

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."

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

December 17, 2015

Maple Hill High School Library

Present: Michael Hiser, Michael Charsky, Michael Tuttle, Victoria Adler, Jeanne Strazza, Daniel Grandinetti and Christian Olsen

Absent: Paul Puccio and Bruce Romanchak

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

1. Meeting called to order by President, Michael Hiser at 6:07 p.m.
2. President Hiser asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Victoria Adler moved for approval of present agenda, Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
4. Approval of minutes: None.
5. Reports:
 - a. SFA Book Presentation to Board – Christine Fowler presented books to the board on behalf of the Schodack Faculty Association recognizing their service and to express appreciation. The books are *Little Tree* by Loren Long for the CES Library, *The Marvels* by Brian Selznick for the Middle School and *The Rest of Us Just Live Here* by Patrick Ness for the High School.
 - b. Principals of Engineering – Students presented to the board the process they took to construct a 2-3 foot diameter geodesic sphere. Students shared the different phases of their project, the successes and challenges they faced as well as the different educational subjects they had to incorporate into their project to complete it. They recruited Mr. Ryan to help with the Geometry equations they would need to use; Mr. Ryan expressed that he learned the formula in college. Students shared that their goal is to construct a sphere with a 10 foot diameter to be displayed at the school for future classes, the conduit to be used for the 10 foot sphere was donated by Walberg Electric Co. saving the students \$160, and the students intend to extend the project to include other classes such as Art to have a base designed to hold the sphere.
6. Meeting open for public discussion: Jim Farrell talked from a teacher perspective of watching the students he taught a few years ago presenting and speaking so maturely. He expressed he is proud of the students. Melissa Golden expressed that she is impressed as well and having taught the students and seeing them using such complex math is impressive.

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

7. Board discussion:
 - Sewer Connection Agreement – Mr. Horan talked about a draft sewer line agreement that has been drafted and reviewed by our attorneys. There was brief discussion about the possibility of the County extending the sewer line to Route 9. Mr. Horan expressed that the County has had conversation about extending the line.
8. Policies: None.
9. Consent agenda
 - a. Michael Charsky moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2015-2016 special education services for students: 000114849, 000114852, and 000114851. Christian Olsen seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Michael Charsky moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2015-2016 student: 000114057. Christian Olsen seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Michael Charsky moved for acknowledgement of a donation from the Schodack Town Police Benevolent Association in the amount of \$500.00 in support of a 4th grade field trip. Christian Olsen seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Michael Charsky moved for acknowledgement of a donation from Red-Kap Sales, Inc. / Exxon Mobil Education Alliance Program in the amount of \$500.00 of the purchase of STEM/Science related equipment/material for the Castleton Elementary School. Christian Olsen seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Michael Charsky moved for acknowledgement of a donation from Castleton Schodack Kiwanis Club in the amount of \$300.00 to support the CES Student Supplemental Account. Christian Olsen seconded. All present in favor.
10. Resignations/Appointments
 - a. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the resignation of Florence Heeder for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2016, Victoria Adler seconded. Mr. Hiser added that these teachers are very well known and added that the district accepts with thanks and acknowledgement of long years of service. All present in favor.
 - b. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the resignation of Valerie A. Flood for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2016. Victoria Adler seconded. Mr. Hiser added that these teachers are very well known and added that the district accepts with thanks and acknowledgement of long years of service. All present in favor.
 - c. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of the resignation of Karen J. Harris for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2016. Victoria Adler seconded. Mr. Hiser added that these teachers

are very well known and added that the district accepts with thanks and acknowledgement of long years of service. All present in favor.

- d. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a leave of absence for Amy McGarvey-Roe, Teaching Assistant effective November 30, 2015 to accept a regular substitute teacher position within the district. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the appointment of Amy McGarvey-Roe as regular substitute teacher for Annette Segarra effective November 30, 2015. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
 - f. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the following coach(es):
 - i. Charles Thomas – Boys and Girls Varsity Bowling
Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
 - g. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s): Sean Mulvey and Sarah Adkins. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
 - h. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the following non-instructional substitute(s): Dionicio Lezama, Ashley K. Szary, Rebecca LaRose and Kaitlin Bullinger. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
- 11. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
 - 12. Action items. Foundation Update, and IT Plan
 - 13. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, President Hiser adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk