

*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 5, 2013**

**Maple Hill High School Library**

Present: Andrew Fleck, Michael Hiser, Paul Puccio, Michael Charsky, Jeanne Strazza, Mary Yurista, Daniel Grandinetti and Bruce Romanchak (arrived at 6:38 pm)

Absent: George Warner

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – WORKSHOP**

1. Meeting called to order by President, J. Andrew Fleck at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Approval of present agenda
4. Approval of minutes of regular meetings: None.
5. Reports:
  - a. K – 8 Math and Reading AIS – Jason Chevrier and James Derby explained to the board what AIS (Academic Intervention Services) are and how students qualify to receive the services. In addition to the students that qualify using State Standards, teachers recommend students based on their classroom observations. They talked about the various methods of intervention available to students. There was talk about more intervention at grades K – 3 hoping to lower the number of AIS in higher grades.
  - b. HS Math results (SAT and fourth year participation) – Ron Agostinoni presented on SAT scores received by Schodack students. The scores for the last four years have been consistent and has remained in the high 1500's. He showed a comparison to larger districts in the Capital Region area as well as to other schools in our BOCES. He explained the results of Regents examinations for Algebra, Geometry and Algebra2/Trigonometry and the possible reasons for the changes in the scores from year to year.
6. Meeting open for Public discussion: Tim Ryan talked briefly about a program the district will be participating in beginning December 9, 2013 to teach about Computer Sciences and Computer Programing not just for computers but for Smartphones.
7. Board Discussion: There was brief discussion about where the United States ranks in education against other Countries. There was discussion about a business incubator (Smartkids) that will involve third grade students. There was discussion about where the district stands with the potential capital project and what

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

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the Board can expect at the December 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting and where the process is as far as meeting the timeline.

8. Policies:

- a. Claims Auditor - Bruce Romanchak moved for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption, Paul Puccio seconded. Moved by consensus to second reading and adoption.
- b. Audit Committee – Michael Charsky moved for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption, Bruce Romanchak seconded. Moved by consensus to second reading and adoption.
- c. Whistleblower –Paul Puccio moved for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption, Michael Charsky seconded. Moved by consensus to second reading and adoption.

9. Consent agenda

- a. Michael Charsky moved for acknowledgement of a donation from OhioPyle, Inc. in the amount of \$49.39 in support of the Maple Hill High School Supplemental Account. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of a donation from Paul Puccio in the amount of \$600.00 in support of the Schodack Central School District to assist in additional public mailings. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to increase the General Fund Revenue Account Code A2705 and General Fund Expenditure Account A1670.402.00.0000 in the amount of \$600.00 by a donation from Paul Puccio. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution approving the District to enter into a contract for cooperative educational services with Questar III BOCES to lease/purchase financing of copy machines to replace copy machines whose leases have expired. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.

Bruce Romanchak moved to add the word “proposed” between Schools’ and Capital in item e. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

- e. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution declaring the Schodack Central School District School Board’s intent to serve as SEQRA Lead Agency for the Schodack Central Schools’ proposed Capital Improvements Program. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.

10. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a change in hours of JoAnn Clynes, Teaching Assistant, from 4.00 hours per day to 6.00 hours per day effective November 8, 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.

- b. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the appointment of Benjamin Croft, Teaching Assistant, for 4.00 hours per day at a rate of \$16.01 effective December 6, 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
  - c. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the resignation of Laura Crotty, Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2014, with great appreciation and regrets. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
  - d. Michael Charsky moved for approval of substitute teacher(s): Kaitlin Bullinger and Alexandra Kline. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
  - e. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the appointment of Heather Flood, (certification: Literacy (Grades 5-12), Literacy (Birth – Grade 6), English Language Arts 7-12, and English Language Arts 5-6 Extension) as .2 FTE ESL Teacher effective December 6, 2013. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
11. Meeting open for public discussion. Tim Ryan spoke about math and the changes over the past years. He spoke to the way Schodack has always taught and that their way has always been different. Schodack has always taught kids to be college and career ready, which is what the Common Core Standards are about.
12. Action items. Follow up next year with AIS update
13. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, Paul Puccio moved to adjourn at 8:58 pm. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michele A. Reickert*  
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District Clerk