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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."

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

April 23, 2009

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - REGULAR

Present: Paula Noll, President; Paul Puccio, Susan Megna, Vice President; Phyllis Weber Scannell, Beth Nichols Hesse, Seth Hendrick, Andrew Fleck, Kenneth Flood, George Warner.

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

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 7:05 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. George Warner moved to approve agenda with additions and changes. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
3. Meeting open for public discussion. Linda Underwood: FOIL request has not been responded to by District. Requested that BOE direct Records Access Officer to respond to her request. Doug Hamlin responded. All FOIL requests have been addressed. Letters in board folders. Matt LaClair: on behalf of custodial staff, extended thanks to CYO for luncheon provided.
4. Board discussion. Sue Megna: BOE reps and Doug met with Ichabod Crane representatives to explore possible ways to share resources. Paul Puccio: Tech Valley High School training schedule for teachers and teams of teachers to work with staff of Tech Valley HS. Doug Hamlin: May 13, 6:30pm meeting with board of Maple Hill Pre-School, Kiwanis at 7:30pm. Ken Flood and George Warner to attend. Sue Megna: District communications committee. Key Communicators. Jason Chevrier: transportation appreciation breakfast. Mike Bennett: senior citizens reception sponsored by PTO, assembly on Monday - "World of Change" for anti-bullying initiative. Robert Horan: track invitational this weekend, "Hillstock" is Friday night, Senior Citizen Luncheon April 29, science grants have been awarded to science department, Best Buy grant, Toyota Tapestry grant, thanks to Mark Bubniak and Lenny Bacon for doing a great job with AD position.
5. Reports
 - a. NYS Arbor Day 2009 Winning School Poster - Mike Bennett/Joey Rocchio, Grade 5 @ MHMS. Karen Harris present to outline the process of teaching tree unit and art/design unit. Joey Rocchio distributed bookmarks printed with this artwork. BOE extended congratulations to Joey for his winning poster.
 - b. China Trip - Mark Hoyt introduced two students who attended China trip. Ian Walling and Chris Lingeo showed slides and talked about their experience on the trip.
 - c. Needham Risk Management Resource Group - Offices @ MHMS. Matt LaClair reported. Open office space is available. Proposal for lease agreement between Schodack Central Schools and Needham Risk Management distributed to board members. Questions, comments from board members. Discussion. Board approved proposal in concept. Administration will move forward with next steps.

- d. Lacrosse. Members of Maple Hill Youth Lacrosse present to provide update to board. Funding for the program. Questions, comments, discussion from board members. Lacrosse survey results. Andrew Fleck moved to support JV lacrosse team for 2010 pending funding goal to be met by August 30, 2009. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Construction Report - Phil Snyder. Update on finishing of construction projects. Punch list items in process. Board extended thanks to Phil and his colleagues for their work on the construction projects.
 - f. 2009-10 Draft #3 School District Budget. Sixth grade staffing options. Questions, comments from board members. Beth Nichols Hesse moved to open floor to public discussion. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor. Questions, comments, from public. Return to board discussion. Doug Hamlin outlined Draft #3 of School District Budget. Proposed cost reductions for 2009-10. Responding to current needs with Federal stimulus support. Projected tax levy increase 0%. Questions, comments from board members. Tech Valley High School. Seth Hendrick moved to keep funding in budget for third student to attend Tech Valley High School in the fall. Paul Puccio seconded. Voting yes: Paul Puccio, Beth Nichols Hesse, Paula Noll, Seth Hendrick, George Warner, Kenneth Flood. Voting no: Andrew Fleck. Kenneth Flood expressed preference for restoration of 3rd sixth grade teacher within proposed budget. Discussion, comments. Board to meet again to hear administration recommendation regarding sixth grade staffing before newsletter is mailed out.
6. Meeting open for public discussion. Bus information. Money going directly into the classroom is a priority. Tech Valley High School. Communication effort that needs to happen for budget to pass. Federal stimulus money. Purpose of the budget is the education and wellbeing of the 1100+ students at Schodack. Thanks extended to board for opportunity for faculty and staff to sit on budget committees.
7. Policies None.
8. Consent agenda
- a. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2009. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of February 2009. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of Extra-classroom Activity Report for the month of February 2009. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the month of February 2009. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Andrew Fleck moved approval of 2009-10 Real Property Tax Report Card. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - f. Andrew Fleck moved adoption of 2009-10 school district budget in the amount of \$21,381,275.00 to be presented to voters on May 19, 2009. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - g. Andrew Fleck moved adoption of 2009-10 school bus proposition in an amount not to exceed \$235,859 for the purchase of three (3) school bus vehicles, to be presented to voters on May 19,

