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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 16, 2017

Maple Hill High School Library

Present: Michael Hiser, Mary Yurista, Michael Tuttle, Michael Charsky, Paul Puccio, Bruce Romamchak, Daniel Grandinetti, and Christian Olsen (arrived at 7:06)

Absent: Victoria Adler

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of present agenda. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Approval of minutes of board meetings: April 11, 2017.
5. Reports / Presentations:
 - a. Administrative Re-Organization Plan Presentation – Jason Chevrier talked about administrative restructuring plans for the district. He shared the history of the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction dating back to 1984 and a proposed plan to abolish the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment position and hire an Assistant Principal for the high school. The responsibilities from the abolished position would be shared between Assistant Superintendent and other administrators. Moving forward the plan would include a reduction of a 1.0 MS principal in the 2018-19 school year and hiring of an assistant principal for the elementary school. There was discussion about the hiring of a School Psychologist to replace a retiring School Social Worker that position could then take the responsibility of CSE Chairperson releasing the Assistant Superintendent to take more administrative roles. There was discussion about hiring an assistant principal to be shared between the two buildings instead of one in each building.
6. Meeting open for public discussion: Mr. Ryan expressed that the decision of replacing a Social Worker with a School Psychologist needs to be thought about and discussed.
7. District news / Committee Reports:

- District News: Mr. Bordick spoke about the recent visit by Education Commissioner Ellia. He expressed that the state has done work on the testing by responding to criticisms of the tests. The Education Department is looking to schools to improve opt out numbers. Middle level instruction requirement have been changed allowing students to take different classes. Strawberry Festival has been fun, it was his first experience with one.
 - CES: Mr. Derby expressed that the visit by the commissioner was a great experience. The K/1 read in was last week, fun acting out a book with students and Mrs. Rattner. Kindergarten enrollment is approximately 50 at this point, a good number for this time of the year. The track construction will be commencing and will push the CES Field Day to another location. They are looking at the Schodack Island State Park for a relocation place on June 1st.
 - Middle School: Ms. Hill shared that Kris Navratil is doing an apprenticeship at Questar III over the summer that will allow him to bring more opportunities to the students. Students performed at Spring Concert, and the MS students will hold their night at the museum presentations later this month.
 - High School: AP exams just ended, thank you to construction team for working through and keeping noise down. Recently had Prom, students were great. Senior Citizen Lunch took place, Kiwanis dinner and upcoming Rotary dinner. June 23rd graduation, members of the board are welcome to be on the stage.
 - District information was shared above.
- Committee Reports:
 - CES Building Planning Committee – Michael Tuttle - Mr. Derby expressed that the committee talked about state testing and how to improve opt outs, changes to morning assembly when grade 6 moves down.
 - MS/HS Building Planning Committee – Paul Puccio and Michael Charsky - Ms. Hill shared that the focus was on the combining into 2 buildings and how to introduce 7th grade students into the high school, possibly assigning seniors to work with incoming 7th grade students.
 - Professional Development Planning Committee – Bruce Romanchak – committee will be meeting later in the week.
 - Technology Committee – Christian Olsen and Mary Yurista – Mrs. Yurista expressed that areas of the technology meeting need to be worked on in the Professional Development meetings. How to integrate technology into the standards they are already teaching.
 - NYSSBA Legislative Liaison – Michael Hiser – Mr. Hiser has identified two items, Every Students Succeeds Act – NYSSBA has raised concerns that require corrective action to take place and second, the commissioner will be holding public hearings at locations across the area, the next one being June 15th at Questar III. House voted on change to Obamacare, Medicaid funding, how could that effect students? Mrs. Kim shared that changes to school lunch will be a benefit to districts.
 - Health and Safety / SAVE Committee – Victoria Adler – next meeting June 12
 - 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, completed for the year.
 - Capital Project Representation Committee – Michael Hiser, Christian Olsen, Michael Charsky and Paul Puccio – meeting will be coming up in early June.
 - Schodack Wildcat Foundation, Inc. – Paul Puccio – Jason and Lee will work on grant

process and get it out to faculty by end of the school year so grants can be used early next year.

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 Retreat Date – The board needs to think about dates and schedule early July on a Saturday from 9 am – 3 pm, after discussion the board members agreed that July 16th in the afternoon would be the day Noon -5 pm and a second meeting on August 5th, 9 am – 3 pm.

