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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 17, 2009

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

Paul Puccio, Phyllis Weber Scannell, Kenneth Flood, Andrew Fleck, President; George Warner, Susan Megna, Vice President, Seth Hendrick, Michael Hiser, Linda Underwood.

Also Present: Sherri Fisher, Director of Business and Support Services; Michael Bennett, MHMS; Robert Horan, MHHS; Jason Chevrier, CES; Lori Colistra, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Donna Watson, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development; Liz Chipman, District Clerk.

1. Meeting called to order by President Fleck at 6:00 p.m.
2. Motion to enter executive session to discuss CSEA negotiations; possible litigation with T. Lemme; work history of specific employee. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved to enter executive session at 6:04pm. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
3. Motion to re-enter regular session @ 7:05 p.m. Michael Hiser moved to re-enter regular session at 7:05pm. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
4. Approval of present agenda. George Warner moved approval of present agenda. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
5. Approval of minutes. Seth Hendrick moved to approve items 5a. and 5b. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor. Linda Underwood abstained from 12/3 vote, not at meeting.
 - a. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of November 19, 2009 and workshop meeting of December 3, 2009.
 - b. Revision to minutes of regular meeting of October 15, 2009 to include:
 - (1) #14k: Approval of change in hours for Deborah Sweet, School Nurse, from 6 hours/day to 7 hours/day, effective October 19, 2009
 - (2) #17: Motion to return to regular session. George Warner moved to return to regular session. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
 - #18: Approval of motion to file a Notice of Intervention. George Warner moved to file a Notice of Intervention in relation to the Hannaford Brothers 2009 Tax Certiorari Claim and approval to share the Hannaford appraisal costs with the Town of Schodack on an equal basis. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
6. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
7. Board discussion

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- a. Columbia County School Boards Association letter to legislators – George Warner. Board representatives have attended several meetings of Columbia County School Boards Association. George presented draft of letter on behalf of board association. Comments, discussion from board members. Kenneth Flood moved to approve letter as written. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

8. Reports

- a. 2010-11 Program Reports. Reports on rollover programs and enrollment.
 - (1) CES – Jason Chevrier. K-4 enrollment numbers 2009-10 to 2010-2011. Programmatic focus for 2010-11 school year. Highlighted how District Goals will be addressed at CES. Comments, questions, discussion from board members.
 - (2) MHMS – Mike Bennett. Grades 6-8 enrollment numbers 2009-10 to 2010-2011. Programmatic focus for 2010-11 school year. Highlighted how District Goals will be addressed at MHMS. Comments, questions, discussion from board members. Opportunities for highly able learners.
 - (3) MHHS – Bob Horan. Grades 9-12 enrollment numbers 2009-10 to 210-11, all subject areas. Programmatic focus for 2010-11 school year. Highlighted how District Goals will be addressed at MHHS.
 - (4) Curriculum, Staff Development, Technology – Donna Watson. Areas in curriculum budget that would roll over to 2010-11.
- b. Capital Project Closeout Priorities – Matt LaClair reported. NYSERTA audit. National Grid reimbursed district for \$35,000 on boilers. Capital Project Priorities for Remaining Funds. Prioritized list of proposed purchases distributed to board members. Questions, comments, discussion from board. Use of remaining funds to offset debt service. Michael Hiser moved to approve priority groups a,b,c,d,e. Paul Puccio second. With proviso we approach architect for donation to fund additional items or defray cost of any items in a,b,c,d,e. Michael Hiser withdrew motion. Discussion, questions, comments. Michael Hiser moved to approved priority group A. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor. Michael Hiser moved to approved priority group B. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor. Michael Hiser moved to approve priority group C. Paul Puccio seconded. Discussion. All present in favor. Paul Puccio moved to approved priority group D. Seth Hendrick seconded. Voting Yes: Paul Puccio, Phyllis Weber Scannell, Seth Hendrick, George Warner, and Susan Megna. Voting No: Kenneth Flood, Michael Hiser. Paul Puccio moved to approved priority group E. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor. Additional information requested on kiln. Paul Puccio moved to approve A/C for PPS office in CES. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. Discussion, questions. All present in favor.
- c. 2010-11 Budget Guidelines. Sherri Fisher reported. Board is required to adopt budget guidelines. Maintenance of educational program and services. Program preservation/reductions. Expenditure target. State aid. Maintenance of fund balance and reserves. Discussion, questions, comments. Discussion of expenditure increase in budget. Paul Puccio moved to set expenditure target increase at 2%. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.