2009. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

- h. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Intermunicipal Agreement with Rensselaer City School District for Internal Audit Services effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at a cost of \$650.00 per day for up to 10 days. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Andrew Fleck moved approval of health insurance premium renewal rates, effective 7/1/09-6/30/10, per Renewal Rate Summary. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Andrew Fleck moved approval of reduction to real property tax, pursuant to NYS Supreme Court Order and Judgment dated 3/16/09, Index No. 08-226232, for Dennis and Elizabeth Doran, for real property located at 633 Schodack Landing Road, Schodack Landing, NY 12156 (218.-6-9) from \$8,347.52 to \$7,432.43, resulting in 2008-09 property tax refund of \$915.09. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Andrew Fleck moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Pre-School Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #000113544, 000113532, 000113514, 000012431. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Andrew Fleck moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #000011985, 000012095, 000113197, 000011880, 082470000, 000113245, 000011845, 083090000, 000113498, 912012320, 000113383, 000011881, 000012329, 000012000, 000011990, 000011839, 000012104, 000012136, 000012127, 000012193, 000012105, 000012121, 000012182, 000012109, 000012168, 000012160, 000012176, 000012195, 000012032, 000011980, 000011875, 000113244, 000012049, 000011979, 000012177, 000012018, 000012085, 000012150, 000012444, 000112471, 912012287, 912012236, 000012240, 912012262, 000113362, 912012339, 900991164, 000113438, 000113479, 000113233, 000113229, 000113195, 000113234, 000012171, 912012280, 900008960, 000012377, 000012395, 000012415, 000012390, 000113238, 000113240, 000113239, 000012387, 000113280. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of collection of 19 books, as part of the "We the People" Bookshelf grant, awarded to the Schodack Central School District libraries (2008-09 Bookshelf theme, "Picturing America"). Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Change Order for construction contract of Arcon Construction & Management Services, Inc. (Phase 2 - Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be added to the electrical contract; new revised contract sum will be \$1,291,007.00: Change Order E-#019 in the amount of \$10,171. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Negative Change Order for construction contract of Arcon Construction & Management Services, Inc. (Phase 2 -Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be deducted from the electrical contract; new revised contract sum will be \$1,289,732.00: Change Order E-#020 in the amount of -\$1,275.00. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

- p. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Negative Change Order for construction contract of Mazone Plumbing (Phase 2 - Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be deducted from the plumbing contract; new revised contract sum will be \$627,177.11: Change Order P-#011 (Credit) in the amount of -\$1,275.00. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- q. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Sano-Rubin Construction Co. (Phase 2 -Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be added to the construction contract; new revised contract sum will be \$6,544,927.00: Change Order #058 in the amount of \$745.00; Change Order #059 in the amount of \$3,187.00. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- r. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Negative Change Order for construction contract of Sano-Rubin Construction Co. (Phase 2 -Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be deducted from the construction contract; new revised contract sum will be \$6,543,652.00: Change Order #060 (Credit) in the amount of -\$1,275.00. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- s. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Negative Change Orders for construction contract of T. Lemme Mechanical, Inc. (Phase 2 - Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be deducted from mechanical construction contract sum of \$1,263,000.00; new revised contract sum = \$1,166,025.00: Change Order M-#009 (Credit) in the amount of -95,700.00; Change Order M-#010 (Credit) in the amount of -\$1,275.00. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- t. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Change Order for construction contract of T. Lemme Mechanical, Inc. (Phase 3 - Maple Hill High School - Project #4915-01-04-0002-017) to be deducted from mechanical construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract sum of \$1,268,000.00: Change Order M-#001 in the amount of \$1,389.16. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- 9. Resignations/Appointments
 - a. Seth Hendrick move approval of tenure appointment of Christina Yager as Elementary Teacher, effective April 23, 2009. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Seth Hendrick moved approval of tenure appointment of Lorraine Colistra as Director of Pupil Personnel Services, effective June 26, 2009. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Seth Hendrick moved approval of tenure appointment of Melissa Golden as Secondary Mathematics Teacher, effective September 1, 2009. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Seth Hendrick moved approval of tenure appointment of Brian Keller as Secondary Social Studies Teacher, effective September 1, 2009. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Seth Hendrick moved approval of tenure appointment of Timothy Prall as Secondary Mathematics Teacher, effective September 1, 2009. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - f. Seth Hendrick moved approval of tenure appointment of Evan Whitfield as Secondary Science Teacher, effective September 1, 2009. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.

- g. Seth Hendrick moved approval of substitute teachers: Ashleigh Casey, Angie Francis, Erin Woodfield. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - h. Seth Hendrick moved acceptance of resignation of Gail Morocco, Stenographer, for purpose of retirement, effective August 31, 2009 (revision to resignation date accepted by Board of Education at 2/26/09 meeting). Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - i. Seth Hendrick moved approval of Jessica Decker (certification: Childhood Education [Grades 1-6]) as regular substitute for Brianne Collins, effective March 27, 2009. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - j. Seth Hendrick moved approval of three-year probationary appointment of David Austin (certification: Physical Education; Health pending) as health teacher (1.0 FTE), effective April 22, 2009. Salary for the 10-month position is BA Step 3. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - k. Seth Hendrick moved approval of Michael Dobin (certification: Physical Education) as regular substitute teacher (1.0 FTE), effective April 22, 2009. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - l. Seth Hendrick moved approval of Jennifer Sober (certification: School Social Worker) as 1.0 FTE school social worker, effective April 24, 2009 through the duration of Rebecca Blais' leave. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - m. Seth Hendrick moved acceptance of resignation of Lisa Nichols, Secretary I, effective April 23, 2009. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - n. Seth Hendrick moved approval of permanent appointment of Lisa Nichols, Secretary II, effective April 24, 2009, pursuant to Rensselaer County Civil Service Law and Rensselaer County Civil Service Commission letter dated April 16, 2009. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
 - o. Seth Hendrick moved approval of provisional appointment of Melissa Thomas, Secretary I, effective April 24, 2009, subject to compliance with Rensselaer County Civil Service Commission requirements. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
10. Meeting open for public discussion. Board extended thanks to administration.
11. Action items
12. Executive Session: Negotiations with CSEA, SAA; pending litigation; work history of specific employee. Seth Hendrick moved to enter into executive session at 10:50pm. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
13. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 11:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Chipman
District Clerk