

**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**CROWN POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 - 7:00 PM**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITORIUM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Mitch St. Pierre called this meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael St. Pierre, Board President  
Florence St. Pierre-Sears, Board Vice-President  
Jodie Ingleston  
Anita Johnson  
Terry Ross

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tara S. Celotti, Superintendent

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Motion** made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Ingleston, that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting, August 22, 2023, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 5-0

**COMMUNICATIONS** – NYS DOT 9N Crosswalk – CPTA, Handout and Digital Resource

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**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Bank Reconciliations**

**Motion** made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education receive the bank reconciliation reports for July 2023, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 5-0

**Expenditure Reports**

**Motion** made by Mrs. Ingleston, second by Ms. Ross, that the Board of Education authorize the bills for payment ending August 31, 2023, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 5-0

**Claims Auditor Report(s)**

**Motion** made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mrs. Ingleston, that the Board of Education receive the claims auditor reports, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 5-0

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Tara S. Celotti

**C.S.E./C.P.S.E.** – Handout

**Motion** made by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education accept the CSE/CPSE recommendations for 9/08/2023 and 9/19/2023. All in Favor - Motion Carried 5-0

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:

Sabrina Lawson – Instructional, effective September 6, 2023

Alyssa Norton, Instructional

Maddison Mead, Instructional

All in Favor - Motion Carried 5-0

Side Letter of Agreement with CPTA

**Motion** made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mrs. St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education authorizes the Additional Assignment Side Letter of Agreement between the following personnel and CPTA, as presented.

a. Jacqueline Pockett – 1/6<sup>th</sup>

b. Elizabeth Ross – 1/6<sup>th</sup>

c. Crystal Farrell – 1/6<sup>th</sup>

d. Paula LaDeau – 1/6<sup>th</sup>

e. Paula Norton—1/6<sup>th</sup>

f. Marijane Stanley – 1/6<sup>th</sup>

g. Ryan Jaquish – 1/6<sup>th</sup>

h. Samala Rubin – 1/6<sup>th</sup>

All in Favor - Motion Carried 5-0

Teaching Assistant Tenure Date – Keri Charboneau

**Motion** made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mr. Ross, that 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. All in Favor - Motion Carried 5-0

Time Off Without Pay – Chrystal Scheuer

**Motion** by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mrs. St. Pierre-that the Board of Education approve leave without pay for Chrystal Scheuer for February 16, 2024, and February 26, 2024, as presented.

All in Favor - Motion Carried 5-0

Appointments

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.

1. Advisor Junior Class, Paula Norton  
All in Favor - Motion Carried 5-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ingleston, second by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education authorize the J.J. Curran & Son, Inc. Bid Proposal in the amount of \$28,448, as presented. All in Favor – Motion Carried 5-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

Superintendent Evaluation

Ferrara Fiorenza PC, - Settlement Offer for Claims Against Altria

**Motion** by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mrs. Ingleston, that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing partial settlement of vaping litigations, as presented. All in Favor – Motion Carried 5-0

**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: 9/19/23 District Clerk 

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS** – NCPR Potsdam

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mr. Ross, that the Board enter into Executive Session at 7:32 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 5-0

**Motion** by Mr. Ross, second by Mrs. Ingleston, that the Board exit Executive Session at 8:14 PM , as presented. All in Favor – Motion Carried 5-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by Mrs. Johnson, second by Mrs. St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting at 8:14 P.M. All in Favor - Motion Carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Tara S. Calt  
Clerk Pro Term