9. Meeting open for public discussion. Mr. Farrell: budget process, priority list.

10. Policies. None.

11. Consent agenda

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- a. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2009. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of October 2009. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the month of October 2009. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Extra-Classroom Activity Report for the month of October 2009. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of non-cash donation from Sacred Heart of Castleton CYO Basketball for a new Scoreboard and Wireless Remote System for Castleton Elementary School valued at \$3,543.75. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of non-cash donation from Darlene Adams of 36 children's books valued at \$259.11 for CES library. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of donation from Cynthia Tomko of three books valued at \$37.83 for school libraries: Listen to the Wind – CES; Three Cups of Tea: Young Readers Edition: One Man's Journey to Change the World – MHMS; Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Fight Terrorism and Build Nations – MHHS. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of donation from Darrin Michalek in the amount of \$240.00 in support of HS Key Club. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of donation from Castleton Kiwanis in the amount of \$125.00 in support of HS Key Club. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of donation from MHMS PTO/Christine Kern (from PTO Rec Night "Funtastic Friday") in the amount of \$724.50 in support of 6th Grade Student Activity Account. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of resolution authorizing the District to renew a Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Energy Purchasing Services with New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium (NYSMEC). Terms of the agreement are May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2012 for Electricity (terms for Natural Gas May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2012 previously approved at 6/14/07 Board meeting). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Tax Collector's Report for tax year 2009 and to discharge the Tax Collector. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

- m. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of Consulting Agreement with Needham Risk Management Resource Group, LLC for consultation and maintenance of health and safety programs, and for personnel and human resource management services, effective January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010, at the rate of \$2,125.00 per calendar month for up to 26.65 hours per month. Authorized services in excess of total hours for three-month period at a rate of \$65.00/hour. Discussion. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of RFP from Computer Professionals International (CPI) for network upgrades at the middle school and high school in the amount of \$6,210 for installation of 6 racks and \$1,920 for the implementation of 10 Switches. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of contract with Computer Professionals International (CPI) for network upgrades in the amount of \$8,130, effective date December 18, 2009 (to be funded from the Capital Project). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- p. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of a resolution to amend the Schodack Central School District 403(b) Retirement Plan Document, for compliance with Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- q. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of Claim Settlement Agreement with T. Lemme Mechanical pursuant to a Mediation on 12/10/09 George Warner seconded. All present in favor..
- r. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of 2010-11 Revised Budget Calendar and 2010-11 Budget Guidelines. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- s. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of 7th grade student trip to Boston, MA on May 26-27, 2010. Discussion. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- t. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2009-10 special education services for students # 000113522, 000113517. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- u. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2009-10 special education services for students # 000011372, 000011276, 000113314. Discussion. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- v. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of revised final payment to Sano-Rubin Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$4,988.00 for completion of General Construction contract, completion date 9/22/09 (Phase II – CES) Project #49-15-01-04-0-001-014. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- w. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of two-year Disaster Sheltering Agreement renewal with Northeastern Chapter of the American Red Cross. Discussion. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- x. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of 2009 School Tax Relevy Certification Form for the Town of

Schodack and the Village of Castleton in the total amount of \$537, 768.00. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

- y. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of 2009 School Tax Relevy Certification Form for the Town of Stuyvesant in the total amount of \$4,557.92. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

12. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of probationary appointment of David Austin (certification: Health Education; Physical Education) as health and physical education teacher, effective November 3, 2008. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved to remove item from consent agenda. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor. Item removed. Approval of leave of absence for Christine Sussman, science teacher, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012.
- c. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of change in hours for Catherine Hogan, Teacher Assistant, from 6 hours/day to 6.25 hours/day, effective December 18, 2009. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of change in hours for Joanne Clynes, Teacher Assistant, from 6.5 hours/day to 6.75 hours/day, effective December 18, 2009. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of change in hours for Nancy Agans, Teacher Assistant, from 6 hours/day to 6.75 hours/day, effective December 18, 2009. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of change in hours for Lynn Donnelly, Teacher Assistant, from 6.5 hours/day to 7 hours/day, effective December 18, 2009. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of change in hours for Kerry Warner, Teacher Assistant, from 6.5 hours/day to 7 hours/day, effective December 18, 2009. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of change in hours for Valerie Camper, Teacher Assistant, from 6.25 hours/day to 6.5 hours/day, effective December 18, 2009. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of change in hours for Karen Green, Typist, from 6 hours/day to 7 hours/day, effective December 18, 2009. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of resignation of Joyce Romanowski, Senior Stenographer, for purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2010 with much regret and sincere thanks for many years of service. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of substitute teachers: Robin Friedman, Matthys Bailey-Yavonditte,

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Zachary Despart, Candace Morgan, Montana Rodriguez. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

- I. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of extracurricular advisors/coaches for 2009-10: Kandace Eaton, 7th/8th Grade Girls Track Coach. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

13. Action items from 11/19/09

- a. Superintendent search process. Proceeding with BOCES.
- b. Athletic suspension appeal. In progress.

New items: revenue from DL and shared academic enterprises, report on professional grants projects, draft one of budget, kiln information, architects on donation of sign, email programmatic goals from each building.

- 14. Motion to enter executive session to discuss grievance, work history of specific employee. George Warner moved to enter into executive session at 10:11pm. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved to re-enter public session at 10:50pm. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved to approve letter to SFA. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.

- 15. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 10:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Chipman
District Clerk

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