

*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

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - REGULAR

Present: Paula Noll, President; Susan Megna, Vice President; Paul Puccio, Ricardo Cosgrave, Beth Nichols Hesse, Phyllis Scannell, Andrew Fleck.

Absent: Seth Hendrick, George Warner.

Also Present: Doug Hamlin, Superintendent; Sherri Fisher, Director of Business and Support Services; Donna Watson, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development; Lorraine Colistra, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Michael Bennett, MHMS; Roger Gorham, MHMS; Jason Chevrier, CES; Liz Chipman, District Clerk.

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 7:35 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. Paul Puccio moved to approve present agenda with additions. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
3. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of January 17, 2008 and special meeting of February 7, 2008 and revision to minutes of regular meeting of December 20, 2007:
Reports
6. Audit Committee – ~~Internal~~ Claims Auditor. Sherri Fisher outlined position. Current incumbent is retiring February 2008. Recommendations of ~~external~~ internal auditor. Should position stay as currently structured or try to incorporate some of the auditor recommendations? Evaluating risk. Sherri requested guidance from board in terms of structure of the position. Discussion, questions, comments from board members. Board consensus is to maintain position as currently configured.
Phyllis Weber Scannell moved to approve minutes of regular meeting of 1/17/08 and special meeting of 2/7/08, and revision of meeting of 12/20/07. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
4. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
5. Reports
 - A. Capital Project Standardization. Doug Hamlin introduced Ed Goodwill and Matt LaClair to discuss the benefits to District of standardization of temperature control systems, hot water boilers, steam boilers, security systems, and fire alarm systems. Matt LaClair outlined positive aspects of standardizing systems among all three school buildings.
 - B. Student Support Services. Lori Colistra presented report on support services at the

schools. Lori highlighted role and responsibilities of school psychologist in the past and current roles/responsibilities. Roles and responsibilities of school social worker, past and current. Roger Gorham outlined rationale for additional .5FTE guidance counselor at the middle school, added services that will be made available with increase. Scheduling initiative for 2009-2010, Wildcat Pride years 2 and 3. Questions, comments, discussion from board members.

- C. Student Information System. Donna Watson reported. Updates to questions previously asked by board members.
- D. Community Engagement. Doug Hamlin reported. Communications Services. Capital Region BOCES, Questar III. District met with representatives from BOCES to discuss audit. Questar III is paying for this initial audit. Review of existing communication materials and techniques. Three focus groups: faculty/staff, parent/community, BOE. Final audit report delivered May 2008. Communications plan for 2008-09 school year.
- E. Town Re-Assessment. Doug Hamlin reported. Information sheet regarding town re-assessment. Discussion regarding dual tax rate. Resolution on consent agenda.

6. Policies

- 7. Consent agenda. Ricardo Cosgrave moved to remove item m. from consent agenda. Andrew Fleck seconded. Voting yes: Ricardo Cosgrave, Beth Nichols Hesse, Phyllis Weber Scannell, Paula Noll, Sue Megna, Andrew Fleck. Paul Puccio opposed. Motion passed.
 - A. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2007. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - B. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of December 2007. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - C. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for month of December 2007. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - D. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Extra-classroom Activity Report for month of December 2007. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - E. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of donation from South Schodack Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary in the amount of \$100.00 in support of the Maple Hill Middle School Community Charities account. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - F. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of donation from Maple Hill Middle School PTO in the amount of \$1,128.85 in support of the Maple Hill Middle School Community Charities account. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - G. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of donation from Department of Correctional Services (Make-A-Difference) in the amount of \$250.00 in support of the Maple Hill Middle School Community Charities account. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

- H. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of donations from Future City Competition, Albany, NY totaling \$700.00 in support of Maple Hill Middle School Technology Education Program (ck #109 \$500.00, ck# 143 \$100.00, ck#146 \$100.00). Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- I. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of donation of proceeds from Maple Hill Middle School International Dessert Night from Maple Hill Middle School PAC account in the amount of \$484.50 in support of Maple Hill Middle School Work Study Program. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- J. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of donation from proceeds from Maple Hill Middle School International Dessert Night from Maple Hill Middle School PAC Account in the amount of \$484.50 in support of Maple Hill Middle School PBIS Program (Wildcat Pride). Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- K. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of donation from Community Foundation for the Capital Region in the amount of \$550.00 in support of Maple Hill High School Newspaper. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- L. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of insurance proceeds from Utica National Insurance Company in the amount of \$7,655.75 for costs incurred by the district relative to repair of water main break occurring on December 3, 2007 at the site of Castleton Elementary School. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- M. ITEM VOTED SEPARATELY. Paul Puccio moved approval of resolution to establish dual rates of taxation beginning with the 2008 assessment rolls as provided by Section 1903-a of Article 19 of the Real Property Tax Law. Sue Megna seconded. For: Paula Noll, Paul Puccio, Sue Megna, Beth Nichols Hesse. Opposed: Ricardo Cosgrave, Andrew Fleck, Phyllis Weber Scannell. Motion does not pass. Discussion.
- N. Paul Puccio moved approval of resolution authorizing the standardization of bid specifications for the fire alarm systems, security systems, energy management systems and boiler systems, as outlined in Schedule A. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- O. Paul Puccio moved approval of resolution authorizing an increase in 2007-08 general fund budget in the total amount of \$484.50 to support expenses associated with Maple Hill Middle School PBIS program, to be offset by a \$484.50 donation from proceeds from Maple Hill Middle School International Dessert night from the Maple Hill Middle School PAC account. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- P. Paul Puccio moved approval of Change Orders for the construction contract of Mazone Plumbing (Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014): Change Order #003 in the amount of \$402.60 to be deducted from general construction

contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$620,436.00; Change Order #004 in the amount of \$3,141.89 \$620,436.00 to be deducted from general construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$620,436.00; Change Order #005 in the amount of \$2,416.24 to be deducted from general construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$620,436.00. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

- Q. Paul Puccio moved approval of Change Orders for the construction contract of Sano-Rubin Construction Co. (Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014): Change Order #008 in the amount of \$5,979.00 to be deducted from general construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$6,501,500.00; Change Order #010 in the amount of \$1,236.00 to be deducted from general construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$6,501,500.00; Change Order #011 in the amount of \$747.00 to be deducted from general construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$6,501,500.00; Change Order #012 in the amount of \$3,151.00 to be deducted from general construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$6,501,500.00; Change Order #013 in the amount of \$3,560.00 to be deducted from general construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$6,501,500.00. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- R. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Center for Disability Services, Inc. for the 2007-08 school year. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- S. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Capital District Beginnings, Inc. for the 2007-08 school year. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- T. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Wildwood School for the 2007-08 school year. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- U. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Early Childhood Education Center for the 2007-08 school year. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- V. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Northeast Parent and Child Society - The School at Northeast for the 2007-08 school year. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- W. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Unity House of Troy, Inc./Unity Sunshine Program for the 2007-08 school year. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

- X. Paul Puccio moved approval of Senior Class trip to New Jersey and Maryland on June 13-15, 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- Y. Paul Puccio moved approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Schodack Central Faculty Association regarding payroll deductions for NYSUT Member Benefits Trust-endorsed programs. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- Z. Paul Puccio moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2007-08 special education services for students #000011183, 000113484, 000011210, 000113280, 000113451, 000113455, 000012095, 000113230. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- AA. Paul Puccio moved approval of **recommendations of district Committee on Pre-school Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #000113479, 093942616.** Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- BB. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of donation from the Class of 2007 in the amount of \$1,795.66 in support of Maple Hill High School Equal Opportunity Fund. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- CC. Paul Puccio moved approval of creation of (1) temporary Secretary I position for 37.5 hours/week, anticipated effective dates April 30, 2008 through June 30, 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

8. Retirements

9. Resignations/Appointments

- A. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of substitute teachers: Jeanne Lawrence, John Schepisi, Emily Armstrong. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.
- B. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved emergency conditional approval of substitute teachers: Kyle Yager. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.
- C. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of non-instructional substitutes: Regina Ryan-Gaule. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.
- D. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved emergency conditional approval of non-instructional substitutes: Deborah Maratto, Paul Miller. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.
- E. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved emergency conditional approval of Joyce Thatcher as regular substitute for Rebecca Blais, effective January 15, 2008 (Emergency conditional re-appointment effective March 4, 2008). Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.

- F. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved emergency conditional approval of substitute teachers (emergency conditional re-appointment effective March 4, 2008): Alan Dellehunt, Holly Fox, Andrew Schultheis, Nicole Strevell, Nicole Susser. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.
- G. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved emergency conditional approval of non-instructional substitutes (emergency conditional re-appointment effective March 4, 2008): Stephen Soltys. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.
- H. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved emergency conditional approval of Roberta Nicholson as Claims Auditor, at the rate of \$17.44/hour for four (4) hours/week, effective February 8, 2008 (emergency conditional re-appointment effective March 10, 2008). Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.
- I. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of extracurricular advisors/coaches for 2007-08:
1. Christopher Murphy - Grade 7/8 Softball Coach
 2. James Canonica - Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
 3. Scott Monteaux - Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
- Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.
- J. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of resignation of Mikey Dady, effective June 30, 2008. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.
10. Board Discussion. Sue Megna: grant \$ available to expand or start small businesses. Goals from board retreat. Doug: sectionals for both boys and girls tonight.
11. Meeting open for public discussion. Gerard Hau representing company he works for: Technical Building Services. Mechanical systems firm. Spoke to standardization of systems.
12. Action items. Paul Puccio to contact town re: dual tax rate. Thursday night reassessment meeting at town hall.
13. Motion to go into executive session to discuss work history of specific employees, negotiations with SCFA. Beth Nichols Hesse moved to enter into executive session at 9:25pm. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
14. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Chipman
District Clerk