

*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

February 11, 2016

Maple Hill High School Library

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

Absent: Michael Charsky & Bruce Romanchak

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

1. Meeting called to order by President, Michael Hiser at 6:03 p.m.
2. Paul Puccio Executive Session: Discussion of a personnel matter. Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.
3. Returned to regular session at 6:34.
4. President Hiser asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Victoria Adler moved for approval of present agenda, Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
6. Michael Tuttle moved for approval of the minutes of board meeting January 21, 2016, Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
7. Reports: Mr. Horan spoke briefly about the presentation, and shared that Administrators will not be talking about potential enhancements at this early in the budget process, as it would not be fair to talk about enhancements and then not be able to follow through.
 - Building Reports: Michael Bennett explained how the presentation was planned and what the administrators did to prepare for it. Ron Agostinoni spoke about Technology integration and the success of the small learning groups from the previous year. He discussed the differences of the three different pilots the high school has tried for one to one connected learning: first they used iPads, then Laptops and now Chromebooks. He expressed that the High School is also going looking into beginning a Help Desk program like the one started in the Middle School where students help students and sometimes teachers troubleshoot problems. The high school will be continuing with APEX, a credit recovery program. James Derby talked about a Help Desk program that was started at the middle school, students helping troubleshoot computer problems. He also spoke about students learning through blended learning. The middle school students have access to iPads and Chromebooks. He stated that students really like using Chromebooks. Michael Bennett talked about Video Conferencing that is being used at the middle school and shared that he was able to sit in on a class using video conferencing. There were questions about how the video conferencing program will be integrated into the move into a 7-12 building. Jason Chevrier talked about the

possibility of having older students helping at the elementary school. He expressed that there are different types of technology the students at CES are exposed to: iPads, Chromebooks, and laptops, the building is currently not one to one but he hopes that will be obtainable. There was discussion about whiteboard and a new product the district is looking at in hopes of it working with the teaching plans and programs the teachers use now. Michael Bennett talked about the program enhancements brought to the district last year: Education Technology Specialist position (Tim Ryan) works with teachers to integrate technology into the classroom and how to use it teaching students. Jason Chevrier talked about two Math positions that were added at the elementary school, Math Coach at CES, Janice Balogh is there to support teachers, helping to assist in the classroom and to examine and research curriculum that might benefit students. AIS Math Specialist, Kerry Mullahy works with students struggling with Math. Michael Bennett shared the different types of professional development (“PD”) teachers are participating in: national and statewide conferences, online PD training, he also shared some of the names of groups the teachers receive training from. There was discussion about teacher developing teachers, teachers that excel with a program or with a particular software sharing with their peers. There was discussion about the various different devices used by students and how they can benefit from being exposed to so many different devices.

8. Meeting open for public discussion: James Farrell commented about the exposure teachers are getting using different devices. Laura Cook expressed that the students have a great opportunity to be able to use the different devices. Kids know what to do with the different devices and how to get them to work. Mary Yurista asked what happens to students not being taught cursive writing, how will they have a signature?
9. Board discussion:
 - Schodack Wildcat Foundation, Inc. update - Paul Puccio shared the current events of the Foundation and their recent board meeting. He shared that the corporate book is kept in the District office of Schodack Central School District. He talked about registering the Foundation with AmazonSmile, Amazon donates a percentage of purchases to a company of choice by the purchaser. He shared about the StartUp NY program and the potential relationship with HVCC.
 - Athletic League - Robert Horan shared information about an athletic league, The Wasaren League. The league has asked Schodack to join their league and leave the Patroon Conference. David Austin was asked to talk with the Coaches and get a consensus of how they feel about each league and their opinions on switching. He talked about the pros and cons of the two leagues. There was discussion about the additional distance to some of the other schools and that the district has enough on its plate right now to research another league. The board is not in favor of researching another league.
 - Michael Tuttle talked about All County Band and expressed that their January 3 performance was nice, teachers did a great job.
 - Victoria Adler talked about the recent Safety and Health Committee meeting and stated she felt they were doing a good job.
10. Policies: Victoria Adler moved for approval of the second reading and adoption of the following policies:
 - a. 0000 Mission Statement and Vision
 - b. 0100 Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination

- c. 0110 Sexual Harassment
- d. 0115 Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- e. 0150 HIV / AIDS
- f. 0300 Accountability
- g. 0320 Evaluation of the Superintendent

Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor. Policies adopted.

11. Consent agenda

- a. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month of December 2015. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Reports for the month of December 2015. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Paul Puccio moved for approval of recommendation of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2015-16 special education services for students: 000113280. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Paul Puccio moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2015-2016 special education services for students: 000114722, 000114723, and 000114852. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a health services contract for the 2015-16 school year with Bethlehem Central School District for one (1) resident student attending a non-public school. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a health services contract for the 2015-16 school year with South Colonie Central School District for three (3) resident students attending a non-public school. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a health services contract for the 2015-16 school year with Lansingburgh Central School District for two (2) resident students attending a non-public school. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
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- i. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a health services contract for the 2015-16 school year with North Greenbush Common School District for seven (7) resident students attending a non-public school. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a resolution that Monica Kim, Director of Business and Support Services, as the Board of Education's designated representative to the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Workers' Compensation Consortium, is authorized and directed to execute the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Workers' Compensation Consortium Agreement to Provide Workers' Compensation Insurance Benefits, as proposed to be amended by the Board of Directors of the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Workers Compensation Consortium at its January 2016 meeting, on behalf of the Schodack Central School District. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.

12. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Christian Olsen moved for approval of a leave of absence for Jennifer Gold effective February 1, 2016 and continue through June 23, 2016. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- b. Christian Olsen moved for approval of Kimberly Stevens (certification: Biology 7–12) as extended term substitute teacher for Jennifer Gold, effective February 1, 2016. Salary for the position is MS Step 1. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- c. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the six (6) month probationary appointment of Matthew Purificato, Network Administrator, effective February 12, 2016 through August 12, 2016. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- d. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the following Coach(es) for the 2015-16 School Year:
 - i. Samantha Ayala – 7th / 8th grade Boys Track
 - ii. Keith Bateman – Boys Varsity TennisPaul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- e. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the following non-instructional substitute(s): Max Donnelly and Carrie Robichaud-Bertrand. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.

13. Meeting open for public discussion. None.

14. Action items. Look into post office having new resident list.

15. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, President Hiser adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk