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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 18, 2008

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES- REGULAR

6:30 p.m. - Orientation for New Member

Present: Phyllis Weber Scannell, Susan Megna, Vice President; Ken Flood, Andrew Fleck, Paula Noll, President; George Warner, Beth Nichols Hesse, Paul Puccio, Seth Hendrick (8:40pm).

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

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 7:10 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. Andrew Fleck moved approval of present agenda. Ken Flood seconded. All present in favor.
3. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of November 24, 2008. Phyllis Weber-Scannell moved to approved minutes of 11/24/08. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
4. Meeting open for public discussion. Matt LaClair extended thanks to all staff and other personnel who helped in the schools over the power outage last weekend. Thanks to custodial staff, building principals, Ed Goodwill, Mike and Jim from Arcon Electric for their help in setting up and taking down generators, Doug Hamlin. Board extended thanks to Matt for his work during the outage, as well. George Warner: the schools were ready for the community to use as shelter if necessary.
5. Reports
 - a. Construction Update: Ed Goodwill. Gym floor at CES is being finished. Classrooms on both levels are being cleaned, finished up. Down to last details. Punch list items continues in existing buildings. Everything is on schedule in all buildings. Questions, comments from board members.
 - b. Move to CES - Matt LaClair and Jason Chevrier reported. Timeline distributed to board members. Matt highlighted the schedule/timeline to board. Questions, comments, discussion from board members. Jason discussed specific "to do list" for process of preparing for and executing the move from the modular village to the new CES building. Questions, comments. Bus routes, bus pick up/drop off, FAQ sheet for parents. Student field trips to new building. Information nights for parents. Event/ceremony for opening day. Safety drill practice, training on communication systems, communication with parents/community. Utilizing parent volunteers. Use of conference days for faculty. Board thanked Jason for thoroughness of planning. Use of pre-k suite. Questions, comments, discussion.
 - c. Budget Funding Guidelines - Sherri Fisher. Governor's budget proposals distributed to board. Proposed reductions in state aid, etc. Deficit reduction assessment for Schodack. Discussion. Rollover budget. Budget assumptions for 2009-10. Special education, utilities. Updated draft of budget guidelines. Sherri highlighted budget guidelines to board. Expenditure target, tax levy target. Questions, discussion. Board consensus is to reword item on expenditure target to reflect initial draft of 2009/10 budget shall not exceed a 0% increase.
6. Meeting open for public discussion. None.

7. Policy - Acceptable Student Use and Internet Safety Policy - 1st Reading. Questions, comments, discussion. Incorporate cyberbullying in to policy. Policy moved by consensus to second reading.
8. Board Discussion. Retreat date 1/24/09. Paula asked for agenda items. Budget advisory committee. Town letter re: EPCOR tax certiorari. Board consensus is to respond to town that board will defer action at this time. George Warner: status of Grapevine capability on our website, benefits of student information system. Budget Advisory Committees (Name, Approach, Format, Purpose). What is purpose of the community forums, what should be the focus? Sherri Fisher: budget advisory committee model in East Greenbush. Long range planning committee. Jason Chevrier: thanks to Mike Bennett and Donna Watson for their help at modular village yesterday. Staff at middle school, custodial and facilities staff. Holiday bazaar. Raffle drawing for PTO fundraising. Mike Bennett: kudos to Jason for response to incident at modular village. Holiday concerts. Holiday bazaar. Bob Horan: winter concert. HS play was a success. Honor Roll for 1st quarter. Distance learning. Seth Hendrick: thanks to Matt La Clair.
9. Consent agenda
 - a. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of October 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of Extra-classroom Activity Report for the month of October 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the month of October 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of Tax Collector's Report for tax year 2008 and to discharge Tax Collector. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - f. Andrew Fleck moved approval of 2009-10 **Budget** Guidelines. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - g. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of bid from Jennifer Felts in the amount of \$5.00 for (1) wooden desk, pursuant to a surplus bid opening December 4, 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - h. Andrew Fleck moved approval of disposition of district property in accordance with Board of Education Policy #4-206: (4) wooden desks; (1) plastic food warmer; (9) overhead projectors; (3) 25" TV's; (9) record players; (8) filmstrip projectors; (1) wooden cabinet; (2) reel to reel players; (4) VCR's; (1) shredder; (1) metal desk; (2) metal chair carts; (1) metal cabinet. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - i. Andrew Fleck moved approval of The Schodack Central School District 403(b) Retirement Plan Document, as amended and restated effective 1/1/09, for compliance with Section 403 (b) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - j. Andrew Fleck moved approval of health services contract with North Greenbush Common School District for the 2008-09 school year in the amount of \$2,457.72 (\$204.81/pupil) for (12) resident students attending nonpublic schools. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - k. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Agreement dated December 8, 2008 with Needham Risk Management Group to provide coordination of well install at the Schodack Central School

