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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

August 19, 2010

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

Present: George Warner, Susan Megna, Vice President; Lisa Lafferty, Bruce Romanchak, Paul Puccio, Kenneth Flood. Christine DiGiulio.

Absent: Michael Hiser, Andrew Fleck.

Also present: Ron Agostinoni, MHHS; Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Support Services; Jason Chevrier, CES; Michael Bennett, MHMS; Bob Horan, Superintendent; Donna Watson, Director of Curriculum, Staff Development and Pupil Personnel Services.

1. Executive Session 6:00 p.m. (High School Conference Room)
2. Meeting called to order by Vice-President Megna at 7:00 p.m.
3. Approval of present agenda. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of present agenda. Chris DiGiulio seconded. Paul Puccio moved to amend agenda item 7. Review of athletic program to follow review of district goals. George Warner seconded. All present in favor. Bruce Romanchak moved to approve agenda as amended. Chris DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
4. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of July 1, 2010 and Special meeting August 4, 2010. Bruce Romachak moved approval of minutes of 8/4/10. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of minutes of July 1. Paul Puccio seconded. Corrections: Item 10B. Kenneth Flood voted no on that item. Bruce Romanchak present for vote on item c, voted in favor. All present in favor of minutes as amended.
5. Meeting open for public discussion. Matt LaClair noted that Clayton Decker will be missed upon his retirement. Thank you for CES luncheon.
6. Board discussion. Sue Megna: NYSSBA conference attendance. Encourage new board members to attend, as it is a good opportunity for learning. Paul Puccio is being recognized at the conference for length and quality of service. Kenneth Flood: budget status report, audit report, brief report on significant variances between proposed 2009-10 budget and actual. Paul Puccio: superintendent evaluation tool draft has been completed.
7. Reports
 - a. 2010-11 Tax Levy – Sherri Fisher reported. Sherri outlined adjusted revenue estimates. No change in tax rate from initial projections in April. Reduction in state STAR exemption and impact on year to year tax rate. Reserve funds and fund balance. Tentative three year plan. Possible implications of Federal Education Jobs Fund money. Focus of the fund is job retention and job creation. Discussion, questions from board members.
 - b. Review of district goals and the creating of a District Vision – Robert Horan, BOE and Administrative Team. Robert Horan outlined process for setting district goals and vision. First district planning committee meeting on September 9. District Goals: 1) To create/articulate a community vision of the expectations for the Schodack

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Central School District to enable our graduates to be successful adults, well prepared for the competitive 21st century. Discussion, comments from board members. Mission v. vision. 2) Anticipating and responding to an ever changing financial and educational program climate, develop both short and long term instructional and con instructional program which allow for targeted resource allocation and financial planning and for continued educational advancement. 3) In an effort to guide future recommendations, analyze the impact of restructured programs and services. 4) To maximize our use of resources to gain efficiencies in the delivery of district wide programs and services. Bruce Romanchak moved to accept district goals for 2010-11 academic year. Kenenth Flood seconded. All present in favor. Bruce Romanchak moved to approve charge statement and the plan of action to create vision, approve Chris DiGiulio and Bob Horan as co-chairs of the committee, and approve Paul Puccio as facilitator. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.

- c. Review of the athletic program – Mark Bubniak reported. Benefits of interscholastic athletics. Lessons a student-athlete learns. Percentages of students participating in each season of sports. Student-athlete grades. Patroon conference championships. Section II championships. NYS regional championships. NYS championships. Athletic booster club donations to athletic program. Athletic budget is less than 1% of overall school budget. Discussion, questions, comments from board members. Lacrosse. Title IX requirements. Financial implications. Impact on existing teams. Issue needs to be decided through conversations with the community. Board asked for plan from administration of how to move forward in a timely manner to collect community input before making a decision. Discussion, comments from board members. Bruce Romanchak moved to open ten minute public discussion regarding lacrosse. Kenneth Flood seconded. All present in favor. Discussion. Asked athletic department to craft plan for long range planning within the athletic department. Communication with the community. Board consensus is to add lacrosse to next board meeting, share with community research on Federal Title IX, no separate community forum to discuss lacrosse, athletic department will actively approach female students regarding interest in alternate sports.
- d. K-5 Classroom Restructure – Jason Chevrier. Kindergarten enrollment. Second grade enrollment. Reduction of one section of kindergarten, addition of one section of second grade. Opportunity to engage faculty in long term planning. Jason recognized Ms. Ciampoli for her flexibility in switching grade levels so late in the summer. District census, population projection.

