

*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

March 2, 2017

Maple Hill Middle Library

Present: Michael Hiser, Michael Charsky, Mary Yurista, Daniel Grandinetti, Victoria Adler, Bruce Romanchak, Paul Puccio and Christian Olsen

Absent: Michael Tuttle

Also Present: Lee Bordick, Monica Kim, Michael Bennett, Ron Agostinoni, Jacqueline Hill, Jason Chevrier, James Derby and Michele Reickert

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – WORKSHOP

1. Meeting called to order by President, Michael Hiser at 6:03 p.m.
2. President Hiser asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Mary Yurista moved for the approval of present agenda, Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
4. Athletic Program Recognition – Trent Svingala - Mr. Bordick spoke to the success of Trent Svingala's wrestling accomplishments and congratulated him. The board presented Trent with a certificate of recognition and each member congratulated him. His coaches and father were also congratulated.
5. Reports:
 - College & Career Readiness Programs – Questar III, Gladys Cruz and Harry Hadjiouannou Dr. Gladys Cruz shared some of the changes that have taken place in Questar district schools, and the services that Schodack purchases, additional programs available as well as summer camps offered. There was discussion about the programs and the rigor of the program. Harry Hadjiouannou explained the RFP process for the new Rensselaer Education Center as well as the projected construction costs.
 - Selection Process Update – Michael Hiser talked about the progress of the Superintendent selection process starting with a meeting with a group of community members to talk about the characteristics of a superintendent, once the applications came in from the search another community group interviewed 5 candidates, from there the board interviewed the same 5 candidates, the board will continue discussions tonight.
 - Special Education Budget / Budget - Tax Cap – Lee Bordick talked with the board about the district's debt projected through the school year 2019-20. He expressed that a significant tax increase will be necessary once the capital project debt goes on to the books unless the district plans now. There was discussion about making adjustments to the tax cap over the next 3 years to slowly lessen the expected increase in 2019-20. Mr. Bordick continued by speaking about the special education portion of the school's budget. He outlined the number of students serviced in BOCES programs and other schools, and shared that the district contracts directly with other schools that have specialized programs in their district.

- Capital Project Update – Lee Bordick and Matt LaClair spoke about the recent activity taking place at the High School and the asbestos removal that took place over break. Matt thanked the high school faculty and staff for the patience and cooperation through the process.
 - Characteristics of High Performing Schools revisited – Lee Bordick continued discussion about a previous presentation. He talked about the successes of students and the recent ranking of the graduates as number 1 in the capital district. He further talked about the themes of successful high school completion: selection of staff, leadership, building capacity, instructional program, practices, arrangements, curriculum and academic goals, monitoring: compilation, analysis, use of data, recognition, intervention and adjustments. He expressed that Schodack practices are common to these themes and contribute to high school completion.
6. Meeting open for public discussion: Mr. & Mrs. Shader, parents of a middle school student, asked the board about Tech Valley High School and expressed their son's interest in attending. They were disappointed to find out that the entry process is a lottery system and that the district supports one (1) student to attend, they asked the board to consider sending two students to Tech Valley so their son can also attend.
 7. Consent agenda: None
 8. Resignations/Appointments: None
 9. Meeting open for public discussion: None.
 10. Action items. Cost per student and net cost to district.
 11. At this time, the board of education took a tour of the Maple Hill Middle School.
 12. Christian Olsen moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter of a particular person at 7:59 pm Bruce Romanchak seconded.
 13. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, President Hiser adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.