District Bus Garage conducted by Aquifer Drilling and Testing, and to conduct sampling and reporting, including a closure report to the NYSDEC, at an estimated cost of \$3,265.00. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

- l. Andrew Fleck 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, 2009 through March 31, 2009, at the rate of \$1,700 per calendar month for up to 21 hours per month. Authorized services in excess of total hours for three-month period (63 hours) at a rate of \$65.00/hour. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Andrew Fleck moved approval of resolution authorizing an increase in 2008-09 General Fund budget in the total amount of \$1,000.00 to support expenses associated with the Maple Hill Middle School PBIS program, to be offset by a \$1,000.00 gift/donation from Council of Community Services of NYS, Inc. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Andrew Fleck moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Circle of Friends for the 2008-09 school year. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Andrew Fleck moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Pre-School Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for student #000113533.. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- p. Andrew Fleck moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #000113530, 000011068, 083090000, 000012151, 000113349. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- q. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Sano-Rubin Construction Co. (Phase 2-Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be deducted from the construction contingency; \$0.00 change to revised contract sum of \$6,499,725.00:
Change Order #045 in the amount of \$850.00
Change Order #046 in the amount of \$4,758.00
Change Order #047 in the amount of \$1,412.00
Change Order #048 in the amount of \$858.00
Change Order #049 in the amount of \$1,942.00. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor..
- r. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Change Order for construction contract of Sano-Rubin Construction Co. (Phase 2-Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be added to the general construction contract; new revised contract sum will be \$6,519,604.00:
Change Order #50 in the amount of \$19,879.00. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- s. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Arcon Construction & Management Services, Inc. (Phase 2-Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be added to the electrical contract; new revised contract sum will be \$1,271,641.00:
Change Order E-#014 in the amount of \$2,437.00
Change Order E-#015 in the amount of \$6,744.00
Change Order E-#016 in the amount of \$9,365.00. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- t. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Change Order for construction contract of Mazone Plumbing (Phase 2-Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be added to the plumbing contract; new revised contract sum will be \$623,268.11: Change Order #008 in the amount of

\$1,061.00 . Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

- u. Andrew Fleck moved approval of resolution which ratifies and approves the Sales Contract and authorizes the Board President to execute any and all documents necessary for the sale and conveyance of property located at 1943 Brookview Road, Castleton, New York 12033. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- v. Andrew Fleck moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Northeast Parent and Child Society for the 2008-09 school year. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- w. Andrew Fleck moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Unity House of Troy, Inc./Unity Sunshine Program for the 2008-09 school year. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- x. Andrew Fleck moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Story Place Preschool, Inc. for the 2008-09 school year. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- y. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Atlas Curriculum Mapping training with Rubicon International on January 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$2,500 (to be funded from Mentor Grant). Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- z. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Atlas Curriculum Mapping training with Rubicon International on February 13, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$925 (to be funded from Federal IDEA Grant). Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

10. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of substitute teachers: Beth Deyo, Clare Stone. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of substitute school bus drivers: Rhoda Greenway. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of extracurricular advisors/coaches for 2008-09:
 - (1) Bryan Daily - JV Girls Basketball Coach
 - (2) Patrick Austin - Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach
 - (3) Odyssey of the Mind - MHMS Team Advisor - Sid Reischer. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.

11. Meeting open for public discussion. None.

12. Action items. Status of Grapevine. Benefits of student information system. Budget Advisory Committees. Town of Schodack letter. Request to have time for Budget Advisory Committee planning meetings until after 3:00pm.

13. Executive Session: Negotiations with CSEA, SAA; pending litigation; work history of specific employee. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved to enter into executive session at 9:40pm. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor. Sue Megna moved to leave executive session at 10:20pm. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

14. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Chipman
District Clerk