

*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

June 19, 2008

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - REGULAR

*Meeting Preceded by Reception
at 6:30 p.m. for
Class of 2008 Top Scholars
and
AP/Advanced Art Students*

Present: Paula Noll, President; Andrew Fleck, Paul Puccio, Ricardo Cosgrave, George Warner, Phyllis Weber Scannell.

Absent: Seth Hendrick, Sue Megna, Vice President; Beth Nichols Hesse.

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

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 6:45 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. Paul Puccio moved to approve present agenda. Rik Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
3. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of May 20, 2008 and special meeting of May 29, 2008. Rik Cosgrave moved approval of minutes of 5/20/08 and 5/29/08. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
4. Meeting open for public discussion. Board needs to be pro-active this year for communication. People have a mistrust of the way monies are handled. Need to be more proactive in letting people know how money is spent. Principal's list and Honor Roll in the newspaper is great public relations. Website needs to be updated frequently. Board discussion.
5. Reports
 - A. Capital Project Oversight
 - (1) Clerk-of-the Works Report - Ed Goodwill reported. Underground storm drain system, Ransom Avenue paved, sheetrock and taping, sprinkler systems, National Grid has set

poles, etc.; electrical contractor, heating contractor, window installation, bathroom wall tile. Phase III: bus garage site work. Paul Puccio expressed thanks to Ed Goodwill for his contributions to this project. George Warner: largest investment this district has undertaken. We are under budget and ahead of schedule. Need to communicate this to the community. Roof installation at CES. Storm water management. District has installed 18" water line along Ransom Ave, replacing old 6" village line.

(2) Change Orders - Phil Snyder, Stieglitz Snyder Architecture. Board questions, discussion.

(3) Progress Report - Phil Snyder, Stieglitz Snyder Architecture.

B. MS Special Education Services Delivery—Lori Colistra, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Michael Bennett, Principal, Maple Hill Middle School. Professional Development Plan committee. Proposed re-design of delivery model for special education services. Paul Puccio moved to approve proposed special education program changes. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

C. Proposed School Trips - Bob Horan. China, Costa Rica. Discussion, questions, comments from board members. Board requested information on fundraising for the trips. Concern regarding communication with/framing of message to community re: trips.

6. Policies: Salary Elections for Employees Employed for Less Than 12 Months - 1st Reading. Policy moved by consensus to second reading.

7. Consent agenda

A. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

B. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of April 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

C. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for month of April 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

D. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Extra-classroom Activity Report for month of April 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

E. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of donation from Schodack Police Benevolent Association in the amount of \$250.00 in support of Maple Hill High School SADD (After Prom Party). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

F. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of donation from Council of Community Services of NYS, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000.00 in support of Maple Hill High School SADD (After Prom Party). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

G. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of donation from Emilio Mafucci in the

amount of \$200.00 in support of Maple Hill High School Chinese/Art trip to New York City May 12, 2008, on behalf of Maple Hill High School Student Council. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

- H. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of donation from Rensselaer County Bureau of Finance in the amount of \$200.00 in support of Maple Hill High School SADD (After Prom Party). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- I. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of health services contract with North Colonie Central School District for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$439.36 for one (1) resident student attending non-public schools. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- J. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of change order for construction contract of Arcon Construction & Management Services, Inc. (Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be deducted from the construction contingency; \$0.00 change to revised contract sum amount of \$1,247,800.00: Change Order E-#009 in the amount of \$6,395.00. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- K. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of change orders for construction contract of Sano-Rubin Construction Co. (Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be deducted from the construction contingency; \$0.00 change to revised contract sum of \$6,499,725.00:
Change Order #005 in the amount of \$3,874.00
Change Order #024 in the amount of \$4,492.00
Change Order #025 in the amount of \$2,606.00
Change Order #026 in the amount of \$5,680.00 . George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- L. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of change orders for construction contract of T. Lemme Mechanical, Inc. (Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014) to be deducted from mechanical construction contingency; \$0.00 change to total contract sum of \$1,263,000.00:
Change Order M-#003 in the amount of \$1,253.00
Change Order M-#004 in the amount of \$3,483.00
Change Order M-#005 in the amount of \$2,316.00 . George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- M. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of 2007-08 School Facility Report Card. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- N. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of resolution to adopt the Pearson Education, Inc. "enVision" Math Textbook Program as the Grades K-6 Math Series and authorize the purchase as sole source of procurement at an initial estimated cost of \$38,850.68. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

