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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 19, 2009

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - REGULAR

Present: Paula Noll, President; Paul Puccio, Phyllis Weber Scannell, Beth Nichols Hesse, Kenneth Flood, Seth Hendrick, Susan Megna, Vice President; Andrew Fleck, George Warner.

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

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. Seth Hendrick moved approval of present agenda. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
3. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of February 26, 2009 and special meeting of March 4, 2009. Andrew Fleck moved approval of minutes of 2/26/09 and 3/4/09. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
4. Reports
 - a. Construction Report - Matt LaClair. Wrap up at CES continues. Final punch list items are being addressed. Removal of CES modular village is beginning. Removal will take place over spring break. Bus garage work will also be finished over spring break. Lift at bus garage is installed and operational.
 - b. Castleton Kids - After-School Program at CES. Board members and staff of Castleton Kids present to answer questions on proposal to consolidate both their current sites to CES. Proposal information in board packets. Questions, comments from board members. Paul Puccio moved to approve the formal facilities use agreement between Schodack Central School District and the Village of Castleton regarding Castleton Kids. Andrew Fleck seconded. Discussion. All present in favor.
 - c. Community Budget Advisory Committee. John Nicholas present to report on process. He highlighted process by which committee ranked budget items to consider for reduction/removal/restructure. Highlighted committee recommendations to the board. Questions, comments, discussion from board members.
 - d. 2009-10 Draft #1 School District Budget. Doug Hamlin introduced first draft budget and outlined budget development process. External factors influencing budget: NYS budget, Federal stimulus plan, challenges to property tax assessment, state and national economy. Gov. Patterson's state budget proposal. Discussion. Impacts of current tax certiorari challenges. Steps to balance the 2009-10 budget. District response to economic crisis. Targeted savings in 2008-09, input from school community, cost reductions proposed for 2009-10. Doug highlighted proposed cost reductions, including clerical restructuring/reduction, facilities staff, transportation.

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

Supplies/materials, safety and health, curriculum/curriculum support/staff development. Reductions in instructional program and staffing. MS Guidance, MS health education, reduction in HS summer program, reduction in K-6 faculty by 4 FTE. Jason Chevrier outlined current K-4 staffing/class section configuration and proposed K-4 staffing/class section configuration. Michael Bennett outlined proposed staffing/class configuration at middle school. Questions, comments, discussion from board members. Tech Valley high school. Sherri Fisher outlined estimated expenses for 2009-10 budget. Discussion. Sherri outlined estimated revenues for 2009-10 budget. Also presented projected tax impact scenarios dependent on outcome of certiorari claims. Contingent budget scenario. Discussion. Board requested multi-year scenarios for managing reduction in assessment. Board also requested information on impact of proposed program reductions as well as cost impacts.

5. Meeting open for public discussion. Request for clarification on proposed middle school staffing changes. Change in bus schedule. Admiration for Sherri's level of knowledge and information presented. Effect of earlier school dismissal time on modified sports events. Breakfast program at CES in light of new bus times. Inclusion classes at second grade level. Tech Valley HS. Assessment grievances. Tax base.
6. Policies
 - a. Revisions to Policy 7-300 Leave Under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) [including Response Form 7-300F and Administrative Regulations 7-300R] - 3rd Reading. George Warner moved to adopt policy. Ken Flood seconded. All present in favor.
7. Board Discussion. George: MS apply for NYSERTA award? Paula: will not be seeking re-election. Beth: will not be seeking re-election. Building principals offered update on events and news at each school.
8. Consent agenda
 - a. Sue Megna moved acceptance of Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2009. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Sue Megna moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of January 2009. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Sue Megna moved acceptance of Extra-classroom Activity Report for the month of January 2009. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Sue Megna moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the month of January 2009. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Sue Megna moved acceptance of non-cash donation of replacement sheets for basketball traction mats at Maple Hill High School, from Sacred Heart of Castleton CYO Basketball, valued at \$159.80, in support of Schodack Central School District Athletic Program. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

