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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

December 16, 2010

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

Present: Andrew Fleck, President; Michael Hiser, Kenneth Flood, Susan Megna, Vice President; Chris DiGiulio, Lisa Lafferty, George Warner, Bruce Romanchak.

Absent: Paul Puccio.

Also Present: Robert Horan, Superintendent; Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services; Donna Watson, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Personnel Services; Michael Bennett, MHMS; Jason Chevrier, CES; Ron Agostinoni, MHHS; Liz Chipman, District Clerk.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Executive Session 6:07 p.m. (High School Conference Room) Susan Megna moved to enter into executive session at 6:07pm. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor. Michael Hiser moved to re-enter regular session at 7:00pm Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
3. Approval of present agenda. Susan Megna moved to approve present agenda. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
4. Approval of minutes of regular meeting November 18, 2010 and Workshop meeting December 2, 2010. Kenneth Flood moved to approve minutes of 11/18/10 and 12/2/10. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
5. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
6. Reports / Presentations:
 - a. Building Program Presentations – Maple Hill High School - Ron Agostinoni
Maple Hill Middle School - Michael Bennett
Castleton Elementary School - Jason Chevrier

Building principals reported on enrollment projections for 2011-12. Declining enrollment projected over course of next three years, mostly due to graduation of current sophomore and junior classes.

Program report at CES: Grade 5, modified "walk to read" program, alternative to the core reading program, use of faculty and staff, phys. Ed., music, monthly morning assemblies.

Program report at MHMS: alternative to core reading program, health 7/8, CSTT 7, Career education 6, band, chorus, advanced math 7, algebra 1 and accelerated Spanish

8, small learning communities in grade 8, fundamentals in learning. Program report at MHHS: distance learning, college in the high school – HVCC, University in the high school, middle school accelerated courses, on-line learning/blended learning, modified ALP program. Questions, comments, discussion from board members. Impact of increased class size. Application of blended/on-line learning. Discussion. Budget decisions should be based upon education. Importance of allocation of resources.

Three year outlook for each building. CES: continuous review of program delivery, implementation of Response To Intervention, programs for students with disabilities, increase teacher leadership opportunities, reading and math specialists, co-curricular opportunities for students. MHMS: alternate to core reading program, electives, health at 6th grade, advanced science in 8th grade, curriculum coaches/team leaders. MHHS: blended learning, increase AP offerings, science pilot program, advanced science academy, increased student/teacher collaboration, schedule adjustments for at-risk students, peer mentor program, small learning communities.

- b. 2011-12 Budget Development (Budget Guidelines, Preliminary Roll-over Budget)– Sherri Fisher reported. Factors in considering budget development. External factors: \$9million state budget deficit, federal economic stimulus fund program ends in 2010-11, federal education jobs fund, challenges to property assessments, higher mandated payments to pension systems, health insurance costs, economic recovery, reform initiatives. Key Budget Assumptions for roll-over budget: current staffing levels, 1.5% budget growth for department/program budgets, 0% increase for textbooks, software and library, 5% increase in BOCES services, 10% increase in health insurance, 3% increase worker’s compensation, 5% increase legal services, increases in pension contributions, 5-10% increase in special education, 5% increase in fuel/electricity. Roll-over budget 3.71% increase, dollar change \$759,878.00. Estimated revenues. Tax cap? Proposed 2% cap, possible 4% cap. May be passed with budget. Budget guidelines. Sherri distributed budget guidelines to board. Discussion. 2% tax levy target included by consensus.
 - c. Vision Statement Review – Robert Horan reported. Vision statement distributed to board members. Highlighted process of developing vision statement.
7. Board Discussion. Chris DiGiulio: international dessert night at MHMS, BOE to have table. Adopt-a-family for the holidays, board contributed to gifts for a student. Sue Megna: Suzanne Pazienza part of panel that presented to board of regents. Michael Hiser: email regarding possible follow-up on Maple Hill graduates using HVCC resources. Sherri Fisher: Educational Conference board, will be serving as state-wide business officials representative to that board. George Warner: newsletter/website information is good at representing district as place that good things are happening. Bob Horan: report on lacrosse fund raising.
 8. Meeting open for public discussion. Laura Cooke: a great balance in the conversation regarding what positive things are happening in school buildings and impact on students/teachers of reductions in funding/increase in class size.
 9. Policies. None.
 10. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Lisa Lafferty moved acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for the month(s) of October 2010. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

