation – Michelle Dedrick, Teaching Assistant

Motion made by Mrs. Glebus, second by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Michelle Dedrick, as Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2023, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Full-time Teaching Assistant – Keri Charboneau

Motion made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Glebus, that the Board of Education appoint Keri Charboneau, as Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2023, pending certification, and pending tenure date, Step 1, per CPTA Contract, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Full-time Teaching Assistant – Elizabeth Ashline

Motion made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Glebus, that the Board of Education appoint Elizabeth Ashline, as Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2023, pending certification, and pending tenure date, Step 1, per CPTA Contract, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Building Use Requests

Motion by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. St.Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education approve the following building use requests:

Jill Spring – Distinguished Young Women - practices/program September – November, with a tentative date of November 11, 2023, for the Program. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

CVES – CVPH Medical Center Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mrs. Glebus, that the Board of Education authorize the CVES collaborative arrangement with CVPH Medical Center Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit to provide the educational component of their inpatient services for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Ferrara Fiorenza PC, - Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mrs. Glebus, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing litigation against social media companies, as presented.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LITIGATION AGAINST SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has issued an Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health which:

- “calls attention to the growing concerns about the effects of social media on youth mental health;”
- emphasized that “now is the time to act swiftly and decisively to protect children and adolescents from risk of harm;”
- “[t]he onus of mitigating the potential harms of social media should not be placed solely on the shoulders of parents and caregivers;” and
- “[t]echnology companies play a central role and have a fundamental responsibility in designing a safe online environment and in preventing, minimizing, and addressing the risks associated with social media.”

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has further concluded that:

- “Social media use by youth is nearly universal. Up to 95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media ‘almost constantly.’”
- “nearly 40% of children ages 8-12 use social media;”
- “in early adolescence ... brain development is especially susceptible to social pressures, peer opinions, and peer comparison;”
- “[s]ocial media may ... perpetuate body dissatisfaction, disordered eating behaviors, social comparison, and low self-esteem, especially among adolescent girls;”
- “[i]n a nationally representative survey of girls aged 11-15, one-third or more say they feel ‘addicted’ to a social media platform;”
- “[o]ver half of teenagers report that it would be hard to give up social media;” and
- [t]here is a consistent relationship between excessive social media use “depression among youth.”

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has specifically urged that it is “urgent that we take action.”


WHEREAS, it has been reported that students, “[m]ore than ever, were glued to [their cellphones] during class.”

WHEREAS, it has been reported that “a growing number of educators ... find themselves on the front lines of a fight to change how students use social media” and “there was been a push for more schools to ... develop programs to help educate students on the dangers of social media.”

WHEREAS, the Crown Point Central School District (the “School District”) has and continues to experience significant problems with student use of social media, which use, among other things: (i) has created a substantial and ongoing interruption of and disturbance to its educational mission; (ii) has resulted in the diversion of substantial resources in an attempt to abate and prevent such use and its results harms; and (iii) poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of its students; and

WHEREAS, the School District is a leader in education excellence whose faculty and administrators care deeply about the education and well-being of its students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: That the Board of Education authorizes the law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP and Ferrara Fiorenza PC to initiate litigation and file suit against any appropriate parties to seek compensation to the School District for damages suffered by the School District and its students as a result of the development, operation, and marketing of social media platforms, and to seek any other appropriate relief. The School District hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools or their designee to sign all appropriate documents and fee agreements on behalf of the School District. Adopted this day 22nd day of August 2023



Board of Education Representative(s)

All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Ferrara Fiorenza PC, Contingency Fee Agreement

Motion made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education authorize the contingency fee agreement with Ferrara Fiorenza PC, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

Bond Resolution of Crown Point Central School

Motion made by Mrs. St.Pierre-Sears, second by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing a Capital Improvement Project at a cost not to exceed \$5,760,980 and the issuance and sale of Serial Bonds and Notes in an amount not to exceed \$5,760,980, as presented.

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE CROWN POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADOPTEDAUGUST 22, 2023, AUTHORIZING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,760,980 AND THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SERIAL BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,760,980.

