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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

**August 22, 2013**

**Maple Hill High School Library**

Present: Andrew Fleck, Michael Hiser, Mary Yurista, George Warner, Jeanne Strazza, Daniel Grandinetti, Paul Puccio, Michael Charsky, and Bruce Romanchak

Absent: None.

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR**

1. Meeting called to order by Board President, J. Andrew Fleck at 6:03 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Michael Hiser moved for approval of present agenda, Paul Puccio seconded. George Warner voted Nay, All others present were in favor.
4. Mary Yurista moved for approval of minutes of regular meetings: June 19, 2013 and July 11, 2013, Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
5. Reports:
  1. 2013-14 District Goals – Robert stated that there is not much change in the goals from last year; and that the goals are very generic so that teachers can build off of them. The faculty and staff will be informed of the goals at the September conference day. Goal 1 is to strive for education excellence and ensure that graduates are college and career ready. Continue with APPR, professional development to support the Common Core, continually use assessment data to address deficiencies across curriculums, continually assess and evaluate academic programs, expand business alliances and post-secondary education opportunities for students and faculty K-12 with shared partnerships and to support alternative learning opportunities. Goal 2 is for Education and Fiscal Planning for future growth by: continuation of a potential capital project, expand of the potential of an Education Model, continue with grant opportunities, working in efficiencies both academic and non-academic and to seek additional revenue sources through business partnerships. Goal 3 is for communication and community involvement, continue to be transparent, encourage community involvement, use and participation at all three buildings, and continue the use of the district webpage, e-news, Facebook, quarterly news publications keeping the public informed and the instruction of Twitter accounts for additional communication.
  2. 12/13 Year End Summary; 13/14 Tax Rate Analysis – Monica Kim – presented to the board any final changes allowed to the tax warrant, spoke about any final options the board had and

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*Every child will be challenged, and every child will challenge every assessment.*

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recommended to the board her best case scenario for setting the tax warrant. There was brief discussion about tax assessment challenges and how they have in the past and could in the future affect the budget and taxpayers. There was discussion of using more fund balance, but the board decided not to use additional fund balance to reduce the tax levy because it would create a more difficult tax levy situation for the following years. The board agreed to a tax warrant as voted on in item e. of the consent agenda.

3. Capital Project and Timeline – Robert Horan talked about contracts for the proposed capital project, one is close to being completed by attorneys and a second is being worked on. He spoke about the early process that will begin with meetings in each building with Building and Grounds as well as administrators; and that there is a lot of behind the scenes work already underway. There was discussion about the Town of Schodack and The Village of Castleton and the potential of a joint venture for sewer hookup and potential saving for residents.
  
6. Board Discussion: There was discussion about student scores, Mr. Horan expressed that State Ed has not authorized the districts to release any scores until a later date. The district is still waiting to see what data will be shared with them and how they can use it to work with students to improve scores. Mr. Chevrier talked about the common core standards and the website the state has for parents. He expressed that the district is working on a project to give parents a better understanding of what is expected of students at different grade levels but at a less complex manner than the state website. The district has implemented iReady testing to help them assess where the student’s successes and weaknesses are. He expressed that there is not enough data with the new standards to answer a lot of questions. There was extensive discussion about the future of the common core and assessments. There was discussion of how the board members can get out in the public at different events to engage in conversation with residents and get the community more involved.
  
7. Meeting open for public discussion: None
  
8. Policies: None.
  
9. Consent agenda
  - a. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of Treasurer’s Reports for the month of June 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
  
  - b. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of Claims Auditor Report for the month of June 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
  
  - c. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the contract with William A. Kostun, M.D. for the period Sept 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for the provision of school physician and health services based on the following fee schedule:
    - School Physician Services:
    - \$5,000/year including first 200 physicals and \$30.00 each additional physical. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.

- d. Michael Charsky moved for the appointment of members of Board of Education to committees and task forces:
  - i. SFA Negotiation Committee: Andrew Fleck and Mary Yurista
  - ii. CSEA Negotiation Committee: Michael Charsky, Andrew Fleck and Bruce Romanchak. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Michael Charsky moved for approval of 2013 tax warrant for the Town of Schodack in the amount of \$12,191,047.46 and for the Town of Stuyvesant in the amount of \$108,729.54 (Total Tax Levy \$12,299,777.00). Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Michael Charsky moved for approval of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) in the amount of \$126,000 for renewal of existing Bond Anticipation Note pursuant to a Serial Bond Resolution dated July 7, 2011, with KeyBank at an annual interest rate of 1.69%. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Michael Charsky moved for approval of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) in the amount of \$78,345.06 for renewal of existing Bond Anticipation Note pursuant to a Serial Bond Resolution dated July 1, 2010, with KeyBank at an annual interest rate of 1.69%. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Michael Charsky moved for approval of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) in the amount of \$47,171.63 for renewal of existing Bond Anticipation Note pursuant to a Serial Bond Resolution dated June 18, 2009, with KeyBank at an annual interest rate of 1.69%. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of lease agreement with Questar III in the amount of \$23,000.00 for rental of two (2) classrooms at Maple Hill Middle School for the period of September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Michael Charsky moved for 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, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Michael Charsky moved for 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. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the 2013-14 Child Nutrition Program Recipient Agency Annual Renewal for School Breakfast and Lunch Programs. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Michael Charsky moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2013-2014 special education services for students 000114233. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.

