

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."

Present: Michael Hiser, Michael Charsky, Paul Puccio, Victoria Adler, Jeanne Strazza, Bruce Romanchak and Christian Olsen.

Absent: Michael Tuttle and Daniel Grandinetti

Also present: Robert Horan, Ron Agostinoni, Michael Bennett and Michele Reickert.

SCHODACK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1216 Maple Hill Road, Castleton, New York 12033-1699

July 15, 2015

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – WORKSHOP

1. Meeting called to order by President, Michael Hiser at 6:09 p.m.
2. President Michael Hiser asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Michael Charksy moved for approval of present agenda. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
4. Reports and Presentations:
 - a. Capital Project Update – Synthesis
Mr. Horan talked briefly about the past two years' worth of planning that has taken place for the Capital Project as well as a timeline for submission to SED of the final renderings. He expressed that the project is on schedule as planned.
Volker Heusel shared the plans for the middle school/high school building. He explained that there will be renovations to existing classrooms and different areas of the building as well as additions to the front and rear of the building to allow for the needed space. The design will include curved walls in the hallways allowing the structural beams to be left untouched, therefore changing the typical corridor hallway into something that is appealing to the eye. The will be an open concept design with a lot of glass; placement of glass within the building will allow restricted views into classrooms. The design is made to make even the stairways appealing to the eye, also keeping safety and security in mind. The main entrance into the lobby is planned to be open to the second floor with seating on the ground level. There was discussion about access to the athletic fields and track and how it could be make easier for visiting spectators. It was expressed that there is nothing in the design to allow access to the sports fields through the building, but that there has been discussion about opening up some more parking along the gymnasium side of the building for specified parking. Mr. Heusel expresses that the plan is to submit final renderings to State Ed for approval on September 1, 2015. He also mentioned that the turnaround from State Ed. can be

Every child will be challenged, and every child will challenge every assessment.

anywhere from 6 months up to 1 year.

5. Meeting open for public discussion: There was concern expressed about the trees that may be taken down. It was explained that no trees would be taken down in the back of the building but some would be replaced in the front. There was a question about the status of the sewer line. Mr. Horan explained that the Town, Village and Engineers are still working on the details.
6. Board Discussion: Mr. Charsky asked about when the board will be advised on the budget of the capital project and how the final plan will affect the budget. It was expressed that the design is within the budget set by SED. There was discussion about using the Middle school as turnaround space during the different phases of the construction of the building. There was discussion about how decisions will be made to add or take away from the design and how involved the board will be in making those decisions. There was discussion about the Lacrosse program and if the district should fully support the lacrosse program as a school sport. After discussion, It was expressed that for the 2015-16 school year, the district will fully fund the lacrosse program. There were questions about the impact on Title 9 and whether it will impact any other team participation. Mr. Horan asked the board to plan for a Board Retreat over the summer months and discussed different topics that should be discussed. August 13th from 5:00 to no later than 9:00 pm the board will hold their retreat.
7. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a Professional Services Retainer Agreement in the amount of \$3,000 with Computer Professionals International (CPI) for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 with services billed in accordance with the following rates: Standard Systems Engineering \$130/hour; Advanced Systems Engineering \$145/hour, Enterprise Systems Engineering \$175/hour and Support Center \$120 hour. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
8. Resignations and Appointments:
 - a. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a correction to the July 9, 2015 appointment of Rebekah Demassio, correct appointment should read: Approval of a one year appointment of Rebekah Demassio (certification: Literacy (Birth–Grade 6, Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)) as Elementary Teacher for the 2015-16 school year. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of the resignation of Richard Ostrander as Laborer – Seasonal (Grounds Helper) effective July 13, 2015. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the following Advisor(s) for the 2015-16 School Year:
 - i. Middle School Student Council Co-Advisor – James Farrell
 - ii. Middle School Student Council Co-Advisor – Everett Finney
 - iii. High School Yearbook Editorial Advisor – Kelsey Roman
 - iv. Junior Class Advisor – Kelsey Roman. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the following (1) one year appointments:
 - i. Everett Finney – Co- Computer Specialist
 - ii. James Farrell – Co-Computer Specialist
 - iii. Everett Finney – Co-Visual Aide
 - iv. James Farrell – Co-Visual Aide. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.

9. Paul Puccio moved for the approval of the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s): Kaitlyn Castle. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.

10. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, President Michael Hiser adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.