

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 20, 2008

CES Village Cafeteria

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - REGULAR

Present: George Warner, Seth Hendrick, Beth Nichols Hesse, Paul Puccio, Andrew Fleck, Sue Megna, Vice President; Paula Noll, President; Phyllis Weber Scannell, Ricardo Cograve (8:50pm).

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

6:30 p.m. Legal Seminar: Beth Bourassa and Carrie Flynn, Attorneys, Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 7:14 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. Seth Hendrick moved to approve present agenda. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
3. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of February 27, 2008 and special meeting of March 6, 2008. Seth Hendrick moved to approve minutes of 2/27/08 and 3/6/08. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
4. Meeting open for public discussion. Seth Hendrick moved to open second public discussion following presentation of draft 2 of budget. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
5. Reports
 - A. Capital Project
 - 1.) Phase III Bids - Phil Snyder, SSA, present to report. General contractor, mechanical trade, plumbing all came in within anticipated ranges. Electrical bid came in much higher than anticipated. Would like to re-bid electrical portion of the budget. Questions, comments, discussion. Architectural firm's electrical estimator mis-estimated. Phone system more expensive than anticipated. Video streaming cable in the classrooms. Phil highlighted timeline for electrical re-bid. Meeting at CES regarding standardization of boilers and temperature controls. Buy out for current

subcontractor on work done to date. Change to more efficient boilers will save wear and tear on boilers and will pay back in fuel costs to the district within 5-6 years.

2.) Construction Report - Ed Goodwill. Construction timeline at CES is approx. two months ahead of schedule. Heating, electrical, piping, underground conduit. Steel should be finished around main entrance and decking by 3/25. Will pour concrete beginning 3/26. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved to add public discussion session following construction report. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor. Questions, comments, discussion from board members continues.

B. Public Discussion.

C. 2008-09 Draft #2 Budget. Doug Hamlin reported. Board requested that budget be reduced to contingency budget level. Draft 2 budget changes. Reductions to reach contingency spending cap level. Questions, comments, discussion. Restoration of BOCES aid. Board consensus is to incorporate proposed reductions/additions to Draft 3 budget.

D. Public Discussion. Student Information System. PASS program at the high school. School Master. Sunrise Scholars. Contingency budget. Questar. Mandarin Chinese.

E. Capital project funding. Sherri highlighted scenarios for funding. Local share impact of funding scenarios.

F. Town Re-Assessment Impact. Doug Hamlin reported. No calls to District office at this time. Assessment base numbers have not been released.

G. Budget Communication Plan - Linda Underwood reported. Budget Town Hall Meetings. Board representation at meetings.

6. Policies - 1st Reading

A. Revision to Cellular Telephone Policy Regulations 3-222R. Questions, discussion. Policy moved by consensus to second reading.

7. Consent agenda

A. Seth Hendrick moved acceptance of Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

B. Seth Hendrick moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of January 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

C. Seth Hendrick moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for month of January 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

D. Seth Hendrick moved acceptance of Extra-classroom Activity Report for month of January 2008. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

E. Seth Hendrick moved acceptance of non-cash donation of five (5) used LCD projectors from Saint Rose College valued at \$1,250.00 in support of Schodack Central School District-wide use. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

- F. Seth Hendrick moved approval of disposition of district property in accordance with Board of Education Policy #4-206: (2) damaged café tables; (1) 3-door, reach-in freezer (n/operating); (1) window A/C (n/operating); (1) carpet extractor (n/operating); (1) kiln; (25) Pentium 1 PC's (no software); (12) Mac PC's (no software); (2) printers; (15) monitors; (1) milk cooler (n/operating); (1) engine (318 Dodge short block); (1) engine (350 Chevy long block); pallet of misc. bus parts (never used). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- G. Seth Hendrick moved approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Sano-Rubin Construction Co. (Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014): Change Order #014 in the amount of \$7,359.00 to be deducted from general construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$6,501,500.00 Change Order #015 in the amount of \$1,780.00 to be deducted from general construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$6,501,500.00. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- H. Seth Hendrick moved approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Arcon Construction & Management Services, Inc. (Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014): Change Order E-#001 in the amount of \$1,245.00 to be deducted from general construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$1,263,000.00 Change Order E-#002 in the amount of \$5,813.00 to be deducted from general construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$1,263,000.00 Change Order E-#003 in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be deducted from general construction contingency, \$0.00 change to total contract amount of \$1,263,000.00. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- I. Seth Hendrick 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, 2008 through June 30, 2008, at the rate of \$2,050.00 per calendar month for up to 26.65 hours per month. Authorized services in excess of total hours for three-month period (79.95 hours) at a rate of \$65.00/hour. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- J. Seth Hendrick moved approval of resolution for adoption of Houghton Mifflin © 2008 Early Success and Houghton Mifflin Leveled Readers as the Grade 5-6 Reading Series and designation of the textbook series as a sole source procurement. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- K. Seth Hendrick moved approval of the following Negative Change Orders for the construction contract of Sano-Rubin Construction Co. (Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0001-014): Change Order #016 in the amount of (-\$1,000) to be deducted from the contract sum;

new contract sum including this change order will be \$6,500,500.00

Change Order #017 in the amount of (-\$775.00) to be deducted from the contract sum; new contract sum including this change order will be \$6,499,725.00. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

