

3IT IS THE MISSION OF THE SCHODACK CENTRAL SCHOOLS to develop our students to become "...active, reflective, creative learners. In our schools, they will engage in rewarding work and practice behaviors that are intelligent in both an academic and a practical sense. Students will develop the attitudes, skills and understandings that will allow them to fulfill their potential and to function successfully in their individual and social roles."

SCHODACK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1216 Maple Hill Road, Castleton, New York 12033-1699

April 9, 2015

Maple Hill High School Library

Present: Michael Charsky, Michael Hiser, George Warner, Victoria Adler, Daniel Grandinetti, Christian Olsen and Bruce Romanchak

Absent: Jeanne Strazza and Paul Puccio

Also present: Robert Horan, Monica Kim and Michele Reickert

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
WORKSHOP 6:00 – 8:00 pm

1. Meeting called to order by Vice-President, Michael Charsky at 6:08 p.m.
2. Michael Charsky asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of present agenda. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
4. Approval of minutes of regular meetings: None.
5. Reports:
 - a. 2015-2016 Budget – Monica Kim and Robert Horan presented the budget for the 2015=16 school year. Monica talked about the restoration of GEA and that the district received 1/3 of their GEA restored. She also expressed that foundation aid and the tax cap increased slightly. The tax cap changed by the exemptions from the 1.25 mil. Capital project that was completed last summer. She explained to the board that the school sets the levy and that a school district has no control over the tax rate or how the assessments are split over properties. There are variables to look at for 2015-16 such as two tax grievances that could result in a reduction in assessment for those properties, as well as the possibility of one property changing from tax exempt to taxable if it is sold. There was extensive discussion about what could happen with the tax rate, equalization rates and assessments. There was discussion about the potential of the State allowing schools to save for retiree benefits. Currently there is no provision to do so. She presented the propositions that will be voted on at the April 16th board meeting spending additional time talking about the Capital Reserve Fund proposition. This is a proposition to allow the district to save for districtwide improvements outside of a capital project.
6. Meeting open for Public discussion. Mrs. Yurista questioned how the district is going to handle the additional money the district will be getting from the State. Mr. Horan expressed that the district is

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looking at programs to see what may need to be enhanced, looking at extra-curricular activities, and resources for Math. He also expressed that enrollment in Kindergarten is high for this time of the year and the district is watching the enrollment to be sure class size is appropriate.

7. Board Discussion: There was discussion about AIS (Academic Intervention Services) and what the district is doing to help students that are struggling . There was discussion about the potential change in APPR and how the district will handle it. Mr. Horan expressed that the state will give statewide guidelines for APPR and the district will need to have an agreement in place with the faculty association. Mr. Horan asked the board to be prepared to review the Questar Budget information that will be voted on April 21, 2015. Board members will be asked to meet in the parking lot of the District Office to vote. Mr. Horan talked about upcoming meetings regarding a potential pipeline that may be coming into the Town. Vicki Adler talked about the health and safety committee meeting she attended and is reassured by the committee and it's work.

8. Policies: None.

9. Consent agenda:

Bruce Romanchak moved to vote on a. and b. separately from c. and d. Michael Charsky seconded. George Warner opposed, all others present were in favor.

- a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of Treasurers report for the month of February 2015. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of Claims Auditor Report for the month of February 2015. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

After discussion about the Lacrosse team and it's expenses,

- c. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of a donation from the MHYL Foundation in the amount of \$1,643.12 in support of the Maple Hill Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team. Christian Olsen seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,643.12 from MHYL Foundation and to increase the General Fund Revenue Code A2705 and Expense Codes A2855.XXX.80.0000 by \$1,643.12. Christian Olsen seconded. All present in favor.
10. Resignations and Appointments:
- a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the resignation of Barry Hotaling for the purpose of retirement effective April 29, 2015, with regrets and appreciation for long service. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.

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11. Meeting open for public discussion.
12. Action items. Proposition language for Capital Reserve Fund and additional board meeting.
13. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, Victoria Adler moved to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Christian Olsen seconded. All present in favor.