8. Meeting open for public discussion. Laura Cook: appropriate change to kindergarten and second grade sections. Heather Flood: Extra-curricular activities could be “co-curricular” activities.

9. Policies

- a. Glucagon Policy – 3rd Reading. George Warner moved to adopt policy as written. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Anaphylaxis/Severe Allergy Policy – 3rd Reading. George Warner moved to adopt policy as written. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.

10. Consent agenda

- a. Christine DiGiulio moved acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for the months of May and June 2010. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Christine DiGiulio moved acceptance of Claims Auditor’s Report for the months of May and June 2010. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.

- c. Christine DiGiulio moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the months of May and June 2010. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Christine DiGiulio moved acceptance of Extra-Classroom Activity Report for the months of May and June 2010. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Christine DiGiulio moved approval of 2010-11 Benefits Memorandum for Lisa Bryda, Jill Filkins, Michele Reickert and Dianne Toppie, Management Confidential. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Christine DiGiulio moved approval of 2010-11 Benefits Memorandum for Matthew LaClair and Mary Mabb, Undesignated Employees. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- g. George Warner moved approval of 2010-11 Benefits Memorandum for Rosemary Giaquinto, Network Administrator. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- h. George Warner moved approval of 2010-11 Benefits Memorandum for James Yox, Network Systems Engineer. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- i. George Warner moved acceptance of a non-cash donation from Scott and Katrina Swartz of a clarinet valued at \$200.00 in support of the Maple Hill Middle School Music Department. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- j. George Warner moved acceptance of a donation from Maple Hill Athletic Booster Club in the amount of \$2,000.00 in support of the Maple Hill Middle School Athletic Department. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- k. George Warner moved acceptance of a donation from the Class of 2010 in the amount of \$2,000.00 in support of the CES 1000 Kid Book Program. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- l. George Warner moved acceptance of a donation from the Estate of Shirley L. Winters in the amount of \$25,000.00 to establish a Music Scholarship Fund in memory of Frank D. Winters and Shirley L. Winters. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- m. George Warner moved approval of a 2010-11 Tutorial Contract with Four Winds of Saratoga, at a rate of \$28.00 per hour, based on a schedule of ten (10) hours per week for Middle or High School Students or five (5) hours per week for students in elementary school who may be admitted to Four Winds Saratoga. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- n. George Warner moved approval of Certificate of Acceptance for Free and Reduced Price Meal or Special Milk Program related to the operation of the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- o. George Warner moved approval of 2010-11 Child Nutrition Program Recipient Agency Annual Renewal for School Breakfast and Lunch Programs. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.

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- p. George Warner moved approval of 2010 tax warrant for the Town of Schodack in the amount of \$10,387,063.85 and for the Town of Stuyvesant in the amount of \$95,830.15 (Total Tax Levy \$10,482,894.00). Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- q. George Warner moved approval of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for bus purchase pursuant to a Serial Bond Resolution dated July 1, 2010, with First Niagara Bank at an annual interest rate of 2.15% in the amount of \$195,862.64. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- r. George Warner moved approval of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) in the amount of \$188,686.50 for renewal of existing Bond Anticipation Note pursuant to a Serial Bond Resolution dated June 18, 2009, with First Niagara Bank at an annual interest rate of 2.15%. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- s. George Warner moved approval of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) in the amount of \$88,986.55 for renewal of existing Bond Anticipation Note pursuant to a Serial Bond Resolution dated July 12, 2007 with First Niagara Bank at an annual interest rate of 2.50%. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- t. George Warner moved approval of resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to increase the 2010-11 General Fund by \$2000 to reflect a donation from the Maple Hill Class of 2010 to help support the CES 1000 Kid Book Program. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- u. George Warner moved approval of resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to increase the 2010-11 General Fund by \$2,000.00 to reflect a donation from the Maple Hill Athletic Booster Club to help offset the cost of an athletic trainer for 1 day per week after school for the 2010-11 school year. Sue Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- v. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2010-2011 students 000113466, 000011276, 000011330, 000011331, 000011415, 000113697, 000011406, 000011321, 000113364, 000011324, 000011419, 000011390, 000113327, 000012301, 082590002, 000012232, 000113540, 000011880, 000011990, 000113556, 000012176, 000113240, 000012160, 000012150, 000012104, 082470000, 000012314, 000012299, 000012121, 000012168, 000012182, 000012316, 000113655, 000012282, 083090000, 000012127, 000012049, 000012195, 000012032, 000012018, 000012297, 000012323, 000112465, 000113245, 000011839, 000113383, 000011881, 000113530, 000012279, 000012085, 000012177, 000011875, 000012105, 000011845, 000012444, 000012136, 082210002, 000011985, 000012109, 000012193, 000012329, 000011979, 000011980, 000010848, 082210000, 000010854, 000011034, 000011053, 000012377, 000012431, 000113213, 000012390, 000012262, 082400000, 000113238, 000113314. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- w. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2010-2011 special education services for students: # 000113537, 000113513, 000113680, 000011374, 000113754, 000113757, 000113755, 000113681. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- x. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of an Independent Contract Agreement from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 with Lorraine Colistra for PPS/CSE/Special Education training and consultation at a rate of \$48.49 per hour, not to exceed 75 hours. George Warner seconded. Discussion. All present in favor.