- L. Seth Hendrick moved acknowledgement of donations from Target Take Charge of Education
- 1.) in the amount of \$102.59 in support of Maple Hill High School PAC Account
 - 2.) in the amount of \$350.80 in support of Maple Hill Middle School PAC Account.
- George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

8. Retirements

9. Resignations/Appointments

- A. Sue Megna moved emergency conditional approval of substitute teachers (emergency conditional re-appointment effective April 2, 2008): Alan Dellehunt, Andrew Schultheis, Nicole Strevell, Joyce Thatcher. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- B. Sue Megna moved emergency conditional approval of non-instructional substitutes (emergency conditional re-appointment effective April 2, 2008): Deborah Maratto, Paul Miller. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- C. Sue Megna moved emergency conditional approval of Roberta Nicholson as Claims Auditor, at the rate of \$17.44/hour for four (4) hours/week, effective February 8, 2008 (emergency conditional re-appointment effective April 2, 2008). Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- D. Sue Megna moved approval of substitute teachers: Amy Thiel. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- E. Sue Megna moved emergency conditional approval of non-instructional substitutes: Kelly Layton. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- F. Sue Megna moved approval of extracurricular advisors/coaches for 2007-08:
(1) Randall Kelly - Volunteer Assistant Baseball (emergency conditional appointment).
Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- G. Sue Megna moved approval of decrease in hours for Lisa Clevenger, Teacher Assistant, from 6.5 to 6.0 hrs/day, effective March 21, 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
- H. Sue Megna moved approval of increase in hours for Lisa Clevenger, Teacher Assistant, from 6.0 to 6.5 hrs/day (Monday through Thursday only), on an as-needed basis effective March 21, 2008 through May 22, 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.

- I. Sue Megna moved approval of decrease in hours for Valerie Camper, Teacher Assistant, from 6.5 to 6.0 hrs/day, effective March 21, 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - J. Sue Megna moved approval of increase in hours for Valerie Camper, Teacher Assistant, from 6.0 to 6.5 hrs/day (Monday through Thursday only), on an as-needed basis effective March 21, 2008 through May 22, 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - K. Sue Megna moved approval of decrease in hours for Concetta Zobre, Teacher Assistant, from 6.5 to 6.0 hrs/day, effective March 21, 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - L. Sue Megna moved approval of increase in hours for Concetta Zobre, Teacher Assistant, from 6.0 to 6.5 hrs/day (Monday through Thursday only), on an as-needed basis effective March 21, 2008 through May 22, 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - M. Sue Megna moved approval of decrease in hours for Kathy Shapiro, Teacher Assistant, from 6.5 to 6.0 hrs/day, effective March 21, 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
 - N. Sue Megna moved approval of increase in hours for Kathy Shapiro, Teacher Assistant, from 6.0 to 6.5 hrs/day (Monday through Thursday only), on an as-needed basis effective March 21, 2008 through May 22, 2008 Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
10. Board Discussion. Doug Hamlin: draft 2008-09 school calendar. Extended break in February in order to move from CES village to completed CES building. George Warner: project oversight. Would like Andrew to join committee. Communication between teachers and parents. Sue Megna: small cities grant update. Jason Chevrier: kindergarten visit to high school went on virtual field trip to Chicago Zoo. Third graders will "visit" Buffalo Zoo. Science virtual field trip also coming up. Roger Gorham: welcomed Michael Bennett to the middle school. Schoolwide assembly to welcome him. Transition going well. Michael Bennett: thanked school and board for transition time and welcome. GHI workforce run in May, issued challenge to faculty/staff. Bob Horan: Colin Strainge doing a great job in distance learning lab. "Hillstock" at the high school tonight. Peewee wrestling. Fall and winter sports, not one athlete was on an academic plan. For spring sports, only two students. Presented in San Francisco on distance learning and Mandarin Chinese. George Warner: distance learning in other buildings? Doug Hamlin: donations to Africa of student supplies. Phyllis Weber Scannell: reporting total \$ of scholarships senior class is offered.
11. Meeting open for public discussion. Wildcat pride. Kudos to coaches on bus trips.

12. Action items. Budget.

13. Motion to go into executive session to discuss work history of specific employees, negotiations with SFA. Beth Nichols Hesse moved to enter into executive session at 10:00pm. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

14. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Chipman
District Clerk

9. Resignations/Appointments

D. Approval of substitute teachers: Amy Thiel

E. Emergency conditional approval of non-instructional substitutes: Kelly Layton

F. Approval of extracurricular advisors/coaches for 2007-08:

(1) Randall Kelly - Volunteer Assistant Baseball (emergency conditional appointment)

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