

*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

May 19, 2009

Maple Hill High School Library

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - REGULAR**

Present: Paul Puccio, Andrew Fleck, Kenneth Flood, Paula Noll, President; Beth Nichols Hesse, Susan Megna, George Warner, Phyllis Weber Scannell

Absent: Seth Hendrick

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

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. Paul Puccio moved to approve present agenda with additions and changes. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
3. Motion to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. George Warner moved to enter into executive session at 7:05 p.m. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
4. Motion to return to regular session at 8:00 p.m. to conduct PROJECT SAVE School Safety Plan Public Hearing. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved to re-enter regular session at 8:26pm. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.
  - a. Reading of Public Notice: "Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District at the Maple Hill High School Library, Castleton, Town of Schodack, NY in said District on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, concerning the adoption of a resolution to approve the Schodack Central School District School Safety Plan as required by Commissioner's Regulations 155.17. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting to present information and evidence to the Board of Education concerning whether or not such resolution should be adopted." President Noll read safety plan.
  - b. Explanation of Safety Plan. Sherri Fisher reported. Minor changes to safety plan. Board extended thanks to Sherri and committee members who worked on the plan.
  - c. Meeting open for public discussion on hearing. None.
  - d. Board discussion on hearing. None.
  - e. Additional public comments. None.
  - f. Public hearing closed. Hearing closed 8:34p.m.
5. Minutes
  - a. Approval of minutes of special meeting of May 4, 2009. Andrew Fleck moved to approve minutes of May 4, 2009. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - b. Revision to minutes of regular meeting of April 23, 2009: Approval of Intermunicipal Agreement with Rensselaer City School District for Internal Audit Services effective July 1, 2009 through June

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30, 2010 at an **estimated** cost of \$650.00 per day for up to 10 days. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of revision to minutes of April 23, 2009. Kenneth Flood seconded. All present in favor.

6. Meeting open for public discussion. None.

7. Board discussion. Robert Horan: track team took first place. Boys' varsity tennis won sectional championships v. Greenwich. Pre-prom and prom went very well. Simulated accident, presentation. Maple Hill students comported themselves in an exemplary fashion throughout the evening. Jason Chevrier: volunteer appreciation day at CES, grade 3 spring concert tomorrow night, field days last week of May and first week of June, Flag Day celebration June 12. Volunteers to be honored on Memorial Day with Community Appreciation Award. Kenneth Flood: meeting at Assemblyman Gordon's office.

8. Reports

- a. Textbook Review Process: Social Studies Purchase - Donna Watson, Director of Curriculum; textbook selection process explained; social studies K-6 example; Board discussion

District Clerk announced the results of school budget vote and BOE elections. Results were as follows: School Budget 2009-10, yes: 783, no: 308. Purchase of school buses: yes: 664, no: 400. BOE election results: Kenneth Flood 664 votes, Michael Hiser 610 votes, George Warner 587 votes, Linda Underwood 563 votes, Benjamin Marra 558 votes, Arlene McGuane 556 votes. Kenneth Flood, Michael Hiser and George Warner elected to three year terms. Linda Underwood to serve remainder of term vacated by Ricardo Cosgrave.

9. Meeting open for public discussion. Mr. Keller: curriculum mapping is very effective.

10. Policies: Local Wellness Policy - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Policy moved by consensus to second reading.

11. Consent agenda

- a. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2009. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of March 2009. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the month of March 2009. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of Extra-classroom Activity Report for the month of March 2009. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of non-cash donation of one 6' picnic table from Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, valued at \$793.00, in support of Castleton Elementary School Playground. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.

