

*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

August 21, 2014

Maple Hill High School Library

Present: Michael Hiser, George Warner, Jeanne Strazza, Michael Charsky, Paul Puccio, and Christian Olsen

Absent: Daniel Grandinetti, Bruce Romanchak and Victoria Adler

Also present: Robert Horan, Monica Kim, Michael Bennett, James Derby, Matt LaClair and Michele Reickert

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

1. Meeting called to order by Board President, Michael Hiser at 6:03 pm.
2. Paul Puccio moved to enter executive Session at 6:03, George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
3. Paul Puccio moved to re-enter regular session at 6:25 pm, George Warner seconded.
4. President Hiser asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Paul Puccio moved for approval of present agenda, George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
6. Christian Olsen moved for approval of minutes of regular meetings: July 10, 2014, Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
7. Reports:
 1. Capital Project Update – Robert Horan spoke about the progress of the current Capital Project. There was discussion about the types of conversations that will need to take place with the community about the changes currently taking place, the future plans as well as how the district proposes to repurpose the middle school. Jim Graham from Synthesis presented a tight timeline aiming for a Referendum Vote in November for a Phase II Capital Project. The project currently waits for NY State Department of Education’s approval. Matt LaClair updated the board on the schedule of the current capital project. He expressed how quick the project moved along and how cooperative everyone was. The project is on schedule and has stayed within the budget.
 2. Curriculum and Special Education – A Year In Review – Michael Bennett gave a review of the 2013-14 school year from the Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Personnel Services department. He began showing the changes to the administrative structure of the district since 2009-10 and continued into Curriculum and Instruction. He spoke about his attendance at Capital Area Curriculum meetings, and district principal meetings, and expressed the importance of attendance at these meeting, and how the information obtained helps the administrators stay on top of potential curriculum changes. He talked about the incubator businesses and how our students are learning to be ready not only for college but for the workforce through early

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exposure and learning from someone starting and working from the ground up. He continued by explaining the Pupil Personnel Services (“PPS”) (Special Education) role in the district and what employees make up the PPS department, how many students are serviced by PPS both in district and out of district.

3. 13/14 Year End Summary; 14/15 Tax Rate Analysis – Monica Kim reviewed the 2013-14 School year and expressed that the annual audit was recently completed with no write-ups. She shared that the district was under budget in every cost category. She presented a history of assessments and levies for the last 4 years, as well as the tax rate comparison from 12/13 to 13/14. There was discussion about how the district plans to explain the effect of the assessment changes recently completed by the Town of Schodack on School Taxes.
 4. District Goals 2014-15 – Robert Horan talked about the goals of the district and highlighted on a few. APPR is going to be looked at and possibly modified. He shared a new position added to the District for the upcoming school year: Education Technology Specialist. He expressed that the school will continue to work with local municipalities to share services and ultimately save money for taxpayers. He expressed that the district technology infrastructure needs to be enhanced dramatically as education continues to move more into technology.
8. Meeting open for public discussion: There were questions about the Bove Tax Settlement, the work to be done at the Elementary school in addition to the Middle School and High School as well as the new position of Education Technology Specialist. Tim Ryan expressed his excitement in the new position he has been offered in the district and also expressed that he has attended training and workshops over the summer in preparation. He extended his help as well as other faculty member with communicating the Capital Project with the community.
 9. Board Discussion: Mr. Warner expressed that the science rooms in the district are 60 years old and education cannot be done efficiently and properly without updating and improving. There was discussion about future presentations related to the proposed District Technology Plan money that may be available to districts and that the district needs to be ready to apply for the money once it passes as well as the Tax Credit for sharing services. There was further discussion about communicating the Capital Project at upcoming school and community functions. There was discussion about finding companies to donate technology equipment to the district. There was discussion about the OPEB money that is owed to component districts of QUESTAR III and how the refund has been proposed.
 10. Policies:
 - a. Competitive Bidding – Michael Charsky moved for 3rd reading and adoption, George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
 11. Consent agenda
 - a. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of Treasurer’s Reports for the month of June 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of Claims Auditor Report for the month of June 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

- c. Michael Charsky moved for approval of 2014 tax warrant for the Town of Schodack in the amount of \$12,370,252.14 and for the Town of Stuyvesant in the amount of \$ 103,102.86 (Total Tax Levy \$12,473,355). Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Michael Charsky moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2014-2015 special education services for students: 000114653, 000114640, 000114563, and 000114540. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Michael Charsky moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2014-2015 special education services for student: 000113280. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$457.33 from the Class of 2014 in support of the Art Department. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to increase the General Fund Account Code A2110-450-30-0000 in the amount of \$457.33 by a donation from The Class of 2014 in support of the Art Department. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of a donation from the Maple Hill Athletic Booster Club in the amount of \$2,000.00 to offset the cost of having an athletic trainer on site (1) one day a week during the 2014-15 school year. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to increase the General Fund Account Code A2855-400-80-0000 in the amount of \$2,000 by a donation from Maple Hill Athletic Booster Club in support of the Athletic Department. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of a donation from the CES PTO in the amount of \$156.68 to assist in the cost of a new camera for the Art Department. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to increase the General Fund Account Code A2110-450-30-1200 in the amount of \$156.68 by a donation from the CES PTO in support of the Art Department. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of a donation from the MHYL Foundation in the amount of \$399.39 to support costs associated with maintaining the lacrosse fields. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to increase

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the General Fund Account Code A2855-XXX-80-00LX in the amount of \$399.39 by a donation from MHYL Foundation in support of the Athletic Department. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

