

*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."*

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SCHODACK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1216 Maple Hill Road, Castleton, New York 12033-1699

**March 23, 2017**

**Maple Hill High School Library**

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

Absent: Daniel Grandinetti

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR**

1. Meeting called to order by President, Michael Hiser at 6:01 p.m.
2. President Hiser asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of present agenda, Christian Olsen seconded. All present in favor.
4. Approval of minutes: February 14, 2017
5. Reports:
  - Completed Superintendent Search to run comprehensive and transparent search, started in September with a group of stakeholders. They came up with a list of attributes they would like to see. The District retained Questar to facilitate the search. There were 22 applicants who all were of high caliber showing that our district is desirable. Another stakeholders group was set up to interview 6 candidates, from that the board interviewed all candidates and selected 2 to be interviewed one more time and after much discussion, the board agreed unanimously to select Jason Chevrier to be the next Superintendent. Once a contract has been agreed to Jason Chevrier will be appointed. Jason thanked the board for the opportunity and expressed that he looks forward to the challenge.
  - April 12, Paul Puccio and others will be honored
  - CEIP – Ron Agostinoni and Christopher VanDerbeck and Students - Mr. Bordick introduced Ron Agostinoni who shared with the board what CEIP is and how it helps students. Christopher VanDerbeck talked about the CEIP program and shared what students from Schodack are doing different business throughout the Capital District. Kyler Randall shared his experiences at an architectural firm, CSArch that he interns at. He shared the results of a project he designed and tips he learned from architects he worked with.
  - 2017-18 Budget Draft 2 – Lee Bordick and Monica Kim - Mr. Bordick talked about the goals of the budget there is need for \$333,893 in revenues and/or reductions, it is expected that the district can obtain that through State Aid and Health Insurance costs. There was discussion about the increase in debt in coming years and how the district could use debt reserve level the increases. Mrs. Kim talked about the proposed expenses for the 2017-18 school year. There was discussion about areas the district was able to save as well as changes in revenue. She explained tax cap calculations and the

history of the district's tax cap. The goals for the final Superintendent's budget were outlined and reserve fund balances were shared. The district will have a proposition to purchase school buses, 2 large, 66 passenger and 1 small, 22 passenger buses. There was discussion about the tax cap and what the district's options are.

- Transfer to Capital - The district has \$100,000 in a Capital Reserve account and is planning to use the capital reserve before June 30, 2017, the funds will be used for a new electronic sign at the high school, to replace ceiling tiles in the cafeteria and upgrade lighting.
- Capital Project Interior Renderings – Ron Agostinoni shared internal renderings of the high school and explained details of the renderings to the board.
- Mr. Bordick shared additional proposals to be addressed with the remaining capital project funds. There was discussion that the district could use remaining funds after these projects to pay back debt on the project.
  - a. Auditorium upgrades were shared and discussed
  - b. HS Kitchen Proposal was shared and discussed
  - c. Technology Room Proposal was shared and discussed
  - d. Sewer Project – Update Bus Garage was discussed.

6. Meeting open for public discussion: None.

7. District news / Committee Reports:

- District News:

- CES – Mr. Derby shared some activities that have taken place at the elementary school, the World Gala being one. Students get public speaking experience and share their research on various things of the world, Grade 2/3 sleep over at CES, Gr. 2 participation in Music in our schools, State testing coming up. There was discussion about opt outs and how many students have been opted out.
- Middle School – The middle school has their drama performance tonight and tomorrow night, Gr. 8 orientation took place at the high school last week.
- High School – Blue Ribbon Nomination application is being worked on and is due. The district was one of 19 schools out of 700+ schools to receive the award, the Jr. Class field trip to Hyde park museum. The All Night Party took place last week and was well attended.
- District – Mr. Bordick talked about activities throughout the district and expressed that there is always something going on in this district, day and night. Mr. LaClair thanked the custodial staff for their commitment to the district through the storm and cleanup after.

- Committee Reports:

- CES Building Planning Committee – Michael Tuttle. Mr. Derby talked about a recent meeting talking about current activities and what activities to continue in future years. Restructuring of report cards and what parents may want to see.
- MS/HS Building Planning Committee – Paul Puccio and Michael Charsky – Clubs and activities were discussed at the meeting and how they can change once it is a 7-12 building. The consensus is that it will be a 7-12 building, 7-12 yearbook, etc
- Professional Development Planning Committee – Bruce Romanchak – Mr. Chevrier talked about meetings that took place with vendors that they could potentially use to meet the district's needs. The team met with vendors and then together to discuss further the needs.
- Technology Committee – Christian Olsen and Mary Yurista – Jason Chevrier shared that the committee went through comments of a recent survey of technology in the classroom

and integrating that with pedagogy in a K-12 sequence.

- NYSSBA Legislative Liaison – Michael Hiser - Nothing new. Monica Kim expressed that both Houses in the Senate have asked for more foundation aid to schools, but Schodack is already at the top of the foundation
- Health and Safety / SAVE Committee – Victoria Adler – Michael Bennett talked about NARCAN and the use of NARCAN in school districts and funding to train people to use it. There is a cost involved in getting NARCAN and there is still further research to be done.
- Audit Committee – Daniel Grandinetti, Mary Yurista, and Christian Olsen – Nothing new.
- Policy Committee – Bruce Romanchak and Victoria Adler – Nothing new.
- Building Visitation Committee – All members as a whole – Nothing New.
- Capital Project Representation Committee – Michael Hiser, Christian Olsen, Michael Charsky and Paul Puccio – Matt LaClair will let the board know when the next meeting is.
- Schodack Wildcat Foundation, Inc. – Paul Puccio – Board meeting this past week, things are shaping up and focus is now on the grant process and fundraising.

