

*IT 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 3, 2008**

**Maple Hill High School Library**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - SPECIAL**

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

Also Present: Doug Hamlin, Superintendent; Jason Chevrier, CES; Robert Horan, MHHS; Roger Gorham, MHMS; Lori Colistra, Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 7:05 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. Ricardo Cosgrave moved to approve present agenda with additions and corrections. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.
3. Meeting open for public discussion. Ms. Walling: Very important that school get a lot of positive press. Principal's list, band, chorus awards, middle school play. Public needs to be aware of the many things that go on in the school. Cyn Tomko: Thanks to board for adding public discussion to agenda when necessary. Ricardo Cosgrave moved to add public discussion following presentation of draft #3 budget. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
4. Reports
  - A. 2008-09 Budget - Draft #3. Doug Hamlin reported. Key assumptions: program enhancements, k-12 distance learning, MHMS transformation initiatives, CES transition costs, projected staffing changes, special education tuitions, career and technical education placements, technology replacement, equipment replacement, BOCES services, health and dental insurance, medicare reimbursement, insurances, social security payroll taxes, retirement system employer contributions, building debt service, energy costs, all other expense areas. state aid, assessments, Hannaford pilot, appropriated fund balance. Discussion, questions from board members. Consequences of contingency budget. Guidance counselor position at middle school. Sunrise scholars.
  - B. Public Discussion. Ms. Walling: is new student information system out of budget for good? Ramifications of contingency budget must be made clear to community. David Calarco: total in fund balance reserves? Down side of using reserve funds. Contingency budget, reassessments, economic crunch. Public relations/communication needs to be increased. Jeff Keller: benefits of .5FTE addition of guidance counselor. Cyn Tomko: FSR? Final Service Request. Transportation. Emergency action plan.
  - C. Community Engagement: Budget. Calendar of community discussions. Newsletter goes out

tomorrow. Press releases. Discussion. Overages from architect. Updates on bond issue need to be more regular. Simplify information to community, direct people to website for more indepth information.

5. Consent agenda

- A. Seth Hendrick moved approval of group contract with Capital District Physicians' Health Plan, Inc. for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 based on the following rates: Individual Premium \$434.46; Subscriber and One Dependent \$868.92; Subscriber and Children n/a; Family Premium \$1,158.97. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
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- B. Seth Hendrick moved approval of creation of (1) temporary Secretary I position for **5.0 hours/day, effective March 31, 2008** through June 30, 2008 (approved on 2/27/08 as: "Approval of creation of (1) temporary Secretary I position for 37.5 hours/week, anticipated effective dates April 30, 2008 through June 30, 2008"). Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
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- C. Seth Hendrick moved Questar III Budget Meeting Date - 7 a.m. on April 22, 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- D. Seth Hendrick moved April 10, 2008 special meeting to accept bids on Phase III Capital Project. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- E. Seth Hendrick moved acknowledgement of donation from Hannaford Helps Schools in the amount of \$192.00 in support of the Maple Hill High School International Club. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- F. Seth Hendrick moved acceptance of donation from Stewart's Foundation in the amount of \$1,260.00 (ck #5165- \$630.00; ck #5188-\$630.00) in support of the Maple Hill Middle School Work Study Program. Susan Megna asked for information on the program. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- G. Seth Hendrick moved approval of Technical Services Retainer with Computer Professionals International in the amount of \$3,000.00 effective April 4, 2008 for advanced computer support services for network infrastructure and servers, including assistance with major projects and network upgrades. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

6. Resignations/Appointment

- a. Paul Puccio moved approval of temporary appointment of Jill Hanrahan, Secretary I, for - **5.0 hours/day**, at a rate of \$15.71 per hour, effective March 31, 2008 through June 30, 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Paul Puccio moved appointment of substitute teachers: Steven Constable, Vanessa Anderson, Terrin Griffin. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- C. Paul Puccio moved emergency conditional appointment of non-instructional substitutes:

Deborah Schecter. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

D. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of resignation of Stacy McLean, music teacher (.5 FTE), effective June 30, 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

D. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of resignation of Patricia Colbert, teacher assistant, effective end of work day April 11, 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

E. Paul Puccio moved approval of substitute school bus drivers: Franklin Bareis, Jr. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

## 7. Retirements

8. Board discussion. George Warner: article in Independent on distance learning was very good. Seth Hendrick: Questar dinner. Phyllis Weber Scannell: discussion group at the high school for the Big Read. Questions from students were very insightful and intelligent. Paul Puccio: meeting with town regarding homestead provision of tax law. Seth Hendrick: band trip last week. Kudos to music staff. Paula Noll: 7am April 22. Paul Puccio: Questar annual dinner. Thanked Doug for contribution to BOCES. Bob Horan: band trip, very positive reports on student behavior. Distance learning article. College acceptances for 12th graders. Roger Gorham: virtual field trip to Alaska. Middle school drama production. 5th grader James Farrell won the Arbor Day poster contest. Students gathering supplies for a school in Africa. Jason Chevrier: K-4 audience at drama performance. CES PTO very supportive of school. International fair. Beginning fund drive for playground enhancements. Incoming K student parent night. Doug Hamlin: capital project continues to be ahead of schedule and under budget. Ed Goodwill is an asset. Budget process is transparent.

9. Meeting open for public discussion. David Calarco: education of daughter with disabilities. Most important factor in getting her through to finish her education has been Mr. Horan. Thanked board for hiring him.

10. Action items. Work study. Budget. Communication.

11. Motion to go into executive session to discuss work history of specific employee, negotiations with SCFA. SEth Hendrick, Andrew Fleck. 9:20pm.

12. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Chipman  
District Clerk