- f. Sue Megna moved acceptance of non-cash donation of (4) JBL Model MR905 speakers, from the College of Saint Rose, valued at \$1,000.00, in support of general school district operations. (Speakers will be used in the auditoriums at Castleton Elementary and Maple Hill Middle Schools). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Sue Megna moved acceptance of two legislative grants from the office of former Senator Joseph Bruno in the amounts of \$100,000.00 and \$50,000.00 in support of general school district operations. George Warner seconded. Discussion. All present in favor.
- h. Sue Megna moved acceptance of legislative grant from the office of former Senator Joseph Bruno in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of supporting the purchase of playground equipment for Castleton Elementary School. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Sue Megna moved acceptance of donation from Castleton Elementary School PTO in the amount of \$18,886.58 for the purpose of supporting the purchase of playground equipment for Castleton Elementary School. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Sue Megna moved approval of resolution to increase the 2008-09 General Fund Budget by \$28,886.58 to support costs associated with the purchase of playground equipment for Castleton Elementary School, to be offset by a \$10,000.00 legislative grant from the office of former Senator Joseph Bruno and a \$18,886.58 gift/donation from Castleton Elementary School PTO. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Sue Megna moved acceptance of donation from Catholic Charities of Rensselaer County (Concerns U) in the amount of \$131.85 in support of Maple Hill Middle School Work Study Program. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Sue Megna moved acceptance of donation from Stewart's Foundation in the amount of \$500.00 in support of Maple Hill Middle School Work Study Program. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Sue Megna moved approval of Consulting Agreement with Needham Risk Management Resource Group, LLC for consultation and maintenance of health and safety programs and for personnel and human resource management services, effective April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009, at the rate of \$1,700.00 per calendar month for up to 21 hours per month; authorized services in excess of total hours for three-month period (63.00 hours) at a rate of \$65.00/hour. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Sue Megna moved approval of contract with West Central Environmental Corp. for removal and disposal of underground bulk petroleum storage tank located at Maple Hill High School at a cost of \$5,790.38 (price does not include backfill or disposal of any contaminated soil encountered). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

- o. Sue Megna moved approval of resolution to adopt the 2009-10 tax exemption budget disclosure forms RP-495 and RP-495-PILOT and to authorize the Superintendent or designee to post information on the school website, include in public notices on the budget and attach to budget reports. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- p. Sue Megna moved approval of creation of (3) Extra-Classroom Activity Fund Class Accounts, effective March 20, 2009: Class of 2013, Class of 2014, Class of 2015. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- q. Sue Megna moved nomination of Paul Puccio to serve a three-year term as member on the Questar III Board of Cooperative Education Services for Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- r. Sue Megna moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Pre-School Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #000113533, 000113539, 000113531. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- s. Sue Megna moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #000113540, 078922832. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- t. Sue Megna moved approval of special Board of Education meeting to be held at 7 p.m. on April 7, 2009 in the Maple Hill High School library. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- u. Sue Megna moved acknowledgement of donation from Target/Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$131.62 in support of Maple Hill Middle School PAC Account (Educational Program). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- v. Sue Megna moved acknowledgement of donation from Target/Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$148.11 in support of Maple Hill High School PAC Account (Educational Program). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- w. Sue Megna moved approval of grant award (gift card) from Best Buy in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be used for the purchase of laptop computers for use in Maple Hill High School science classrooms. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- x. Sue Megna moved approval of proposal from PlaySafe Playground Systems of NY Inc. (NYS Contract #PC62101), in the amount of \$28,886.58 for the purchase of playground equipment for the Castleton Elementary School to be funded by donations from the Castleton Elementary School PTO and a grant in aid from the office of former Senator Joseph Bruno. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- y. Sue Megna moved approval of proposal from PlaySafe Playground Systems of NY Inc. in the

amount of \$9,900.00 for the removal and reinstallation of playground equipment (from the Maple Hill Middle School site to the Castleton Elementary School site) to be funded through the Castleton Elementary School Capital Construction Project (Project #4915-01-04-0001-014). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

9. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of resignation of Kim Austin, Secretary II, for the purpose of retirement, effective end of day November 13, 2009. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Paul Puccio moved approval of substitute teachers: Regina Maier, Terasita Reddix, Heather Flood, Joyanne Lemka-Caola. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Paul Puccio moved approval of non-instructional substitutes: Zachary Despart, Lynn Wolfner. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Paul Puccio moved approval of MS Team Leaders as Extra-Curricular Faculty Advisors for 2008-09, effective March 20, 2009:
 - (1) Karen Sweet - Class of 2013 (Grade 8)
 - (2) Judith DiPrima - Class of 2014 (Grade 7)
 - (3) Everett Finney - Class of 2015 (Grade 6). Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Paul Puccio moved approval of extracurricular advisors/coaches for 2008-09:
 - (4) Katherine Hudson-Sabens - All County Music Supervision (Spring)
 - (5) Brian Keller - Boys JV Tennis Coach
 - (6) Timothy Prall - Boys 7th/8th Grade Track Coach. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - f. Paul Puccio moved approval of Michael Dobin (certification: Physical Education) as regular substitute teacher (.5 FTE -vacancy created by resignation of Patrick Kenna), effective March 4, 2009. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - g. Paul Puccio move acceptance of resignation of Carol Nato, School Bus Attendant, for the purpose of retirement, effective April 15, 2009. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - h. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of resignation of Rebecca Hough, Librarian, effective June 30, 2009. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
10. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
11. Action items. Budget. Multi-year scenarios. Assemblyman Gordon.
12. Executive Session: Negotiations with CSEA, SAA; pending litigation; work history of specific

employee. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved to enter into executive session at 11:10pm. All present in favor.

13. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 11:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Elizabeth Chipman
District Clerk