

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."

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

**December 2, 2010**

**Maple Hill High School Library**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – WORKSHOP**

Present: Andrew Fleck, President; Christine DiGiulio, Michael Hiser, Bruce Romanchak, Sue Megna, Vice President; George Warner, Kenneth Flood, Lisa Lafferty (left 7:00pm returned at 8:00 pm).

Also Present: Robert Horan, Superintendent; Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services; Donna Watson, Director of Curriculum, Staff Development and Pupil Personnel Services; Ron Agostinoni, MHHS; District Clerk; Michael Bennett, MHMS; Jason Chevrier, CES(arrived 8:30pm).

Absent: Paul Puccio

1. Meeting called to order by President Fleck at 6:30 pm.
2. Approval of present agenda, Kenneth Flood moved to approve present agenda with changes. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
3. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
4. Board Discussion. Questar III workshop on November 2, 2010; Send Power-point budget guidelines for 2011-2012.
5. Reports / Presentations:
  - a. Workshop on Student Achievement Results for Schodack Central Schools – Administration. Donna Watson and Building Principals presented. Assessment results for Schodack Central School District change in cut scores, analysis of level 3 students, and use of data to improve instructional practice. Board of ED would like basic background info on how our students are performing in comparison with similar districts. Seeking improvement in subgroups of Students with Disabilities, AYP not met. HAL program, Middle School accelerated courses, changes in HS regents exams, regents results and course grades closely aligned, graduation rates, last year for local diploma, five year post graduate study to see where our graduates are, small learning communities, credit recovery, 4<sup>th</sup> year of sequences, online learning opportunities, more AIS. Need to identify district standards and where we want to be, challenge kids beyond level 4, provide resources for enrichment, consider in concert with vision statement and reallocation of resources overlay with fiscal reality. Schodack has the highest graduation rate of students with disabilities in this county. Conversation on how do we measure our students against global standards, there are tests and rating scales available. Continue to move forward with a collection tool to calculate how successful our students are after high school.

6. Meeting open for public discussion. Laura Cook, kids are not college ready, the level of college remediation required, it is hard to isolate data and what it means, exciting to work on new assessments, would like APR to reflect what we value not just data performance.
7. Policies: None.
8. Consent Agenda:
  - a. George Warner moved to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from the Maple Hill Music Parents for the purchase of a digital piano in support of the MHMS Grades 6-8 music program. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
  - b. George Warner moved for approval of a resolution to increase the budget by \$2,000 to purchase a digital piano, offset by a donation from the Maple Hill Music Parents. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
  - c. George Warner moved to accept a donation in the amount of \$800 from the Maple Hill Music Parents for the lease of two tubas in support of the MHMS music program. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
  - d. George Warner moved for approval of a resolution to increase the budget by \$800 for the lease of two tubas in support of the MHMS music program, offset by a donation from the Maple Hill Music Parents. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
  - e. George Warner moved to accept a donation in the amount of \$699.99 from the Trust/Expendable High School Auditorium Sound System Fund to the General Fund for the purchase of a set of speakers for the MHHS Auditorium. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
  - f. George Warner moved for approval of a resolution to increase the General Fund budget by \$699.99 for the purchase of a set of speakers for the MHHS Auditorium, offset by a donation from the Trust/Expendable High School Auditorium Sound System Fund. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
  - g. George Warner moved for approval of a resolution to form the Rensselaer School Transportation Collective for the purpose of studying a shared approach to utilizing regional transportation resources and authorizing Schodack CSD to participate in two grants and provide a 10% local share requirement of \$356 for the Rensselaer School Transportation Collective – Planning Initiative and **\$1,917** for the Rensselaer School Transportation Collective – Implementation Initiative; with the Rensselaer City School District serving as the lead applicant. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
  - h. George Warner moved for approval of a contract agreement between the Schodack Central School District and the New York State Department of State, NYS Contract #T-098827, relative to the 2009-10 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program grant award, for the completion of a Merger Feasibility Study with the Ichabod Crane Central School District. Total Project Cost \$55,000, State Funding \$49,500, Local Share \$5,500, local share to be split equally between Schodack CSD and Ichabod Crane CSD. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.

9. Meeting open for public discussion
10. Action items: Send link to NYS School Report Card and email historical Budget Projections.
11. Kenneth Flood moved to enter executive session to discuss work history of specific employee at 9:25 pm. George Warner seconded. All present in favor. Kenneth Flood moved to re-enter regular session at 10:20 pm. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
12. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,