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- y. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of an Independent Contract Agreement from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 with Kathleen Sloan for PPS/CSE/Special Education clerical training at a rate of \$22.75 per hour, not to exceed 75 hours. George Warner seconded. Discussion. All present in favor.
- z. Bruce Romanchak moved adoption of a Municipal Resolution to delegate HSBC Bank USA, NA, as a depository bank (maximum deposit amount \$15,000,000). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- aa. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of a Collateral Pledge and Control Agreement with HSBC Bank USA, NA (Bank) and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank (Collateral Agent) and designation of HSBC Bank USA, NA, as an approved depository. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- bb. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of a representation letter/agreement dated July 22, 2010, with David Wukitsch, McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway Street, Albany, N.Y. 12201-0459, for legal services in connection with the Hannaford Brothers 2010 tax certiorari proceeding, at a rate of \$175.00 per hour for attorney fees and \$75 per hour for paralegal fees. George Warner seconded. Discussion. All present in favor.
- cc. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of an Independent Contract Agreement with James V. Bigley, H.M.B. Consultants, for assistance in the evaluation of the District's Food Service Management Company, during the period September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, not to exceed \$1,800. George Warner seconded. Discussion. All present in favor.
- dd. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of a lease agreement with Story Place Preschool, Inc., 2500 Pond View Road, Castleton, N.Y. 12033, for the 2010-11 lease of one classroom and ancillary space use at the Castleton Elementary School, in the amount of \$1,500.00 per month (pending final legal review). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- ee. George Warner moved approval of resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to transfer an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from 2010-11 Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund to 2010-11 General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance, in support of 2010-11 General Fund Budget. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- ff. George Warner moved approval of resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to transfer an amount not to exceed \$125,000 from 2010-11 Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund to 2010-11 General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance, in support of 2010-11 General Fund Budget. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- gg. George Warner moved approval of resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to transfer an amount not to exceed \$150,000 from 2010-11 Debt Service Fund to 2010-11 General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance, in support of 2010-11 capital project debt service in General Fund Budget. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- hh. Bruce Romanchak moved to remove item from consent agenda. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor. Discussion. Amount of transfer amended to \$150,000. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of resolution s amended, authorizing the District Treasurer to transfer an amount of \$150,000 from the 2010-11 Retirement Contribution Reserve to the 2010-11 General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance, in support of the 2010-11 General Fund Budget. Kenneth Flood seconded. All present in favor.

- ii. George Warner moved approval of Cooperative Agreement between Hudson Valley Community College and Schodack Central School District for College in the High School courses for the period September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- jj. George Warner moved approval of contract with Community Care Physicians, P.C. for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for the provision of school physician and health services based on the following fee schedule:

Nurse Practitioner (On-Site at District)	\$106.00/hr
Physician Assistant (On-Site at District)	\$110.00/hr
Physician (On-Site at District)	\$164.00/hr
Physical Exams at Physician Office	\$ 56.00
Flu Vaccination (per dose)	\$ 24.00
19A Driver Physicals (On-Site at District)	\$ 69.00
19A Driver Physicals (at Physician Office)	\$ 55.00
Hepatitis B Vaccine (per dose)	\$ 90.00
Employee Physical Exams done at Physicians Office	\$ 51.00

Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.

- kk. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of contract for special education services with Wildwood Programs for one (1) pupil for the period July 6 through August 13, 2010, in the amount of \$7,231.00. (Note: This is the 2009-10 rate. 2010-11 rate is pending upon final SED approval.) George Warner seconded. Discussion. All present in favor.

11. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of volunteer assistant coaches for 2010-11:
 - (1) Bryan Dailey – Girls Basketball
 - (2) Seth Hendrick – Girls Basketball
 - (3) Pat Austin – Boys Basketball. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of School Parent Volunteer:
 - (1) Craig Wilkinson. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of extracurricular advisors/coaches for 2010-11:
 - (1) Scott Hanrahan – Boys Varsity Basketball Coach
 - (2) Dave Austin – Boys JV Basketball Coach
 - (3) Christopher Murphy – Boys 7th/8th Grade
 - (4) Mark Bubniak – Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
 - (5) Jillian Post – Girls JV Basketball
 - (6) Jackie Dunn – Girls 7th/8th Grade Basketball
 - (7) Thomas Gibbons – Varsity Wrestling
 - (8) Sue Wollner – Student Council Advisor
 - (9) Jeffrey Smith – Science and Art Laboratory Chemical Hygiene Officer. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.

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- d. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of provisional appointment of Angie Francis, Secretary II, for 7.5 hours/day at a rate of \$18.57/hour, effective August 9, 2010, subject to compliance with Rensselaer County Civil Service Commission requirements. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of three-year probationary appointment of Heather Flood (certification: English Language Arts 7-12 (5-6 extension)), as .8 FTE English teacher, effective August 30, 2010. Salary for the 10-month position is BA Step 1. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of three-year probationary appointment of Kelsey Roman (certification: Technology Education), as .8 FTE Technology teacher, effective August 30, 2010. Salary for the 10-month position is BA Step 1. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of substitute school bus driver(s): Clayton Decker. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of substitute teacher(s): Darlene Danaher, Theresa Hovish, Heather Flood. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- i. George Warner moved acceptance of resignation of Timothy J. Prall, Middle School Math Teacher, effective August 3, 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- j. George Warner moved elimination of one (1) twelve month Dispatcher position at 4.0 hours/day, effective August 20, 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. Discussion. All present in favor.
- k. George Warner moved approval of creation of one (1) twelve month Dispatcher position at 20 hours/week, effective August 20, 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. Discussion. All present in favor.
- l. George Warner moved approval of a leave of absence for Rhonda Greenway, School Bus Attendant, effective August 20, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- m. George Warner moved approval of the provisional appointment of Rhonda Greenway, Dispatcher, for 20 hours/week at a rate of \$19.88 per hour, effective August 20, 2010, subject to compliance with Rensselaer County Civil Service requirements. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- n. George Warner moved acceptance of resignation, with regret and many thanks for years of dedicated service, of Clayton Decker, School Bus Driver, for the purpose of retirement, effective August 30, 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- o. George Warner moved approval of the creation of two (2) Teaching Assistant positions, 6 hours per day, effective September 1, 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- p. George Warner moved approval of resolution to abolish the equivalent of one (1) full-time teaching position in the tenure area of English 7-12, effective September 1, 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- q. George Warner moved approval of resolution to create the equivalent of one (1) part-time teaching position in the

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- tenure area of English 7-12, at a full-time equivalent of .80 FTE, effective September 1, 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- r. George Warner moved approval of resolution to abolish the equivalent of one (1) full-time teaching position in the tenure area of Technology Education, effective September 1, 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
 - s. George Warner moved approval of resolution to create the equivalent of one (1) part-time teaching position in the tenure area of Technology Education, at a full-time equivalent of .80 FTE, effective September 1, 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
 - t. George Warner moved approval of an increase in full-time equivalent in the tenure area of Guidance from .50 FTE to .80 FTE, effective September 1, 2010; and approval of increase of employment from .50 FTE to .80 FTE in the tenure area of Guidance, effective September 1, 2010: Lisa O'Leary. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
 - u. George Warner moved approval of Patrick Austin (certification 7-12; Social Studies with 5-6 Extension) as extended term substitute for Kimberly Donato, at a full-time equivalent of .40 FTE, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Salary for the 10-month position is BA Step 3. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
 - v. George Warner moved approval of substitute teacher(s): Justine Davies. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
 - w. George Warner moved approval of substitute school bus driver(s): Jacqueline Rivers. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
12. Meeting open for public discussion. First day of school is September 7.
13. Action items. Lacrosse on next agenda. Revision to mailer with tax bill. Report on 2009-10 budget variances. Costs/value of population projection or census. Update from Jason on planning for Walk to Read model.
14. Executive Session: work history of specific employees. Bruce moved to enter executive session at 10:45pm to discuss work history of specific employees. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
15. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth B. Chipman
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District Clerk

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