- b. Lisa Lafferty moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month(s) of October 2010. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Lisa Lafferty moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the month(s) of October 2010. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Lisa Lafferty moved acceptance of Extra-Classroom Activity Report for the month(s) of October 2010. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Lisa Lafferty moved acceptance of Tax Collector's Report for tax year 2010 and discharge of the Tax Collector for the 2010-11 school year. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Lisa Lafferty moved approval of the 2011-12 Budget Guidelines, as amended. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Lisa Lafferty moved acceptance of a donation from the Department of Labor for twenty (20) Dell printers having a value of \$2,000 (\$100 each). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Lisa Lafferty moved acknowledgement of a donation from Judy Goetke, South Schodack Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$100.00 in support of the Community Charities Account. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Lisa Lafferty moved approval of a resolution to form the Rensselaer-Columbia CBO Cooperative for the purpose of studying a shared approach to central business office services and authorizing Schodack Central School District to participate in two grants and provide a 10% local share requirement of \$1,000 for the Rensselaer-Columbia CBO Cooperative - Planning Initiative and \$10,000 for the Rensselaer-Columbia - Implementation Initiative; with the Lansingburgh Central School District serving as the Lead Applicant. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Lisa Lafferty moved approval of a Professional Services Retainer Agreement in the amount of \$3,500 with Computer Professionals International (CPI) with services billed in accordance with the following rates: Standard Systems Engineering \$130/hour; Advanced Systems Engineering \$145/hour, Enterprise Systems Engineering \$160/hour and Support Center \$120 hour. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Lisa Lafferty moved approval of International Club trip Mainland China, in April 2012. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Lisa Lafferty moved approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2010-2011 special education services for students: # 000113680, 000113783, and 000113785. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Lisa Lafferty moved approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2010-2011 students: #000011284, #082340007, #000113559, #000113673, #000012165. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

- n. Lisa Lafferty moved acceptance of a donation from Goold Orchards Inc. in the amount of \$250.00 in support of Maple Hill High School Key Club. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Lisa Lafferty moved acceptance of 2010 School Tax Re-levy Certification Form for the Town of Schodack and the Village of Castleton in the total amount of \$558,809.90. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- p. Lisa Lafferty moved approval to add Rebecca Blais, School Psychologist, as an additional Chairperson of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education for the 2010-2011 school year. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

11. Appointments / Resignations:

- a. Chris DiGiulio moved acceptance of resignation of Helen Wallbank, Special Education Teacher, for purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2011. Lisa Lafferty seconded. Mrs. Wallbank has influenced the shape of the special education program and really fostered and supported inclusion to the greatest extent possible. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Chris DiGiulio moved approval of Kristen Nunziato (certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)) as regular substitute teacher for Annette Segarra, effective November 5, 2010. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Kenneth Flood moved to remove item c. for further discussion and clarification. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor. Item tabled. Approval of unpaid leave of absence for Andrea J. Faoro, (Mathematics 7-12), for the 2011-2012 school year.
- d. Chris DiGiulio moved acceptance of resignation of Grazyna M. Widmann, (English / Speakers of other Languages) effective December 22, 2010. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Chris DiGiulio moved acceptance of resignation of Karen Casey, Teacher Assistant, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2011. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Chris DiGiulio moved acceptance of resignation of Sherri Fisher as Central School Treasurer effective January 3, 2011. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Chris DiGiulio moved emergency Conditional Appointment of Heather Briggs, District Treasurer and Central School Treasurer, effective January 3, 2011. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Chris DiGiulio moved approval of substitute teacher(s): Kathryn L. Teale, Christopher S. McCoy, Steven Cohen. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.

12. Meeting open for public discussion. None.

13. Action items. HVCC tracking of H.S. graduates. Thank you to Vision statement committee. Draft 1 of budget.
14. Executive Session: work history of specific employees and litigation. Michael Hiser moved to enter into executive session at 9:55pm. Chris DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
15. Kenneth Flood moved to re-enter regular session at 10:20 pm. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
16. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth B. Chipman

District Clerk