

MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CROWN POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026 - 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
Jodie Ingleston
Todd Waldorf

OTHERS PRESENT

Tara S. Celotti, Superintendent
Tieah Gunnison, CSE, CPSE Chairperson
Karla J. Vigliotti, District Clerk

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion made by Ingleston, second by Waldorf, that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting, July 15, 2026, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Motion made by Ingleston, second by Waldorf, that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 15, 2026, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

COMMUNICATIONS – Thank you from Tori Thurston for nominating her for the position of NYSSBA Area 6 Director – Brilliant Pathways School of Distinction 2025-2026 school year, RSA Today – Mitch St. Pierre is a NYSSBA Level 4 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, he is 1 of 2 in our Area.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bank Reconciliations

Motion made by Waldorf, second by St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education receive the bank reconciliation reports, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Expenditure Reports

Motion made by Ingleston, second by St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education authorizes the bills for payment, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Claims Auditor Report(s)

Motion made by Waldorf, second by St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education receive the claims auditor reports, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Tax Warrant

Motion made by Waldorf, second by Ingleston, that the Board of Education set the tax rate for the Crown Point Central School District (including Library \$64,040), as presented.

Crown Point: \$9.3909

Moriah: \$7.265

Ticonderoga: \$7.0473
Tax Rates per M on Assessed Value: \$9.0610
Tax Rates per M on True Value: \$8.9966
All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Professional Cleaning Services

Motion made by Waldorf, second by Ingleston, That the Board of Education accept the bid from Birch Knoll Cleaning, for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$84,950, per contract, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Tara S. Celotti
C.S.E./C.P.S.E.

Motion made by Waldorf, second by Ingleston, that the Board of Education accept the CSE/CPSE recommendations for 6/17/2026 and 6/18/2026. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Personnel

Addition to Substitute List

Motion made by Waldorf, second by St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education authorize the addition of the following individual to the 2026-2027 Substitute List:

Emily Duntley, Non-Instructional

Amy Meachem, Instructional/Non-Instructional

Carryover list from prior year as requested by substitute

All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Appointments

Full-Time Teaching Assistant – Morgan Gadway

Motion made by Waldorf, second by St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education approve Morgan Gadway, as Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2026, the tenure area for a Teaching Assistant, Step 1, per CPTA Contract, probationary period commencing on September 1, 2026, and anticipated to end on August 31, 2030. 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. Summer Curriculum work will be at the discretion of the Superintendent, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) – Paula LaDeau

Motion made by Waldorf, second by St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education approve Paula LaDeau as Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) to provide Special Education Itinerant Services (SEIS) for a CPSE student recommended for Extended School Year (ESY) Services. Student ID#999802960, SEIS 2X60 Individual at a rate of \$43 per half hour and \$86 per hour, effective July 27, 2026, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Impartial Hearing Officer (IHO) – Ramy Louis

Motion made by Waldorf, second by St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education adopt a resolution to appoint Ramy Louis, as Impartial Hearing Officer (IHO) in response to a Due Process Complaint Notice initiated by the parent of CPSE student ID#999802960, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Whereas, a due process complaint notice was filed with the District (NYSED No.999802960); and

Whereas, the District is required to appoint an impartial hearing officer in accordance with Section 200.5(j)(3) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education; and

Whereas, Ramy Louis is the impartial hearing officer duly selected from the rotational list who is available and willing to serve as impartial hearing officer for this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that Ramy Louis is appointed as impartial hearing officer for NYSED Case No.688884. The IHO shall be compensated at \$100 per hour for prehearing, hearing and post hearing matters related to NYSED No.999802960. This resolution shall be effective August 14, 2026.

4 YES

0 NO

Retirement – Caleb Spaulding, Head of Transportation, Head of Maintenance, Bus Driver, and Hazardous Materials Coordinator

Motion made by St. Pierre-Sears, second by Waldorf, that the Board of Education accept the retirement of Caleb Spaulding, Head of Transportation, Head of Maintenance, Bus Driver, and Hazardous Materials Coordinator, effective November 30, 2026, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Superintendent Contract Extension/Amendment

Motion made by Waldorf, second by St. Pierre-Sears, that the Board of Education amend Tara S. Celotti's contract as follows: Extend the contract for one additional year. February 16, 2022 – February 15, 2028, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Award of Tenure – Lauren Berrick

Motion made by Waldorf, second by Ingleston, that the Board of Education award tenure in the area of 7-12 Science/Living Environment, to Lauren Berrick effective August 31, 2026, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Building Use Request(s)

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

Pam Moser – Peak Cheer – Auditorium or Gymnasium for 2 Cheer Clinics for 2 different age groups for Crown Point students. Saturday, September 19, 2026, or Sunday, September 20, 2026. Group#1 (Grades 3-6) 1:00 to 3:00pm and Group #2 (Grades 7-12) 3:30 to 6:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Plouffe's Boiler & Mechanical

Motion made by Waldorf, second by Ingleston, that the Board approve the Plouffe's Boiler & Mechanical service contract for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$4,702, for boiler service, as presented. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

OLD BUSINESS – Building Project

POLICIES

Motion made by Waldorf, second by Ingleston, that the Board of Education approve/adopt the following policies and plans, as presented.

CPCS Safety Plan

Faculty Handbook

Athletic Handbook

Student Handbook

Wellness Policy

All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Portrait of a Graduate/NY Inspires

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ingleston, second by Waldorf, that the Board of Education adjourns this meeting at 7:33 P.M. All in Favor - Motion Carried 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karla J. Vigliotti". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Karla J. Vigliotti
District Clerk