8. Board discussion:

• Board Goals:

- Conduct an effective, transparent and successful Superintendent appointment process.
- Become more knowledgeable regarding current trends of educational advancement.
- Board of Education members to commit to personal involvement in school events of 3-5 times minimum per year.
- All Board of Education members will be fully trained as required by NYSED guidelines.
- Board of Education to evaluate and decide the question of whether the consolidation may involve a change in the school time for starting/ending.
- Board of Education to evaluate and decide whether there should be a change in the transportation of students, especially involving the consolidation, in terms of which students ride, and what distance students may walk.

- May Yurista talked about a meeting she attended at Questar relating to board and administrative relationships.

- Questar III Annual Budget Vote April 25, 2017 the board discussed potential times for the board meeting and decided to come up with a time at the next board meeting.

9. Policies: Mr. Puccio requested changes to the 4511 policy to take the responsibility off the Board of Education to select textbooks, he requested the responsibility be change to reflect the Superintendent having the responsibility.

Bruce Romanchak moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the following policies, Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.

- a. 4321.9 Declassification of Students with Disabilities
- b. 4321.11 Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures Upon a Finding of Significant Disproportionality
- c. 4321.13 Preschool Special Education
- d. 4321.14 Special Education Personnel

- e. 4325 Academic Intervention Services
- f. 4326 Programs for English Language Learners
- g. 4327 Homebound Instruction
- h. 4511 Textbook Selection and Adoption
- i. 4513 Library Materials Selection

Moved by consensus to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

10. Consent agenda

- a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month of January 2017. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- b. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2017. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of an agreement between Schodack Faculty Association and Schodack Central School District for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the following buses to be declared surplus and to be disposed of by the district in accordance with district policy:

Bus #	Year	Make	Pass
81	1998	Suburban	7
99	2004	Ford	22
100	2005	Intl	43
102	2004	Ford	22
103	2004	Ford	22

Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.

- e. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a health services contract with Averill Park Central School District for (1) one resident student attending non-public schools, at a rate of \$537.28 per student. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- f. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a health services contract with North Greenbush Common School District for (8) eight resident students attending non-public schools, at a rate of \$236.80 per student. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- g. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a Cooperative Agreement between Hudson Valley Community College and Schodack Central School District for College in the HS courses for the period September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- h. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the 2017-2018 school district calendar. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.

- i. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a contract with Education, Inc. for education services for (1) one student at a rate of \$50.00 per hour. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.

#### 11. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Christian Olsen moved for acceptance of the resignation of Katherine Ashby, Teaching Assistant, effective February 16, 2017. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- b. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the continuation of an unpaid leave of absence for Annette Segarra commencing May 1, 2017 for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- c. Christian Olsen moved for approval the continuation of a leave of absence for Amy McGarvey-Roe, Teaching Assistant, 6 hours per day effective May 1, 2017 for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- d. Christian Olsen moved for approval of continued appointment of Amy McGarvey-Roe as extended term substitute for Annette Segarra commencing May 1, 2017 and continuing for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- e. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the continuation of a leave of absence for Dawn Renslow, Teaching Assistant, 4 hours per day to fill a 6 hour leave of absence effective May 1, 2017 and continuing for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- f. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the temporary appointment of Dawn Renslow, Teaching Assistant, 6 hours per day at a rate of \$17.97 per hour, effective May 1, 2017 through the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- g. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the appointment of Carissa Zuniga, .4 FTE ESOL teacher effective February 27, 2017. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- h. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the probationary appointment of Katherine Matrese, Head Bus Driver, effective March 24, 2017 through September 24, 2017. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- i. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the following coach(es) for the 2016-17 school year:
  - i. David Austin – Boys Varsity Tennis
  - ii. Dennis Shields – Girls JV Softball substitute coach (March 6, 2017 through March 17, 2017)
  - iii. Regina Maier – Girls JV Softball (March 20, 2017 through May 11, 2017)
 Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- j. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the following volunteer assistant coach(es):
  - i. James Farrell – Boys & Girls Varsity Track
  - ii. Lee Wetherby – Boys and Girls Varsity Track
  - iii. Scott Monuteaux – Varsity Baseball
  - iv. Jim Canonica – Varsity Baseball

- v. Rick Randall – Varsity Lacrosse
  - vi. Alissa Pryde – Girls JV Softball
- Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

k. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the following substitute(s): Ashley Cunningham, Michelle Venne, Amy Beaudoin, and Thomas Hotalen. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

l. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the following non-instructional substitute(s): Michelle Venne & Jacob Hill. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

12. Meeting open for public discussion. None.

13. Action items. None.

14. Bruce Romanchak moved to enter Executive Session at to discuss Superintendent Contract Negotiations and personal matter of a particular person. Mary Yurista seconded. All present in favor.

15. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, President Hiser moved to adjourn the meeting at