- Reorganizational meeting – July 6th

9. Policies:

- a. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the 1st reading of the following policies with changes to formatting and language in policy 4750:
 - i. 4321.4 – Independent Educational Evaluations
 - ii. 4526 – Computer Use in Instruction
 - iii. 4526.1 – Internet Safety
 - iv. 4531 – Field Trips and Excursions
 - v. 4532 – School Volunteers
 - vi. 4710 – Grading System
 - vii. 4750 – Promotion and Retention of Students
 - viii. 4770 – Graduation Requirements
 - ix. 4773 – Diploma and Credential Option for Students with Disabilities
 - x. 4850 – Animals in Schools

Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.

- b. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policy:
 - i. 8121.1 – Opioid Overdose PreventionChristian Olsen seconded, all present in favor.

10. Paul Puccio moved for approval to rescind the following policies which were replaced by the polices adopted at the April 11, 2017 board meeting:

- a. 5-200 – Special Education Personnel
- b. 5-202 – Pre-School Special Education
- c. 5-302 – Academic Intervention Services
- d. 5-306 – Library Materials Selection

Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.

11. Mary Yurista moved to enter Executive Session to discuss CSEA Contract Negotiations at 8:41 pm. Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor.

Meeting went into recess, board relocated to High School Gymnasium to hear the Budget Vote and Election Results and returned to regular meeting at 9:17 pm.

12. Consent Agenda:

- a. Paul Puccio moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2017-18 students: 000114855, 000113994, 082340007, 000113535, 000114684, 000113281. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- b. Paul Puccio moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2017-18 special education services for student(s): 968789621. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- c. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a resolution to abolish the position of Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment effective June 30, 2017. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- d. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the REVISED 2017-18 School Calendar. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

Michael Charsky moved to vote on letter e. separately. Bruce Romahcank seconded, all present in favor.

- e. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a contract with Top Form, Inc. for Athletic Trainer Services from August 14, 2017 through June 1, 2018. Bruce Romanchak seconded, Michael Charsky voted no, all others present in voted in favor.
- f. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a Health Services Contract with East Greenbush Central School District for 12 resident students attending non-public schools for the 2016-17 school year. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- g. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a contract with CDB Connections for the 2017-18 school year and summer 2017 to provide special education services for resident students. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- h. Paul Puccio moved for approval of an employment agreement with Jason Chevrier for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- i. Paul Puccio moved for approval of an employment agreement with Monica Kim for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- j. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the Organizational Chart for the 2017-18 school year.
- k. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of a resolution detailing the 2017-18 School Budget

Vote and Election results.

Proposition 1 423 yes 144 no

Candidates: Christian Olsen 474
Charles Peter 478
Paul Puccio 457

Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

- l. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a Serial Bond Resolution for the purchase of (3) three school buses, pursuant to a voter referendum dated May 16, 2017, in the amount not to exceed \$293,000.00. 12.

Proposition 2 424 yes 144 no

Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

- m. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a health services contract with East Greenbush Central School District for 12 resident students attending non-public schools for the 2016-2017 school year. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

13. Appointments / Resignations:

- a. Christian Olsen moved for approval of a four year probationary appointment of Eric Biehler, (certification: Physical Education), commencing on September 1, 2017, as Physical Education Teacher, in the tenure area of Physical Education, at a salary of MA 3, provided that, except to the extent required by law, in order to be granted tenure, he shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c or §3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least 3 of the 4 preceding years, and if he receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- b. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the tenure appointment of Kayla Young (certification: Mathematics 7-12) to the position of Mathematics Teacher in the tenure area of Mathematics, effective September 1, 2017. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- c. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the tenure appointment of Bridget Archer (f/k/a Bridget DeBardelaben (certification: Mathematics 5-6 Extension and Mathematics 7-12) to the position of Mathematics Teacher in the tenure area of Mathematics, effective September 1, 2017. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- d. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the tenure appointment of Marlene Macri (certification: Reading Teacher and Special Education) to the position of Special Education Teacher in the tenure area of Special Education, effective September 1, 2017. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- e. Christian Olsen moved for approval of a one year leave of absence for Jacqueline Hill as Special Education Teacher for the 2017-18 school year, contingent upon the approval of

item f. of the consent agenda. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.

- f. Christian Olsen moved for approval of a one year temporary appointment of Jacqueline Hill, Middle School Principal for the 2017-2018 school year. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
 - g. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the following Substitute Teacher(s): Aubry Racz. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
 - h. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the following non-instructional substitute(s): Garrett Renslow and Aubry Racz. Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.
- 14. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
 - 15. Action items: Names for organizational chart
 - 16. Having no further business before the board, President Hiser adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk