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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

May 8, 2014

Maple Hill High School Library

Present: Michael Hiser, Jeanne Strazza, Mary Yurista, Daniel Grandinetti, Bruce Romanchak, Paul Puccio, and Michael Charsky

Absent: Andrew Fleck and George Warner

Also Present: Robert Horan, Monica Kim, Ron Agostinoni, Michael Bennett, James Derby and Michele Reickert

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – WORKSHOP 6:30 pm

1. Meeting called to order by Board Vice-President, Michael Hiser at 6:32 p.m.
2. Mary Yurista moved for approval of present agenda, Jeanne Strazza seconded. All present in favor.
3. Vice President, Hiser, asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Approval of minutes: None.
5. Reports/Presentations:
 - a. Meet the Candidates – Introduction of Mary Yurista, Christian Olsen, Paul Puccio and Victoria Adler. Each candidate introduced themselves and spoke about what made them want to run for board member and a little about their history in Schodack.
 - b. 2014-15 Adopted Budget Hearing – Robert Horan and Monica Kim presented the final adopted budget for 2014-15.
6. Board Discussion. The board discussed the possibility of a reevaluation of the taxes in the town and the effect it would have on school taxes. A member mentioned that he has been approached at some events and has had residents express concern of secrecy within the Athletic Committee and that the comments were subjective comments more than specific comments. The board expressed that the meetings are open and encourage community members as well as students to come to the meetings. There was extensive discussion of what the goal of the committee is, and about the potential benefits of changing to a different conference. There was discussion about the recent Town Center Planning meeting and the potential benefits to the Town taxes, however there may not be a benefit to the school taxes as originally hoped. There was some discussion

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about the potential casino in East Greenbush and how the district might benefit. Mr. Horan explained some of the details of a future capital project and that he will start meeting with general contractors and talking about what we are thinking about doing and get their feedback. Monica gave an update on the propane bus; the bus went into service in February, runs cleaner, quieter, warms up quicker does not need to be moving to heat the inside like a diesel bus does. Transportation department is happy with it.

7. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
8. Policies:
 - a. Workers' Compensation – Michael Charsky moved for 2nd reading and adoption, Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Non-Sufficient Fund Checks – Michael Charsky moved for 2nd reading and adoption, Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
9. Consent agenda:
 - a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Reports for the month of March 2014. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the Claims Auditor's report for the month of March 2014. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the 2014-15 Budget Notice. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of Health Insurance Premium Rates for Blue Shield of Northeastern NY, Express scripts, CDPHP, and MVP for the 2014-15 school year based on Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Health Insurance Trust. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Bruce Romanchak moved to acknowledge Schodack Central School District's receipt of Utica National Insurance's School Safety Excellence Award received March 24, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - f. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a Retainer Agreement with Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP to provide legal services to the Schodack Central School District at an annual rate of \$8,000.00, (payable in quarterly installments of \$2,000.00) w/a blended hourly rate of \$205.00 for matters outside the retainer, paralegal rate will be \$90.00 per hour, for the 2014-15 school year. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - g. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the 2014-15 Final Service Request of Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene BOCES (Questar III) in the initial amount of \$1,441,051.11. Michael

Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

- h. Bruce Romanchak moved to adopt a resolution for the appointment of Permanent Chairperson, Chief Election Inspector, and Election Inspectors for the annual district meeting on May 20, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - i. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of donations from various donors totaling an amount of \$1,100.00 in memory of Mary Rossetti and to support the Special Education Program. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - j. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to accept donations totaling \$1,100.00 from various donors and to increase the General Fund Revenue Code A2705 and Expense Code A2250.450.70.0000 by \$1,100.00. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - k. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of a donation from The Foundation for Engineering Education, Inc. in the amount of \$200.00 to assist in the costs associated with Technology Department 2014 Model Bridge Competition. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - l. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to accept a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from The Foundation for Engineering Education, Inc. and to increase the General Fund Revenue Code A2705 and Expense Code A2110.450.30.2400 by \$200.00. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - m. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of a donation from Maple Hill Athletic Booster Club in the amount of \$10,187.13 to assist in the costs associated with modified sports. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - n. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to accept a donation in the amount of \$10,187.13.00 Maple Hill Athletic Booster Club and to increase the General Fund Revenue Code A2705 and Expense Code A2855.150.85.0000 by \$10,187.13.00. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - o. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of an increase in the hourly rate of Chief Election Inspector from \$8.50 to 9.00 per hour and for Election Inspector from \$7.50 to \$8.00 per hour due to an increase in minimum wage. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - p. Bruce Romanchak moved to adopt a resolution for the appointment of Permanent Chairperson, Chief Election Inspector, and Election Inspectors for the annual district meeting on May 20, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
10. Resignations/Appointments:
- a. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a correction to the appointments of Kimberly Donato,

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Christina Yager and Alissa Leavitt to include an effective date of September 1, 2014. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.

- b. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the appointment of substitute teacher(s): Kristen Ernest and Jeffrey Laudenschlager. Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.
- 11. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
- 12. Action items: May 20, 2014 meeting time change.
- 13. Mary Yurista moved to enter executive Session at 7:49 pm to discuss tenure appointments. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
- 14. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, Michael Charsky moved to adjourn at 8:33 pm. Mary Yurista seconded. All present in favor.