

*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, 2014

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

1. Meeting called to order by Superintendent Horan at 6:06 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of present agenda, Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
4. Bruce Romanchak moved to elect Mary Yurista as temporary chairperson for the current board meeting. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
5. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of minutes of regular meeting January 16, 2014 and February 27, 2014, Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
6. Reports:
 - a. Student presentation: Interdisciplinary Project – Sandy Strock, Caitlin Colwell, Sue Wollner and students presented on the integration of the Common Core into the English and Global studies curriculum and the collaboration of the teachers and students. The teachers explained that they have utilized Google Drive to share class information with the students therefore making it available to the students anywhere that they have computer access. Teachers expressed that the role of a teacher has changed and they have become coaches in a sense. Coaching the students through their studies and helping them to use modern technology and collaboration to complete projects and assignments. Students presented their projects for the board. The teachers shared Portfolios created by students. Students were expected to create a site and add content to the site as the class progressed. Teachers can comment and help students through commenting on the site pages.
 - b. Budget – Monica Kim and Robert Horan presented the Draft 2 of the 2014-15 Budget. The Administrators have worked hard to create a budget that has the least negative effect on the academics and to be creative and put students first. They expressed that a large amount of salaries are currently being paid from grants and will continue in the 2014-15 school year. While the district does not like to rely on grants for salaries, they have to do what is best for the students.
 - c. Athletic Leagues – Mark Bubniak presented on changes to the different conferences for sports. The district joined the Patroon conference in the early 1980's. The Patroon Conference currently consists of 9 schools. There are various reasons to change. A conference changes depending on the size of the schools, or sometimes the geographical areas. The district is not

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

looking to change conferences at this time but there are a lot of discussions and blogs in the athletic world that have brought up questions in our community. There is a lot of misinformation out there and the district wanted to clear things up.

7. Board discussion: Mr. Horan talked briefly about his recent meeting with the volleyball parents. He met with them for 1:45 minutes to discuss their disappointment in the district eliminating boys' volleyball. He explained the process of eliminating or changing what is offered by the district both academically and athletically and that it is not a public or board vote, but a decision of the Superintendent. Male and female opportunities have always been a topic in the district; the district has offered more male sporting opportunities than female. The district has been monitoring athletics and has been researching Title IX guidelines. There was extensive conversation about a committee that will be looking at our athletics and what modifications we may need to make in the future.
8. Meeting open for public discussion: There was additional discussion about volleyball and that it is disappointing that the students were not allowed a voice in the decision. A member of the public recommended some savings to the budget, such as not increasing sports in the 2014-15 school year saving the 8% increase, having elementary students near the elementary school walk to school, allow an opt out program to decrease the transportation costs eliminating those residences.
9. Board discussion: There was discussion about the net effect of the retirements for the 2014-15 school year, further clarification of conversations with officials about boys volleyball, and if there can be a reduction to the tax levy after voting on the budget in April.
10. Policies: Paul Puccio moved for 2nd reading and adoption of polices a. through e. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor, policies adopted.
 - a. Communicable Diseases – 2nd reading and adoption.
 - b. Health Records – 2nd reading and adoption.
 - c. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Related Illnesses – 2nd reading and adoption.
 - d. Immunization of Students – 2nd reading and adoption.
 - e. Administration of Medication – 2nd reading and adoption.
11. Consent agenda
 - a. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of Treasurers report for the month of January 2014. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of Claims Auditor Report for the month of January 2014. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Paul Puccio moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2013-2014 special education services for students: 000114581, 000114583, and 000114605. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

- d. Paul Puccio moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2013-2014 students: 000113804, 000011106, 000113479, 000113994, 082340007, 000113233, 000011394, 000114607, and 000114235. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a health services contract with North Greenbush Common School District for the 2013-14 school year at a rate of \$216.00 per student for 5 non-resident students attending non- public schools. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - f. Paul Puccio moved for approval of an architectural and engineering contract extension between Synthesis Architects LLP and Schodack Central School District for the purpose of design and implementation of the most appropriate capital project to meet the district's needs. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - g. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a SEQRA resolution indicating Negative Declaration for the District's Capital Improvement Project. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - h. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a resolution establishing the scope of the Schodack Central School District Capital Project and adopting a proposition in an amount not to exceed \$1.25 million and be presented to voters on May 20, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - i. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of a donation from ETS in the amount of \$1,200.00 in support of the Maple Hill High School English Department. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - j. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,200.00 from ETS and to increase the General Fund Revenue Code A2705 and Expense Code A2110.450.30-1500 by \$1,200.00. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - k. Paul Puccio moved for acknowledgement of a donation from Stewarts Foundation in the amount of \$750.00 in support of the Community Charities Account. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - l. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a health services contract with North Colonie Central School District for the 2013-14 school year at a rate of \$458.70 per student for 12 non-resident students attending non- public schools. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - m. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a health services contract with Lansingburgh Central School District for the 2013-14 school year at a rate of \$455.71 per student for 6 non-resident students attending non- public schools. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
12. Resignations/Appointments:
- a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the resignation of Kathleen Shapiro, Teaching Assistant, effective March 14, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

- b. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the appointment of Annemarie Gleason as regular substitute teacher for Sandra Silva effective February 12, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the change in appointment of Jeffrey Gibney, Monitor from probationary to permanent effective September 4, 2013. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the change in appointment of Denise Bates, School Bus Driver from probationary to permanent effective September 12, 2013. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the change in appointment of Leo Heroux, School Bus Driver from probationary to permanent effective September 12, 2013. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - f. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the probationary appointment of Richard Ostrander, Laborer – Seasonal (Grounds Helper), effective April 7, 2014 at a rate of \$17.03, granting 1 year advance service credit placing him at the job rate. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - g. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the following coach(es) for the 2013-14 school year:
 - i. Melissa Morse – Modified Softball Coach. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - h. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of substitute teacher(s): Desmond Ellis, and Lisa DeMarco. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - i. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of non-instructional substitute(s): None. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
13. Meeting open for public discussion. A member of the public asked if Draft #2 of the Budget is available online.
14. Action items. Follow up conversation with individuals regarding Volleyball. Information on Private Parochial Transportation.
15. Bruce Romanchak moved to enter Executive Session to discuss specifics of contract negotiations of CSEA, SFA and Superintendent. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
16. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, Bruce Romanchack moved to re-enter regular session and adjourn at 8:00 pm. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.