

*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."*

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

**December 3, 2015**

**Maple Hill High School Library**

Present: Michael Hiser, Michael Charsky, Michael Tuttle, Victoria Adler, Jeanne Strazza, Christian Olsen, Bruce Romanchak and Paul Puccio.

Absent: Daniel Grandinetti

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**WORKSHOP 6:00 – 8:30 pm**

1. Meeting called to order by President, Michael Hiser at 6:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Victoria Adler moved for approval of present agenda. Christian Olsen seconded, all present in favor.
4. Approval of minutes of regular meetings: None.
5. Reports:
  - a. Future Goal Planning 6:00 – 6:45 pm – Robert Horan spoke about a survey that was distributed to the Board members relating to the district goals and how the goals relate to the vision statement. He shared that at looking at the survey, there is a lack of knowledge of what is being done to address the vision statement, and that Administration has come up with a new way to do the presentations / reports during the board meetings so that at the end of the presentation it will be clear what goals the presentation addresses. Mr. Tuttle shared that it would be helpful for him if there were goals that were used to meet the vision. Mr. Olsen expressed that the board needs something in writing that they can follow. The strategic plan should be something that can be used by a new administrator and know what the plan is for the district. The structure should be in place not based on a person that is in the position but on a goal itself. There was discussion of how to proceed based on the results of the survey and start with the one that the majority feels is most important. The Board asked for a report on what the costs of health care are and what the impacts are short term and long term? There was discussion of what that presentation could include how it could be presented.
6. Meeting open for Public discussion: Tim Ryan expressed that goal setting is good. It is a different way of looking how you are achieving things.
7. Board Discussion: None.

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Meeting was moved to the Maple Hill High School Auditorium for the Community Forum.

8. Reports continued:

- b. Community Forum – Capital Project – HS Auditorium 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Mr. Horan briefly shared some of what has taken place over the last two years in the planning of the capital project. He shared that the plans for the High School have been submitted to State Ed. for approval and that State Ed is currently taking up to a year to review and approve plans. He introduced James Graham from Synthesis Architects, LLP and Elizabeth DiBattista from Turner Construction who shared plans and details of the project. Mr. Horan expressed that the plan is very student focused with student breakout areas and small group learning areas. Ms. DeBattista shared about an 8 week program at the Middle School with Turner Construction. Students are given different opportunities to learn about the different jobs they could do construction industry from cost analysis to management. Information was presented on the changes that will take place at the elementary school such as a secured entry, changes to the arts and music as well as introduce creative and innovative space to the building. There was a question about water and ventilation being added to the building. Mr. Horan answered that some of the classrooms on the second floor will be getting water brought to them, and that classrooms will be getting window units to keep them cool. There was discussion about the number of bathrooms, the number of sections per grade, music/band rooms and cafeteria space at the elementary school as well as discussion about schedules at the Middle and High School levels. A question was asked about the security of curved hallways and how well the visibility is during an emergency. Mr. Horan answered that security has been a high priority in the planning of the project. Another question was asked about what will happen with administrators; with more students at CES will they be given more administration? Mr. Horan answered that there is currently discussion about the coverage needed at each building. There was also discussion about the technology.

Meeting reconvened back in the Library

9. Policies: None.

10. Consent agenda

- a. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the Treasurer’s report for the month of October 2015. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- b. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the Claims Auditor’s report for the month of October 2015. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- c. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the Extra Classroom Activity report for quarter end September 30, 2015. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- d. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of Tax Collector’s Report for tax year 2015 and discharge of the Tax Collector for the 2015-16 school year. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.

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11. Resignations and Appointments:
  - a. Victoria Adler moved for approval of the probationary appointment of Kathi Riccardi, School Bus Attendant, for 2.50 hours per day at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, effective December 4, 2015 through June 4, 2016. Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor.
12. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
13. Board Discussion: Mr. Charsky asked members of the board to sponsor a backpack from the Board of Education for the backpack program.
14. Action items. Health Insurance presentation.
15. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, Vice President Charsky adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michele A. Reickert*  
District Clerk