

*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

January 17, 2008

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - REGULAR

Present: Paula Noll, President; Ricardo Cosgrave, Phyllis Scannell, Seth Hendrick, Beth Nichols Hesse, George Warner, Paul Puccio.

Absent: Sue Megna.

Also Present: Doug Hamlin, Superintendent; Roger Gorham, MHMS; Jason Chevrier, CES; Robert Horan, MHHS; Sherri Fisher, Director of Business and Support Services; Donna Watson, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development; Liz Chipman, District Clerk.

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 7:15 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. Paul Puccio moved to approve present agenda. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
3. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of December 20, 2007 and special meeting of January 3, 2008. Seth Hendrick moved to approve minutes of meetings of 12/20/07 and 1/3/08. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
4. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
5. Reports
 - A. TVHS - Michael Cellelo. Doug Hamlin introduced Michael Cellelo, Schodack student who is a member of the inaugural class at Tech Valley High. Michael spoke about various projects that he has been involved with at the school. Curriculum, grading system, etc. SimCity/Troy project, water testing in Hudson River, neurology project. Thanked the board for giving him the opportunity to go to Tech Valley High School, and encouraged the District to continue to send students. Questions, comments from board members.
 - B. Capital Project Construction Oversight - Ed Goodwill, Clerk of the Works. Plumbing, electrical, "rough-ins", sheet rock, etc. is progressing. Insulation removal. Safety meeting facilitated by Sano-Rubin for everyone involved in steel erection. Steel should arrive Monday, 1/21. Roof removal on old section cannot proceed until temperatures reach 30 degrees. More asbestos in old building than previously thought. Paul Puccio: there are some things of concern

that will be dealt with in a building as old as the original CES building. Continual followup and contact with architect and Ed Goodwill to resolve the issues.

C. Town Re-Assessment Impact. Doug Hamlin reported. Draft of content for District newsletter.

D. 2008-09 Budget: Facilities, Transportation, Finance and Support Services. Mary Mabb and Matt LaClair present to report on their portions of the budget. Matt LeClair outlined Facilities and Operations equipment needs: priorities and enhancements. Furniture and equipment; classroom/building requests. Transition from modular village to CES building. Utilities, debt service. Discussion. Mary Maab outlined Transportation Program budget. School bus replacement plan, utilities and fuel costs. Digital camera system for buses. Questions, discussion. Diesel fuel has increased \$1 per gallon since last year. Sherri Fisher highlighted BAN debt service. Sherri Fisher reported on Finance and Support Services budget. Account clerk, financial accounting, budgeting and purchasing software, implementation of IRS 409-B regulations. Questions, discussion. GASB 45 actuarial study, records clerk stipend, employee assistance program.

6. Policies

7. Consent agenda

A. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2007. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

B. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of November 2007. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

C. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for month of November 2007. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

D. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Extra-classroom Activity Report for month of November 2007. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

E. Paul Puccio moved approval of Band and Chorus Students trip to Williamsburg, VA (previously approved on 3/15/07 to Orlando, FL) from March 27 to March 30, 2008. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

F. Paul Puccio moved acknowledgement of change in donation from Senior Class of 2007 on 9/20/07 in the amount of \$239.00 in support of Music Department trip to Orlando, FL in March 2008, *to Williamsburg, VA, on behalf of Maple Hill High School Student Council.* Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

G. Paul Puccio moved acknowledgement of change in donation from Pat Gillespie on 9/20/07 in the amount of \$150.00 in support of Music Department trip to Orlando, FL in March 2008, *to Williamsburg, VA, on behalf of Maple Hill High School Student Council.* Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

- H. Paul Puccio moved acknowledgement of change in donation from Maple Hill Music Parents Association on 4/19/07 in the amount of \$3,000.00 in support of Music Department trip to Orlando, FL in March 2008, *to Williamsburg, VA, on behalf of Maple Hill High School Student Council.* Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- I. Paul Puccio moved acknowledgement of donation from Maple Hill Music Parents Association in the amount of \$500.00 in support of Music Department trip to Williamsburg, VA in March 2008, on behalf of Maple Hill High School Student Council. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- J. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of donation from Maple Hill Middle School PTO in the amount of \$300.00 in support of Grade 7 field trip to Boston, MA in May 2008 (bus deposit). Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- K. Paul Puccio moved approval of health services contract with North Greenbush Common School District for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$2,771.72 (\$197.98/pupil) for (14) resident students attending non-public schools. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- L. Paul Puccio moved approval of resolution to increase 2007-08 General Fund budget by \$8,655.75 to pay unanticipated emergency services from the Village of Castleton, Sano-Rubin Construction Co. and Del Signore Blacktop Paving, Inc. in relation to repair of water main break occurring on December 3, 2007 at the site of Castleton Elementary School. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- M. Paul Puccio moved approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Mazone Plumbing (Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014): Change Order #001 in the amount of \$24,360.00 to be deducted from general construction allowance, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$574,425.00; Change Order #002 in the amount of \$46,011.00, increasing total contract amount to \$620,436.00. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- N. Paul Puccio moved approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Sano-Rubin Construction Co. (Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014): Change Order #001 in the amount of \$2,426.00 to be deducted from general construction allowance, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$6,501,500.00; Change Order #002 in the amount of \$3,899.00 to be deducted from general construction allowance, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$6,501,500.00; Change Order #003 in the amount of \$1,558.00 to be deducted from general construction allowance, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$6,501,500.00; Change Order #004 in the amount of \$19,650.00 to be deducted from general construction allowance, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$6,501,500.00; Change Order #007 in the amount of \$355.00 to be deducted from general construction allowance, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$6,501,500.00. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

- O. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract with Dr. Alison Curley, Associates in Mental Health and Neuropsychology, for neuropsychological evaluation of one (1) special education pupil, in the amount of \$2,002. Cost is for initial history session (\$200), 6 hours of evaluation (\$1,602) and feedback session (\$200). Additional fees for assessment (\$267/hour). Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- P. Paul Puccio moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2007-08 special education services for students #00011994, 000113161. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- Q. Paul Puccio moved approval of *recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2007-2008 special education services for students #077948866, #118921516, #MSMSMSM, #091947420.* Seth Hendreck seconded. All present in favor.
- R. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Story Place Preschool, Inc./Children's Therapy Services for the 2007-08 school year. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- S. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Neil Hellman School/Parsons Child and Family Center for the 2007-08 school year. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- T. Paul Puccio moved approval of contract for special education services under IDEA with Crossroads Center for Children, Inc. for the 2007-08 school year. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- U. Paul Puccio moved approval of J. Andrew Fleck as member of Board of Education, effective January 17 through June 30, 2008. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- 8. Retirements
 - A. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of resignation of Bonnie M. Murphy, teacher assistant, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2008. Phyllis Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- 9. Resignations/Appointments
 - A. Beth Nichols Hesse moved approval of tenure appointment of Susan Peter (certification: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6) as teacher assistant, effective February 18, 2008. Ricardo Cogrove seconded. All present in favor.
 - B. Beth Nichols Hesse moved approval of Rachel Hoffman (certification: Students with Disabilities [Grades 1-6]; Childhood Education [Grades 1-6]) as regular substitute for Rachel Attanasio, effective January 2, 2008. Ricardo Congrave seconded. All present in favor.

- C. Beth Nichols Hesse moved emergency conditional approval of Grazyna Widmann (certification: English to Speakers of Other Languages; Kindergarten and Common Branch Subjects and Special Classes of Mentally Handicapped Children; Art; Russian 7-12), as teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages (.55 FTE), effective October 22, 2007. Salary for the 10-month position is MA Step 1. (Emergency conditional re-appointment effective January 16, 2008). Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- D. Beth Nichols Hesse moved emergency conditional approval of Kerry Novak (certification: Speech) as speech therapist (.6 FTE), effective November 14, 2007. Salary for the 10-month position is MA Step 2. (Emergency conditional re-appointment effective January 16, 2008). Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- E. Beth Nichols Hesse moved emergency conditional approval of substitute teachers: Nicole Strevell, Andrew Schulteis. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- F. Beth Nichols Hesse moved approval of non-instructional substitutes: Lindsay Meyers. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- G. Beth Nichols Hesse moved emergency conditional approval of substitute teachers (emergency conditional re-appointment effective February 4, 2008): Alan Dellehunt, Kevin Hertzell, Stacey Rattner, Victoria Roberts, Timothy VanVliet. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- H. Beth Nichols Hesse moved emergency conditional approval of non-instructional substitutes (emergency conditional re-appointment effective February 4, 2008): Janice Dikant. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- I. Beth Nichols Hesse moved approval of probationary, emergency conditional appointment of Richard Ostrander, Building Maintenance Mechanic, for 8.0 hours/day, at a rate of \$16.97/hour, effective October 29, 2007 through April 29, 2008 (emergency conditional re-appointment effective January 30, 2008). Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- J. Beth Nichols Hesse moved approval of substitute teachers: Amanda Pfisterer Rappold. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- K. Beth Nichols Hesse moved approval of change in hours for Jennifer Campbell, School Bus Driver, from 4.5 hours/day to 5.0 hours/day, effective November 11, 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- L. Beth Nichols Hesse moved approval of change in hours for Pamela Seiden, School Bus Attendant, from 4.5 hours/day to 5.0 hours/day, effective November 11, 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

- M. Beth Nichols Hesse moved approval of substitute school bus drivers: Noelle M. Gipp. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- N. Beth Nichols Hesse moved emergency conditional approval of non-instructional substitutes: Stephen Soltys. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
10. Board Discussion. Doug Hamlin: BOE members needed for color committee for elementary school. Andrew Fleck, Paul Puccio. George Warner: community education class in Chinese? Paula Noll: International Dessert Night next week. Seth Hendrick: CYO at h.s. for games, many comments from visiting teams on how nice the facility is. High School ice machine. Bob Horan: custodial staff is doing a wonderful job for all functions. Paula Noll: board member interviews on Monday night -- all candidates commented on administrative leadership in District. Doug Hamlin: possible candidate for middle school principal will visit MHMS next week. Roger Gorham: outlined plan for the visit. Questions, comments, discussion. Bob Horan: prom fashion show.
11. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
12. Action items. community ed. Chinese, color committee, dialog with village.
13. Motion to go into executive session to discuss work history of specific employees, negotiations with SCFA. Seth Hendrick moved to enter into executive session at 9:25pm. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
14. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 10:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Chipman
District Clerk

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ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO 1/17/08 BOARD AGENDA

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Appointment of Board Member

Approval of J. Andrew Fleck as member of Board of Education, effective January 17 through June 30, 2008

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