

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 3, 2008

Maple Hill Middle School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - SPECIAL

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

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

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 7:03 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. Phyllis Scannell moved to approve present agenda. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
3. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
4. Reports
 - A. Middle School Transformation and Leadership Development Progress Report. Roger Gorham reported. Focus on process to change school environment/culture, and ensuring sustained leadership. Highlighted process to change school environment/culture. Jim Farrell reported on implementation of "Wildcat Pride." Being addressed through all faculty and parent groups at the school. Kick-off day is being planned. Questions, comments, discussion from board members. All staff is involved in initiative, attendance at conference day training for "Cool Tool" lessons. Donna Watson reported on grade 5,6 and FIL Reading Initiative. Outlined process to date. Weaknesses in support for struggling readers, formative assessments. These will be areas of focus. Reading assessments. Questions, comments. Data analysis sessions. Carol Lovelett reported on AIS "Sunrise Scholars." Fourth grade implementation of new time slot after lunch for AIS and other instruction. Sunrise Scholars is another option for AIS for other grades. Invited all students who are eligible for AIS services at the middle school. Starting this new program 1/9. Discussion. Karen Harris reported on grading policy implementation. Numeric grading system has been instituted. All subject areas are counted toward evaluation and promotion. Improving middle school schedule. Roger Gorham reported on progress toward scheduling initiative. MS enrollment projection. Decrease in enrollment over next two years as result of current 7-8 grades leaving and move of 4th grade to new CES. Discussion. Ensuring sustained

leadership. Team leaders in middle school are working on Wildcat Pride; building community among faculty, staff and students; examining student achievement data; provide recommendations regarding availability and distribution of scarce resources; APPR process. Maureen Carreau reported on recycling program in the school. Ed Finney reported on sense of community and enthusiasm in the school. Penny harvest. School-wide assemblies. Ken Malloy reported on the budget questions/process change in the middle school. Doug Hamlin reported on the Principal Recruitment Process. Interview-Appointment timeline. January 15 tentatively scheduled for interviews. Candidates to visit week of January 21. BOE interview of candidates February 4. Appointment of new principal on February 7. Newly appointed candidate to start on March 10. Co-principal with Dr. Gorham until June 30. New principal July 1. Discussion of transformation process taking place at the middle school.

5. Consent agenda

a. Seth Hendrick moved approval of recommendation of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2007-08 special education services for students #000011436, 000113314. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

6. Resignations/Appointment

a. Seth Hendrick moved emergency conditional approval of substitute teachers: Joyce Thatcher. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.

7. Retirements

A. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of resignation of Daniel Gillespie, for purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2008 with great appreciation for all the effort he has made for the school and its morale, we owe a debt of gratitude. Discussion. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

8. Board discussion. Paul Puccio: would like Doug to distribute report on Iowa Studies to BOE members. Doug Hamlin: e-mailing board information rather than paper mailing. George Warner: course work available from colleges at no cost. Paul Puccio: communications committee. Seth Hendrick: how is modular village doing with snowfall and cold? Doug Hamlin: BOE interview date for new member to replace Bob Hamilton, January 14, 6:30pm. February 5 to interview final candidates for middle school principal.

9. Meeting open for public discussion. Gail Kirsch: communicating middle school process to other buildings in district, as well as general public.

10. Action items. Sunrise Scholars, AIS support from board.

11. Motion to go into executive session to discuss work history of specific employee, negotiations with SCFA. Seth Hendrick moved to enter into executive session at 9:35pm. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

12. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 10:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Chipman
District Clerk

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ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO 1/3/08 BOARD AGENDA

Consent

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