RECITAL

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Crown Point Central School District, Essex County, New York (the “District”), at a special meeting duly called and held on May 16, 2023, did vote and adopt a proposition authorizing a capital project consisting of reconstruction of the School District buildings, including necessary site work, acquire equipment, machinery, or apparatus required for the purposes for which such reconstructed building is to be used and pay incidental costs related thereto (the “Project), at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$5,760,980 and obtain the necessary funds by the levy of a tax, subject to available State aid or to any other revenues available for such purpose, which is hereby voted in the amount of \$5,760,980, which tax shall be levied and collected in

annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$5,760,980, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due; and

WHEREAS, the District is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), ECL Section 8-0101, et seq., and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Education has reviewed the scope of the Project, as presented by its architects, to assess the environmental impact of the Project as required by the Regulations and has concluded that the project is a Type II Action as defined in SEQRA and determined by resolution dated March 21, 2023 that no further review is required under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the District now desires to authorize the Project and financing of the cost thereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ON AUGUST 22, 2023, BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT, (by favorable vote of NOT LESS than two thirds of all members of said Board of Education) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of Section 3 hereof, the District is hereby authorized to accomplish the Project and purchase such furnishings, fixtures, equipment, machinery and apparatus as may be required for the purposes for which the Project is to be used and to expend therefor an amount, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to financing thereof, not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$5,760,980; and the said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The estimated total cost of said specific object or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$5,760,980 and the plan of financing includes spending any available state and federal aid, the issuance of serial bonds or notes in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,760,980, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District, to the extent necessary, to pay the principal of said bonds or notes and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable, subject to applicable amounts of state assistance available or to any revenues available for such purpose from any other source. It is hereby determined that the requirements of SEQRA have been met.

Section 2. Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including renewals thereof, of the District are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the “Local Finance Law”), in a principal amount not to exceed \$5,760,980 to finance said appropriation for the Project.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) Under the Local Finance Law, the period of probable usefulness of the Project is thirty (30) years pursuant to Section 11 of the Local Finance Law;

(b) Current funds are not required by the Local Finance Law to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof authorized by this resolution; and

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The reasonably expected source of funds to be used to initially pay for the expenditures authorized by Section 1 of this resolution shall be from the District's General Fund. It is intended that the District shall then reimburse expenditures from the General Fund with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution and that the interest payable on the bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds shall be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. This resolution is intended to constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are reasonably expected to be, received, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The bonds may be issued such that annual principal and interest payments will be substantially similar or declining as provided by law. The full faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District of appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not

- authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. The power to issue and sell the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof (including any renewal notes), including all powers or duties pertaining or incidental thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, as Chief Fiscal Officer, except as herein provided. The bonds shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The Chief Fiscal Officer is authorized to execute and deliver any documents, including a financing agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, if applicable, and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and provisions hereof.

Section 8. Trespaz & Marquardt, LLP is appointed bond counsel to the District for the Project.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a summary of the foregoing resolution, together with a Notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law in the newspapers having general circulation in the District and designated the official newspapers of District for such publication.

The motion having been duly moved, the resolution was acted upon by the Board of Education and there were 6 votes in favor of the resolution and 0 votes against the resolution as follows:

Mitch St. Pierre, President	Voting	Aye
Florence St. Pierre-Sears, Vice President	Voting	Aye
June Glebus	Voting	Aye
Sierra Harrington	Voting	Aye
Anita Johnson	Voting	Aye
Terry Ross	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereafter declared adopted.
All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

AES Northeast – Project No. 5225

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mrs. St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Architecture, Engineering and Land Surveying Northeast, PLLC, DBA AES Northeast for services for Project No. 5225, Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Documents, Bidding and Construction Administration and printing/mileage/postage for new capital project in the amount of \$404,000, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-

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POLICIES

CPCS Safety Plan – (Inclusive of Anaphylaxis, Concussion, AED, Sexual Harassment, Active Threat Assessment Plan and DEI Policy)

Motion made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education receive/review/approve/adopt the CPCS Safety Plan, as presented.

All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Motion made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education approve/adopt the following policies and plans, as presented.

Faculty Handbook

Athletic Handbook

Student Handbook

Wellness Policy

All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

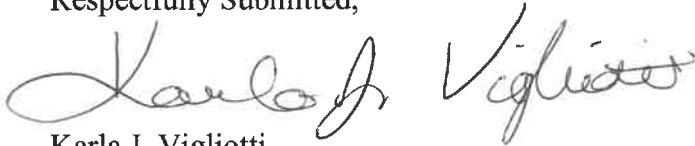
COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mrs. St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting at 7:28 P.M. All in Favor - Motion Carried 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Karla J. Vigliotti

District Clerk