- n. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with The YMCA whereby the district accepts a donation of fitness equipment from The YMCA. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution to transfer an amount of \$106,098.18 from the 2014-15 General Fund Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to the 2014-15 General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance ; pursuant to the Joseph Bove tax certiorari Stipulation and Order of Settlement under Rensselaer County Court Decision and Order, Index No. 240540 and 243962. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- p. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a contract with CDB Connections for special education and/or related services for Summer2014 and the 2014-15 school year. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- q. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding amending Article V. Paragraph 5(b) Discretionary Resource Pool of the current Employment Agreement between Schodack Central School District and Robert Horan dated April 24, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- r. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of lease agreement with Questar III in the amount of \$57,500.00 for rental of five (5) classrooms at Maple Hill Middle School for the period of September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- s. Christian Olsen moved for approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Classic Environmental (MHHS Project 4915-01-04-0002-019) to be deducted from construction contingency, \$0.00 change to revised sum of \$324,500.:
 - Change Order GC-001 in the amount of \$14,178.15
 - Change Order GC-002 in the amount of \$931.70. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- t. Christian moved for approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Collette Mechanical (MHHS Project 4915-01-04-0002-019) to be deducted from construction contingency, \$0.00 change to revised sum of \$395,000.:
 - Change Order PC-001 in the amount of \$14,926.74. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- u. Paul Puccio moved for approval to reassign \$40.00 per month telephone reimbursement for Athletic Director to Dave Austin effective August 22, 2014 contingent upon his appointment as

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Athletic Director. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

- v. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Schodack Central School District and David Austin increasing Athletic Director agreement to include 14 days for attendance at events outside the normal school week, holidays and/or weekends. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

12. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the resignation of Mark Bubniak, Business Education Teacher, Athletic Director and Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, effective August 1, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the resignation of Pamela Seiden, School Monitor and School Bus Attendant, for the purpose of retirement effective August 31, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a change in hours for Lisa Bryda, Account Clerk Typist, from 4.5 hours per day to 6.0 hours per day, effective September 1, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the appointment of Christopher VanDerbeck, (certification: Business and Marketing) as .5 FTE Business Education Teacher, effective September 1, 2014, Salary BA step 1. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the three year probationary appointment of, Bridget DeBardelaben (certification: Mathematics 5-6 Extension and Mathematics 7-12) as Secondary Math Teacher, in the tenure area of Mathematics, effective September 1, 2014, Salary BA step 1. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a one year leave of absence of David Austin, .5 Health Teacher for the 2014-15 school year. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the resignation of Dave Austin as Girls Varsity Tennis coach, Varsity Softball coach and Boys JV Basketball coach effective contingent upon his appointment as .5 Athletic Director. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the one year appointment of David Austin, .5 Athletic Director for the 2014-15 school year. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a one year leave of absence for Timothy Ryan, .8 FTE Mathematics Teacher for the 2014-15 school year. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the one year appointment of Timothy Ryan as .8 FTE

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Educational Technology Specialist for the 2014-15 school year. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

- k. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the appointment Hannah Martin, Teaching Assistant, for 4 hours per day at a rate of \$16.49 per hour effective September 2, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the appointment of Kaitlin Bullinger, Teaching Assistant, for 4 hours per day at a rate of \$16.49 per hour effective September 2, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the appointment of Lydia Cappadonia, Teaching Assistant, for 4 hours per day at a rate of \$16.49 per hour effective September 2, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the appointment of Desmond Ellis, Teaching Assistant, for 4 hours per day at a rate of \$16.49 per hour effective September 2, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the appointment of Kara Householder, School Monitor, for 2.75 hours per day at a rate of \$15.10 per hour. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- p. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the probationary appointment of Regina Maier, Secretary I, from September 2, 2014 through March 2, 2015. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- q. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a change in hours for Lynn Donnelly, Teaching Assistant, from 4 hours per day to 6 hours per day, effective September 1, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- r. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the appointment of Keith Mastromarchi as a Substitute School Bus Driver at \$21.13 per hour (start rate of CSEA contract) effective June 26, 2014 per substitute pay schedule approved July 2013 for the 2013-2014 school year. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- s. Approval of a change in hours for Denise Prinzo, Senior School Monitor, from 2 hours per day to 4 hours per day, effective September 1, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- t. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the following 2013-14 advisor(s):
 - i. Christine Fowler – Maple Hill Storytellers
 - ii. Jacqueline Hill – SCCP
 - iii. Christina Gibney – NYSSMA
 - iv. Christina Gibney – Elementary Honor Choir
 - v. Adam Streeter – MHMS Scenery Advisory
 - vi. Allison Streeter – MHMS Scenery Advisory

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- vii. Kelsey Roman – MHHS Drama Club Production
 - viii. Suzanne Pazienza – CES After-school Art
 - ix. Tracy Arno – CES Intramural Program
 - x. Carl Ashby – CES Intramural Program. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- u. Michael Charsky moved for approval of Volunteer Assistant Coach(es):
- i. Desmond Ellis – Boys Modified Soccer. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- v. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the following Coach(es) for 2014-15:
- i. Lucas Ashby – Girls Varsity Tennis Coach. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- w. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the following substitute teacher(s): Jennifer Gieser. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- x. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the following Tutor: Amy Fink. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
13. Meeting open for public discussion: there was a question if the Athletic Director can also Coach or if it had been separated.
14. Action items. District Technology Plan, Shared services savings / Tax Credit incentive and 10% rule for the Middle School.
15. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, Michael Charsky moved to adjourn at 9:49 pm. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.