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- f. Paul Puccio moved acknowledgement of donations from Catholic Charities of Rensselaer County in the total amount of \$326.00 (check #1090 \$108.00; check #1094 \$108.00; check #1097 \$110.00), in support of Maple Hill High School Yearbook 2009. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Paul Puccio moved approval of withdrawal of bid acceptance from Jennifer Felts in the amount of \$5.00 for (1) wooden desk, pursuant to a surplus bid opening December 4, 2008. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Paul Puccio moved approval of disposition of district property in accordance with Board of Education Policy #4-206: (1) Wooden Desk. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Paul Puccio moved approval of student and adult school breakfast, lunch and milk prices for 2009-10 school year:
  - (1) Castleton Elementary - Breakfast \$1.00, Lunch \$1.85, Milk .50
  - (2) Maple Hill Middle and Maple Hill High - Breakfast \$1.00, Lunch \$2.00, Milk .50
  - (3) Adult Prices - Breakfast \$1.75+tax, Lunch \$3.00+tax, Milk .50+tax. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Paul Puccio moved approval of student accident coverage with Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, at a rate of \$7.33 per pupil, for student accident blanket coverage for all school sponsored activities, including Interscholastic Sports. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Paul Puccio moved approval of representation letter/agreement from David Wukitsch, McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Albany, NY 12201-0459, for legal services in connection with the Hannaford Brothers tax certiorari proceeding at a rate of \$175.00 per hour for attorney fees and \$75.00 per hour for paralegal fees. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Paul Puccio moved approval of resolution authorizing creation and establishment of a Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to be used to satisfy judgments and claims against the District concerning the 2008 assessment roll and approval to fund the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund in the amount of \$722,035 from the 2008-09 fiscal year budget surplus. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Paul Puccio moved approval of resolution authorizing District Treasurer to transfer an amount not to exceed \$175,000 from the Retirement Contribution Reserve to the General Fund, in support of the 2008-09 budget. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Paul Puccio moved approval of resolution to increase the 2008-09 General Fund Budget by \$9,600.00 to support the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for the Maple Hill High School Science Program, to be offset by a \$9,600.00 grant from the National Science Teachers Association. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.

- o. Paul Puccio moved approval of 2008-09 School Facility Report Card. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
  - p. **Paul Puccio moved approval of application to NYSED Office of Teacher Certification for an Experiment in Organizational Change (AKA Experimental Middle School) pursuant to Section 80-5.12 of Commissioner's Regulations. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.**
  - q. Paul Puccio moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Pre-School Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #000113544, #000113503, #000113545. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
  - r. Paul Puccio moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Pre-School Special Education regarding 2009-2010 special education services for students: #093942616, #000113513, #000113519, #000113522, #000113523, #000113525, #000113470, #000113517, #000113466, #000113515, #000113537, #000113544, #000113521, #000113469, #000113503. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
  - s. Paul Puccio moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #000113543, 000011117. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
  - t. Paul Puccio moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2009-2010 students 000011436, 082520000, 000113305, 000113327, 000113287, 000113282, 000012297, 000012299, 082590002, 000012314, 000113540, 000113530, 082210000, 000011447, 000011034, 000113182, 000011024, 000010848, 000113345, 000010854, 000011057, 000011165, 082410000, 000010851, 000011058, 000011041, 000011276, 000011331, 000113364, 000011324, 000011326, 000113307, 000113349, 000011419, 000113194, 000113500, 000113477, 082340007, 000113274, 000113475, 000113445, 000113400, 000011394, 000011321, 000113543, 000011209, 000011179, 082410002, 000113716, 000011203, 000011202, 000011231, 000010877, 000011214, 000011210, 000012431, 000010895, 000010884, 000011111, 000011371, 000113501, 000011103, 000010875, 000011367, 000011088, 000101891, 000011186, 000011232, 000011110, 000011352, 000011229, 000113227, 000113281, 000113247, 000011053, 000113246, 000012186. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
  - v. Paul Puccio moved approval of Independent Contract Agreement with Andrew Shanock to perform psycho-educational evaluations at a cost of \$900.00 per evaluation, total cost not to exceed \$3,900, work to be completed prior to June 26, 2009. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
12. Resignations/Appointments
- a. Paul Puccio moved acceptance of resignation of Jacqueline Todd, bus driver, effective May 4, 2009. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.

- b. Paul Puccio moved approval of Erin Woodfield (certification: pending) as regular substitute teacher .2 FTE Career Ed (vacancy created by resignation of Christina DelSignore), effective April 22, 2009. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Paul Puccio moved emergency conditional, one-year probationary appointment of Sandra Strock (certification: English 7-12) as secondary English teacher, effective September 1, 2009. Salary for the 10-month position is MA Step 4. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Paul Puccio moved approval of temporary reduction of hours to 22.5/week for the position of Business Office Secretary, effective May 21 through July 16, 2009. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Paul Puccio moved approval of substitute teachers: Hannah Martin. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.

13. Meeting open for public discussion. None.

14. Action items. John Nye. Communications.

15. Executive Session: Negotiations with CSEA, SAA; pending litigation; work history of specific employee. Paul Puccio moved to enter into executive session at 9:35pm. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.

16. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Chipman  
District Clerk