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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."

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

**April 15, 2010**

**Maple Hill Middle School Cafeteria**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR**

Present: Andrew Fleck, President; Paul Puccio, Seth Hendrick, Susan Megna, Vice President; George Warner, Kenneth Flood, Linda Underwood, Phyllis Weber Scannell.

Absent: Michael Hiser.

Also Present: Lori Colistra, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Jason Chevrier, CES; Sherri Fisher, Director of Business and Support Services; Donna Watson, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development; Michael Bennett, MHMS; Robert Horan, MHHS; Liz Chipman, District Clerk.

1. Meeting called to order by President Fleck at 6:00 p.m.
2. Motion to enter executive session to discuss tax certiorari, negotiations with SFA, CSEA. Paul Puccio moved to enter into executive session. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
3. Motion to re-enter regular session at 7:00 p.m. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved to re-enter regular session at 6:55pm. George Warner seconded. All present in favor. President Fleck called meeting to order at 7:05pm.
4. Approval of present agenda. Paul Puccio moved to approve present agenda. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
5. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of March 18, 2010 Paul Puccio moved to approve minutes of 3/18/10. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
6. Meeting open for public discussion. Michele Fox read letter to the BOE in support of French language program. Keith Shockmel spoke in favor of art and French instruction. Two students read letters in support of the art program. Steven Liss spoke in favor of the art and French programs. Joanne Clynes spoke in favor of French and art programs. Deb Walling spoke in favor of art and music programs. Cyn Tomko spoke in favor of art and music throughout life. Flo Heeder spoke in favor of art as a career path, not simply an elective course. Odyssey of the Visual Arts. Art photography. Robin Perry spoke to other aspects of art: planning, organizing, team work.
7. Board discussion. Linda Underwood: very impressed with students, many students from Maple Hill have gone on to careers in art. Seth Hendrick: parents and students who are no longer in school.
8. Reports
  - a. 2010-11 Budget Draft #3. Sherri Fisher reported. Budget development issues. Expenditure growth, loss of state aid, assessment challenges. Expense changes in Draft 3 budget. Revenue changes in Draft 3 budget. Assessment changes in Draft 3. Cost reductions from 2009-10 to 2010-11 budget Draft 3. Jason Chevrier and Michael Bennett outlined program/schedule changes associated with reducing grades 2-7 to three sections and moving grade 5 to CES. Questions, comments, discussion from board members. Future reduction in high

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school enrollment. Discussion of shared services for art. Declining enrollment, eventual phase out of French language program. Sherri Fisher completed run-through of budget. New Visions, Career Tech, Tech Valley High School.

9. Meeting open for public discussion. Block scheduling in regard to distance learning. Online learning. Early retirement incentive for teachers? Recession. Homestead base proportion for taxation. Modified sports. Suzanne Pazienza spoke regarding Odyssey of the Visual Arts and art program, changes to teaching schedule due to reductions in time, impact of art experience on children. Reduction of administrative position and impact on special education students. Thanks to Lori Colistra for her work in the district. Laura Cook spoke to the impact on staff of the proposed budget cuts. George Warner moved to re-enter board discussion. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
10. Board discussion. Total number of students enrolled in art program. Discussion, comments regarding budget restorations, merits, pros-cons, etc. Paul Puccio moved to restore .4FTE art instruction. George Warner seconded. Discussion. Voting yes: Seth Hendrick, Linda Underwood, George Warner, Susan Megna, Paul Puccio. Voting no: Kenneth Flood, Andrew Fleck. Abstaining: Phyllis Weber Scannell. Motion carries. Discussion of French language program. Elimination of intro to French class in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Tech Valley High School tuitions will remain in budget, 3 students planned for 2010-11.
11. Policies. None.
12. Consent agenda
  - a. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of February 2010. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
  - b. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2010. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
  - c. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the month of February 2010. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
  - d. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Extra-Classroom Activity Report for the month of February 2010. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
  - e. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of donation from Maple Hill Middle School PTO (Holiday Shop) in the amount of \$388.00 in support of Maple Hill Middle School Community Charities program. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
  - f. Paul Puccio moved approval of health services contract with Rensselaer City School District for the 2009-10 school year in the amount of \$371.91 for one (1) resident student attending nonpublic school. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
  - g. Paul Puccio moved approval of resolution to increase the 2009-10 general fund budget by \$765.00, to be offset by a donation from the Schodack Castleton Community Partnership, in support of the Primary Project at the Castleton Elementary School. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