- O. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of school budget re-vote results of 6/17/08: 617 Yes; 609 No. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- P. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of bus proposition re-vote results of 6/17/08: 555 Yes; 661 No. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- Q. Ricardo Cosgrave moved to remove item from agenda. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor. ITEM REMOVED. Approval of language students trip to Costa Rica in April 2009
- R. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Schodack Central School Faculty Association regarding Team Leader Stipends for 2008-09 George Warner seconded. All present in favor..
- S. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #00012232, 000113199, 000012279, 000012314, 000012282, 000012299, 000012316, 000012323, 000011210, 000011214, 000113261, 000011424, 000113305, 000113282, 000113345, 000011419, 000113266, 000113274, 000010875, 000010895, 000011367, 000010891, 000010861, 000011103, 000113455, 000010884, 000011117, 000113182, 000012395, 000011057, 000011058, 000010974, 000012375. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- T. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of non-cash donation of (50) laptop computers from NYS Tax and Finance, valued at \$12,500 in support of Schodack Central School District technology program. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- U. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of non-cash donation of (39) HP Desktop Computers from NYS Office of Aging, valued at \$9,750 in support of Schodack Central School District technology program. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- V. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of donation from Maple Hill Middle School PTO in the amount of \$214.00 in support of Grade 6 trip to NYS Museum. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- W. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of listing agreement extension with RE/MAX for residential and commercial real estate sales services in relation to District-owned property at 1943 Brookview Road, Castleton, NY, effective June 21, 2008 through December 20, 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- X. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of contract with SpecEd Solution\$ (Heidi Calhoun) in the amount of \$2,400 (\$200/month) from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for preparation, submission and reconciliation of Medicaid Reimbursement claims for eligible students with disabilities. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

Y. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of Independent Contractor Agreement with Joseph Sweeney for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 to perform computer network and technical support services on an as-needed basis, at a rate of \$27.90 per hour. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

8. Retirements

A. Phyllis Weber Scannell acceptance, with appreciation and regret, of resignation for purposes of retirement of Patricia Sprackland, School Bus Attendant, effective June 25, 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

9. Resignations/Appointments

A. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of April Nelson (certification pending: physical education, health education) as extended term substitute teacher for Jerilyn Puccio, effective November 13, 2007 through June 30, 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

B. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of Kristen Nunziato (certification: Childhood Education [Grades 1-6]) as regular substitute teacher for Stuart Morse, effective June 4, 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

C. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of three-year probationary appointment of Jacqueline Hill (certification: Childhood Education [Grades 1-6]; Students with Disabilities [Grades 1-6], Students with Disabilities [Grades 5-9], Middle Childhood Generalist [Grades 5-9] and Literacy [Birth-Grade 6] pending) as special education teacher effective September 1, 2008. Salary for the 10-month position is BS Step 1. Discussion regarding selection process. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

D. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of three-year probationary appointment of Patrick Austin (certification: Social Studies 7-12; Social Studies 5/6 Extension pending) as elementary teacher effective September 1, 2008. Salary for the 10-month position is BA Step 1. George Warner seconded. Discussion. All present in favor.

E. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of non-instructional substitutes: Susan Gosselin Clickner, Rhonda Greenway. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

F. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of emergency conditional re-appointment of substitute teachers effective June 18, 2008: Brittany Dibble, Erica Sleasman. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

G. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of permanent appointment of Paul Prostowich, School Bus Driver, effective June 21, 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

H. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of permanent appointment of Jeannine Pond,

School Bus Attendant, effective June 21, 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

10. Board Discussion - Retreat Topics/Attendance. Board expressed thanks to Roger Gorham. Retreat is 7/9 at 3pm. Discussion of retreat format. Co-Gen power plant. Internal audit function. Doug Hamlin informed board of Rensselaer City Schools proposal to form consortium for internal audit function. Board consensus is to express interest to Rensselaer City Schools District after checking with comptroller's office. Reports from building principals.
11. Meeting open for public discussion. Need for communication to teachers and staff, in addition to community.
12. Action items
13. Motion to go into executive session to discuss work history of specific employees, negotiations with SFA. George Warner moved to enter into executive session at 10:35pm. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor. Ricardo Cosgrave moved to return to regular session. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor. Ricardo Cosgrave moved to approve retirement benefits for Linda Underwood pursuant to CSEA contract (Article IX & X). Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
14. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 11:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Chipman
District Clerk