

*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 19, 2013

Maple Hill High School Library

Present: Andrew Fleck, Mary Yurista, Daniel Grandinetti, Michael Charsky, Paul Puccio, Bruce Romanchak,
Michael Hiser, George Warner (arrived at 6:57 pm)

Absent: Jeanne Strazza

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

1. Executive session 5:45 to discuss a security issue at a sporting event.
2. Meeting called to order by President, J. Andrew Fleck at 6:22 p.m.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of present agenda. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
5. Paul Puccio moved for approval of minutes of regular meeting October 17, 2013 and workshop meeting November 7, 2013. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. Michael Hiser abstained from the November 7, 2013 workshop minutes, all others present were in favor.
6. Reports:
 1. Capital Project Update – Robert Horan, Robert Hendriks, Jim Graham.
Mr. Hendricks talked about information was used in the demographic study completed for the district. He explained the statistics behind the decline in enrollment, and explained the projected enrollment through the 2023-24 school year. Using a PowerPoint, Mr. Hendricks explained the capacity of the district buildings, how they could be effected by the declining enrollment and scenarios to use the buildings differently. Jim Graham presented three scenarios for a timeline for the proposed project and recommended having two referendums; one covering critical facility issues and a second to address program enhancements.
7. Meeting open for public discussion: A member of the public commented about other cost savings that were suggested in the past and also talked about how the district would handle the student population increasing if they were to close the middle school. Would the district be able to reopen and again use the middle school as a school? He commented that he likes the idea of a two referendum approach and expressed that showing the savings to the community may be the best way to gain support. Tim Ryan commented teams already exist in the schools. He encouraged the board to keep the middle school

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students separate from high school. He expressed that communication is very important if the district is going to move forward with repurposing the middle school and reconfiguring the grades in the remaining two buildings.

8. Board discussion: Discussion continued about the capital project and the various ways the middle school could be used.
9. Policies: None.
10. Consent agenda
 - a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of Treasurer's Reports for the month of October 2013. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of Claims Auditor Report for the month of October 2013. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2013-2014 special education services for students: 000114571, 000114563, and 000114570. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2013-2014 students: 000113560, 000113342, 000114077, 000114580, 000011321, and 000011109. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of change in assessment for Robert & Jacqueline Rex, for real property located at Schodack, NY (210-1-5-14.1) from \$251,000 to \$224,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2013-115 and approval of a refund in the amount of \$561.48. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - f. Mary Yurista moved to table "Acceptance of a Memorandum of Agreement between Schodack Central School District and the Schodack Faculty Association regarding the retirement of Sheryl Lepkowski" until after executive session, to be added at the end of the meeting. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
11. Resignations/Appointments
 - a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the resignation of Karen B. Williams for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2014 with appreciation of long service and acknowledgement that they will be missed. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the resignation of Carol Lovelett for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2014 with appreciation of long service and acknowledgement that they will be missed. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

- c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the appointment of Carey Foley, (certification: Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), and Literacy (Birth – Grade 6)) as .2 FTE ESL teacher effective December 20, 2013.
 - d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the change in status of Anthony Moak, Custodial Worker, from probationary to permanent effective July 1, 2013.
 - e. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s): Alex Boccio and Alexandra Kline.
 - f. Mary Yurista moved to table “Acceptance of the resignation of Sheryl Lepkowski for the purpose of retirement effective February 5, 2015.” Until after executive session to be added at the end of the meeting. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
 - g. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the resignation of Mary K. Donnelly for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2014 with appreciation of long service and acknowledgement that they will be missed. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
12. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
13. Action items: Look at and plan January 9th meeting.
14. Mary Yurista moved to add executive session to discuss conditions of a Memorandum of Agreement effecting Sheryl Lepkowski at 10:42 pm. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
15. Bruce Romanchak moved to re-enter regular session to vote on tabled items. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of a Memorandum of Agreement between Schodack Central School District and the Schodack Faculty Association regarding the retirement of Sheryl Lepkowski. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the resignation of Sheryl Lepkowski for the purpose of retirement effective February 5, 2015 with appreciation for long service and acknowledgement that she will be missed. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
16. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, Bruce Romanchak moved to adjourn at 10:47 pm. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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