

*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

May 1, 2008

Maple Hill Middle School Library

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - SPECIAL**

Present: Phyllis Weber Scannell, George Warner, Paul Puccio, Paula Noll, President; Ricardo Cosgrave, Andrew Fleck, Beth Nichols Hesse, Susan Megna, Vice President; Seth Hendrick (8:00pm).

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

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 7:05 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. George Warner moved to approve present agenda with changes and additions. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
3. Meeting open for public discussion. Three students spoke regarding Highly Able Learner/Director of Community Education position. Drama Club, Odyssey of the Mind. Cyn Tomko also spoke regarding the position.
4. Reports
  - A. Communication Audit Focus Group - Capital Region BOCES. Jessica Scheckton, Robert Hamlon present from Capital Region BOCES to facilitate focus group. Doug Hamlin introduced Jessica and Robert to the board. Two other focus groups have been conducted with parents/community members, faculty/staff. District communications. What are perceptions of the school district? Communication with staff and community. Board comments, discussion. District newsletter and website. Connection/communication between board and community. Options/ideas for increased communication. Communicating with staff within schools. Informal network of key communicators. Communication with parents. Next steps for communication audit. Report to district by June 30th. Communications plan for 2008-09.
  - B. Adopted Budget. Sherri Fisher reported. Questions, comments from board members. Assessment rolls, Co-Gen.
  - C. Contingent Budget. Sherri Fisher reported. Impact of contingent budget. Contingency budget rules. Statutory caps: total spending cap, administrative cap. Ordinary contingent expenses. Questions, discussion. Ricardo Cosgrave moved to add second public discussion. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

5. Consent agenda. Susan Megna moved to remove items F. and G. from consent agenda to be voted on separately. Andrew Fleck seconded. Voting yes: Andrew Fleck, Susan Megna, Beth Nichols Hesse. Voting no: George Warner, Paul Puccio, Phyllis Weber Scannell, Ricardo Cosgrave, Seth Hendrick. Abstaining: Paula Noll. Motion does not carry.

**REMOVE ITEM A:** Acceptance of proposal from Eastern/A Global Imaging Systems Co., a direct Xerox Company, for twelve (12) photocopiers, pursuant to a RFP response date of February 15, 2008

**REMOVE ITEM B:** Approval of Purchase Option Plan Agreement with Xerox for twelve (12) photocopiers in the total amount of \$165,552.00 (\$3,449.14/month for a term of 48 months), pursuant to an RFP response date of February 15, 2008 (NYS Contract #PC59472)

- C. Paul Puccio moved approval of revised 2008-09 Real Property Tax Report Card. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. Voting yes: Andrew Fleck, Beth Nichols Hesse, George Warner, Paul Puccio, Phyllis Weber Scannell, Ricardo Cosgrave, Paula Noll, Seth Hendrick. Voting no: Susan Megna.
- D. Paul Puccio moved approval of 2008-09 School District Budget Notice. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. Voting yes: Andrew Fleck, Beth Nichols Hesse, George Warner, Paul Puccio, Phyllis Weber Scannell, Ricardo Cosgrave, Paula Noll, Seth Hendrick. Voting no: Susan Megna.
- E. Paul Puccio moved approval to abolish 1.0 FTE Business Education (HS) position, effective June 30, 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. Voting yes: Andrew Fleck, Beth Nichols Hesse, George Warner, Paul Puccio, Phyllis Weber Scannell, Ricardo Cosgrave, Paula Noll, Seth Hendrick. Voting no: Susan Megna.
- F. Paul Puccio moved approval to abolish .5 FTE Highly Able Learner Coordinator position, effective June 30, 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. Voting yes: Andrew Fleck, Beth Nichols Hesse, George Warner, Paul Puccio, Phyllis Weber Scannell, Ricardo Cosgrave, Paula Noll, Seth Hendrick. Voting no: Susan Megna.
- G. Paul Puccio moved approval to abolish .5 FTE Director of Community Education position, effective June 30, 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. Voting yes: Andrew Fleck, Beth Nichols Hesse, George Warner, Paul Puccio, Phyllis Weber Scannell, Ricardo Cosgrave, Paula Noll, Seth Hendrick. Voting no: Susan Megna.
- H. Paul Puccio moved approval to abolish 6-hour Teaching Assistant position, effective June 30, 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. Voting yes: Andrew Fleck, Beth Nichols Hesse, George Warner, Paul Puccio, Phyllis Weber Scannell, Ricardo Cosgrave, Paula Noll, Seth Hendrick. Voting on: Susan Megna.

I. Paul Puccio moved approval of waiver of Board of Education Policy #3-208 Section II.B.4. to allow Maple Hill Youth Lacrosse to use the track infield for youth games May 1-June 30, 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. Voting yes: Andrew Fleck, Beth Nichols Hesse, George Warner, Paul Puccio, Phyllis Weber Scannell, Ricardo Cosgrave, Paula Noll, Seth Hendrick. Voting no: Susan Megna.

6. Resignations/Appointment

- a. George Warner moved approval of leave of absence for Stephanie Hulett, Teacher Aide, effective May 2, 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- b. George Warner moved approval of three-year probationary appointment of Stephanie Hulett, Teacher Assistant, for 6.0 hours/day, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective May 2, 2008 (one year advance service credit granted). Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- c. George Warner moved approval of permanent appointment of Chris Guilianelli, Custodial Worker, effective May 16, 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

7. Retirements. None.

8. Board discussion. Paul Puccio: construction meeting. Thanks to Jason and CES for Grandparents' Day. George Warner: BOE letter. Budget newsletter. Andrew Fleck: budget newsletter. George Warner: thank you to administrative team. Susan Megna: thanked George for his oversight of construction projects this year. Jason Chevrier: assembly at CES "The Signature Project." Roger Gorham: tours of construction site.

9. Meeting open for public discussion. Questions from press regarding Highly Able Learner Coordinator position and Director of Community Education position.

10. Action items. Assessment rolls.

11. Motion to go into executive session to discuss work history of specific employee, negotiations with SCFA. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved to enter executive session at 9:50pm. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor. Seth Hendrick moved to return to regular session. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

Seth Hendrick moved to amend Consent Item F approval to abolish .5 FTE Highly Able Learner Coordinator position, effective **July 2, 2008**. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

Seth Hendrick moved to amend Consent Item G approval to abolish .5 FTE Director of Community Education position, effective **July 2, 2008**. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

Seth Hendrick moved acceptance of resignation of Linda Underwood, for purposes of retirement, effective July 1, 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

12. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Chipman  
District Clerk