- n. Michael Charsky moved for approval of contract for special education services with Wildwood Programs for two (2) pupils for the period September 4, 2013 through June 25, 2014, in the amount of \$86,230.00 (Note: this is based on a rate set by SED for 2012-2013 will be adjusted upon receipt of actual 2013-2014 rate). Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to increase the General Fund Account Code A1621-404-50-3000 in the amount of \$100 by a donation from Northeast Spartans AAU in support of the Athletic Department. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- p. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of a donation from the Maple Hill Athletic Booster Club of a Basketball Shooting "Gun" valued at \$5,910.00 in support of the Athletic Department. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.

#### 10. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Michael Charsky moved for approval of Erica Zampella as extended term substitute teacher for Rachel Murphy, effective March 6, 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a name correction from Thomas Milot to Timothy Milot originally approved at the July 11, 2013 reorganizational meeting. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a correction to a change in hours for Nikki Cioffi, Clerk, corrected to read: Approval of a reduction in hours for Nikki Cioffi, Clerk, from 4.5 hours per day to 3.5 hours per day, effective September 4, 2013 (original entry read 4 hours to 3.5 in error). Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the three-year probationary appointment of Kristopher Navratil (certification: Technology Education) in the tenure area of Technology Teacher, as 1.0 FTE Technology Education Teacher, effective August 28, 2013. Salary for the 10-month position is BA Step 1.
- e. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the provisional appointment of Regina Maier, Secretary I (10 months), for 6.5 hours per day at a rate of \$17.74 per hour start rate effective September 3, 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Approval of the provisional appointment of Courtney Black, Secretary I (10 months), for 6.0 hours per day at a rate of \$17.74 per hour start rate effective September 3, 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the provisional appointment of Matthew Purificato, 12 month, 7.5 hours per day Network Administrator at a rate of \$16.11 per hour, effective August 26, 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.

- h. Michael Charsky moved for approval of probationary appointment of Jeff Gibney, School Monitor, for 2.75 hours/day at a rate of \$13.87/hour, effective September 4, 2013 through March 4, 2014.
- i. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the resignation of Rebecca Blais, School Psychologist, effective August 31, 2013. Bruce Romanchak added with regret and well wished and seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the resignation of Jacqueline Dunn, Physical Education Teacher, effective August 31, 2013 Bruce Romanchak added with regret and well wished and seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the resignation of Rachel Murphy, Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2013. Bruce Romanchak added with regret and well wished and seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Michael Charsky moved for approval of substitute teacher(s): Christopher Bubniak, Kaitlin Halpin and Kathleen Shapiro. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Michael Charsky moved for approval of non-instructional substitute(s): Kathleen Shapiro and Anne Gardner. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Michael Charsky moved for approval of coach(es) for the 2013-14 school year:
  - i. Frank Healy - Volunteer Assistant Boys & Girls Cross Country Coach. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution to increase one .5 FTE position in the tenure area of Library Media Specialist to .8 FTE, effective August 28, 2013; and approval of an increase of employment to .8 FTE of incumbent in the tenure area of Library Media Specialist: Kimberly Nemeth, effective August 28, 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- p. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution to increase one .8 FTE position in the tenure area of Special Education to 1.0 FTE, effective August 28, 2013; and approval of an increase of employment to 1.0 FTE of incumbent in the tenure area of Special Education: Sandra Silva, effective August 28, 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- q. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution to increase one .8 FTE position in the tenure area of Special Education to 1.0 FTE, effective August 28, 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- r. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the three year probationary appointment of Erika Zampella (certification: Early Childhood Education (B-Gr. 2), Students with Disabilities (Gr. 1-6) and Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6)), as 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher, effective August 28, 2013. Salary for the 10-month position is MA Step 1. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.

- s. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the appointment of Amy Hirschhoff, (.2 FTE) Middle School Career Explorations, effective August 28, 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- 11. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
- 12. Action items: Robert Hendriks pre-summit meeting, members asked to check schedules for CES Community Fair
- 13. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, Michael Hiser moved to adjourn at 10:02 pm. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor, meeting adjourned.