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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

January 15, 2009

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - REGULAR

Present: Paul Puccio, Ken Flood, Andrew Fleck, Paula Noll, President; Phyllis Weber-Scannell, George Warner, Susan Megna, Vice President; Seth Hendrick.

Absent: Beth Nichols-Hesse

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

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 7:05 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. Phyllis Weber-Scannell moved to approve present agenda with additions. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
3. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of December 18, 2008. Phyllis Weber-Scannell moved to approve minutes of 12/18/2008. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
4. MHHS Key Club. Key Club members present to report on Club activities and mission. Club advisor Susan Gomes also present. Kiwanis Club members also spoke about what a great job the club has done this year.
5. Meeting open for public discussion. Concern expressed that students are removed from academic classroom to attend music lessons.
6. Reports
 - a. Construction Close-out - SSA, Ed Goodwill. Matt LaClair present in lieu of Ed Goodwill. Matt gave the clerk of the works report on the project closeout. All is on schedule BOE tour of the building scheduled for 1/24/09. Phil Snyder reported on construction closeout. Formal procedure for closeout of construction project. Final certificate of occupancy is on schedule to be obtained by first week in February. Dismantling of the modular village will begin March 2009. Questions, comments, discussion from board members.
 - b. Dr. James Baldwin - Questar III District Superintendent. Dr. Baldwin present to outline history and function of BOCES. Asst. Superintendent Andy DeFeo also present. Discussion, questions, comments from board members.
 - c. Professional Development Planning 2009-10 - 2011-12. Donna Watson reported. Initial assumptions, plan of action to deliver quality staff development at drastically reduced cost. Discussion.
7. Meeting open for public discussion. Suzanne Pazienza expressed concern over division between union and administration. Concerns regarding art program at the middle school. Mary Van Vliet: careful choices necessary.
8. Policy - a. Acceptable Student Use and Internet Safety Policy - 2nd Reading. Policy moved by consensus to 3rd reading.

b. Revisions to Policy 7-300 Leave Under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) [including Response Form 7-300F and Administrative Regulations 7-300R] - 1st Reading. Sherri Fisher reported. Policy moved by consensus to 2nd reading.

9. Board Discussion

- a. NYSSBA State Issues Conference - March 1-3, 2009. Board members please let Doug know asap if they can attend.
- b. Budget Advisory Committees. Both committees met 1/12/08. Summary of meeting tone and outcomes. Next steps.

Paul Puccio: Public hearing on draft comprehensive town plan. Asked for update on trips to Costa Rica, China, and Nature's Classroom. Requested BOE to nominate him as candidate for BOCES board, as term is expiring. Seth Hendrick moved to nominate Paul Puccio as candidate for BOCES board member. George Warner seconded. All present in favor. Paula Noll: International Dessert Night 1/21. Board retreat 1/24. Discussion. Andrew Fleck: next newsletter? George Warner: grapevine functionality? SIS and benefits next meeting. Grapevine functionality should be up by end of February. Ken Flood: December BOE meeting minutes posted on website before board had approved them. Jason Chevrier: passed around photo album of modular village. FAQ to parents. Opening day ceremony. Students will view inauguration on cable tv. Bob Horan: Rotary dinner, students of the month. Scholarships and college acceptances, wrestling tournament, distance learning, video conference on Smartboard. Michael Bennett: Int'l Dessert night, soup drive.

10. Consent agenda

- a. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of November 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of Extra-classroom Activity Report for the month of November 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the month of November 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of 2008 School Tax Relevy Certification Form for the Town of Schodack and the Village of Castleton in the total amount of \$490,937.57. George Warner seconded. Discussion. All present in favor.
- f. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of 2008 School Tax Relevy Certification Form for the Town of Stuyvesant in the total amount of \$0.00. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of anonymous donation in the amount of \$250.00 in support of Maple Hill Middle School Community Charities Account. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Andrew Fleck moved acknowledgement of donation from Target Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$186.12 in support of Maple Hill Middle School PAC Account (Educational Program). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Andrew Fleck moved authorization of 403(b) vendors effective January 1, 2009: AIG Valic; American Fund/Capital Guardian; AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company; Cadaret, Grant & Co.; Columbia Mutual Life Ins. Co.; Fidelity Management Trust Co.; Hartford Life Ins. Co.; ING National Trust; Mass Mutual Life; Mass Mutual VA; Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; Oppenheimer Shareholder Svcs.; Primerica Financial Services; Putnam Investments; RiverSource Life Insurance Co. of NY; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; Union Central Life; Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Co.; Waddell & Reed Inc. George Warner seconded. Discussion. All present in favor.

- j. 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 construction contingency; \$0.00 change to revised contract sum of \$6,499,725.00:
Change Order #051 in the amount of \$3,559.00
Change Order #052 in the amount of \$1,669.00
Change Order #053 in the amount of \$901.00. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Andrew Fleck moved approval of contract with Delta Dental of New York for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010 for dental insurance for SCSFA membership at a monthly rate of \$32.98 for single coverage and \$70.37 for family coverage. (Contract includes amendment to Schedule A Form approved January 23, 2006 - Section 2. General Exclusions and Limitations, Subsection B). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Andrew Fleck moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Capital District Beginnings for the 2008-09 school year. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Andrew Fleck moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Crossroads Center for Children, Inc. for the 2008-09 school year. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Andrew Fleck moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Neil Hellman School-Parsons Child and Family Center for the 2008-09 school year. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Andrew Fleck moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Wildwood School for the 2008-09 school year. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- p. Andrew Fleck moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Center for Disability Services, Inc. for the 2008-09 school year. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- q. Andrew Fleck moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Pre-School Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #000113519 and 000113537. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- r. Andrew Fleck moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #000011191 and 000011041. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- s. Andrew Fleck moved acceptance of donation from Maple Hill Middle School PTO in the amount of \$724.30 in support of Maple Hill Middle School Community Charities Account. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- t. Andrew Fleck moved approval of proposal from Arnoff Moving and Storage in the amount not to exceed \$61,574.54 for moving services in connection with relocation from the CES Modular Village at the MHMS site to the new Castleton Elementary School (NYS Contract #PS62149). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- u. Andrew Fleck moved approval of Change Order for the 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 = \$6,546,216.00. Change Order #054 in the amount of \$26,612.00. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- v. Andrew Fleck moved approval of revised contract for special education services with Parsons

Child and Family Center for two (2) students for the period July 7 through August 15, 2008 in the amount of \$9,266.00 (\$4,633.00 per student); and for the period September 3, 2008 through June 25, 2009, in the amount of \$58,378.00 (\$29,189.00 per student) based on 2007-08 NYS Education Department rates. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

11. Resignations/Appointments

- a. George Warner moved approval of substitute teachers: Melissa Morse, Bradley Hartstein, Heather Mackesey. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- b. George Warner moved acceptance of resignation of Lindsay Rock, Music Teacher (.5FTE), effective February 13, 2009. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- c. George Warner moved acceptance of resignation of Kolby Flach as JV Boys Tennis Coach for 2008-09. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- d. George Warner moved approval of extracurricular advisors/coaches for 2008-09:
(1) Kolby Flach - Varsity Boys Tennis Coach. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- e. George Warner moved approval of probationary appointment of Matthew LaClair, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds II, effective January 16, 2009 through July 16, 2009. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

12. Meeting open for public discussion. None.

13. Action items. SIS, retreat agenda.

14. Executive Session: Negotiations with CSEA, SAA; pending litigation; work history of specific employee. Phyllis Weber-Scannell moved to enter into executive session at 10:45pm. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

15. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 11:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Chipman
District Clerk