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- h. Paul Puccio moved approval of 2010-11 Real Property Tax Report Card. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Paul Puccio moved adoption of 2010-11 school district budget in the amount of \$20,487,720.00 to be presented to voters on May 18, 2010. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Paul Puccio moved adoption of 2010-11 school bus proposition in an amount not to exceed \$195,863 for the purchase of two (2) school bus vehicles, to be presented to voters on May 18, 2010. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Paul Puccio moved approval of health insurance premium renewal rates, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, per the enclosed Renewal Rate Summary. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Paul Puccio moved approval of 2010-11 Final Service Request of Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene BOCES (Questar III) in the initial amount of \$1,491,671.21. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract with Stieglitz Snyder Architecture in the amount of \$3,800 for re-bidding of "alternate additional paving at the Transportation Facility, Capital Project #49150104-5005-007. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract with Stieglitz Snyder Architecture in the amount of \$5,100 for completion of 2010 Building Condition Survey Waiver Reports for Castleton Elementary School, Maple Hill Middle School, Maple Hill High School and Transportation Facility. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract in the amount of \$47,925.13 with Ronco C & E, Inc. for installation of a telephone system at Maple Hill High School, BCM 450 With VOIP Connectivity from Castleton Elementary School and 4 Digital Dialing from Maple Hill Middle School (NYS Contract #PT 58097), Capital Project #491501-04-002-017. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- p. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract in the amount of \$18,078.00 with Johnson Controls, Inc. for installation of Direct Digital Controls (DDC) for MHHS Auditorium (NYS Contract #PT 63103), Capital Project #491501-04-0002-017. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- q. ITEM REMOVED. Approval of contract with Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$7,657.00 for installation of a master intercom system at Castleton Elementary School, Capital Project #491501-04-0001-014
- r. ITEM REMOVED. Approval of contract with Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$4,777.00 for installation of a master intercom system at Maple Hill Middle School, Capital Project #491501-04-0004-010

- s. ITEM REMOVED. Approval of contract with Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$4,777.00 for installation of a master intercom system at Maple Hill High School, Capital Project #491501-04-0002-017
- t. Paul Puccio moved approval of school district calendar for 2010-11. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- u. Paul Puccio moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2009-10 special education services for students # 000113556, 000011359, 000113213, 000113610. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- v. Paul Puccio moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2010-2011 special education services for students #000113247, 000012186, 000113246, 000113229, 900991164, 000113280, 000113281, 000113438, 000113479, 000113234, 000113233, 000113195, 000011117, 000113610. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- w. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of anonymous donation in the amount of \$400.00 in support of the Maple Hill Middle School Community Charities Account. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- x. Paul Puccio moved approval of 2010-11 health insurance premium rates based on Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene health Insurance Trust Plan Code Information Sheet. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

### 13. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Kenneth Flood moved acceptance of resignation of Jason Derby as technology teacher, effective June 25, 2010. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Kenneth Flood moved acceptance of resignation of Zachary Miller as English teacher, effective June 28, 2010. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Kenneth Flood moved approval of tenure appointment of Jennifer Delaney (certification: School Psychologist) as school psychologist, effective April 30, 2010. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Kenneth Flood moved approval of tenure appointment of Patricia Racz (certification: Spanish 7-12; English to Speakers of Other Languages) as Spanish teacher (.8 FTE) and English to Speakers of Other Languages teacher (.2 FTE), effective May 4, 2010. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Kenneth Flood moved approval of tenure appointment of Rebekah DeMassio (certification: Students with Disabilities [Grades 1-6]; Literacy [Birth-Grade 6]) as special education teacher, effective September 1, 2010. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.

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- f. Kenneth Flood moved approval of tenure appointment of Caitlin Donahue (certification: English Language Arts 7-12) as Secondary English teacher, effective September 1, 2010. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Kenneth Flood moved approval of tenure appointment of Sandra Strock (certification: English 7-12) as secondary English teacher, effective September 1, 2010. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Kenneth Flood moved approval of tenure appointment of Mark Hoyt (certification: Mandarin 7-12; Social Studies 7-12) as Mandarin Chinese Language and Culture teacher, effective September 1, 2010. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Kenneth Flood moved approval of tenure appointment of Kaitlin McGann (certification: Chemistry 7-12) as Secondary Science teacher, effective September 1, 2010. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Kenneth Flood moved approval of extension of probationary appointment of Meghan Hitlin (certification: Reading; Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6) as reading teacher, effective for a period of one year through June 30, 2011. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Kenneth Flood moved approval of unpaid leave of absence for Kimberly Donato, elementary teacher, effective March 29, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Kenneth Flood moved approval of Kristen Nunziato (certification: Childhood Education [Grades 1-6]) as extended term substitute teacher for Kimberly Donato, effective January 7, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Salary for the position is MS Step 1, pro-rated January 7, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Kenneth Flood moved approval of substitute teachers: Daniel Longhurst, Maeve McEneny. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Kenneth Flood moved approval of non-instructional substitutes: Crystal Maxian. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Kenneth Flood moved acceptance of resignation of David Schafer, senior custodian, for purpose of retirement, effective June 26, 2010. Linda Underwood seconded. All present in favor.

14. Action items.

15. Motion to enter executive session to discuss work history of specific employees, collective bargaining with CSEA, SFA. None.

16. Adjournment . Linda Underwood moved to adjourn at 11:20pm. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elizabeth Chipman  
District Clerk

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