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

May 20, 2008

Maple Hill High School Library

7:30 p.m. Audit Committee Meeting (HS Conference Room)

1. Joe Heroux/Questar III 2007-08 Internal Audit Report
2. Internal Audit Services for 2008-09

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES -PROJECT SAVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN**

Present: Paula Noll, President; Phyllis Weber Scannell, Andrew Fleck, Ricardo Cosgrave, George Warner, Beth Nichols Hesse, Susan Megna (8:25pm), Vice President; Seth Hendrick (9:30pm).

Absent: Paul Puccio.

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

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 8:10 p.m.
2. Reading of Public Notice: PROJECT SAVE - PUBLIC HEARING 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, New York in said District, on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 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 a resolution should be adopted.

3. Explanation of School Safety Plan. Sherri Fisher reported.
4. Meeting open for public discussion on hearing. None.
5. Board open discussion on hearing. None.

6. Additional public comments. None.
7. Public hearing closed.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - REGULAR

1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 8:15 p.m.
2. Approval of present agenda. Ricardo Cosgrave moved approval of present agenda. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
3. Approval of minutes of special meetings of April 22, 2008 and May 1, 2008 and regular meeting of April 24, 2008. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved to approve minutes of 4/22/08, 5/01/08 and 4/24/08. Andrew Fleck seconded. All present in favor.
4. Meeting open for public discussion. Several students and former students present to give presentation on their perspective on the position of Community Education Coordinator and Highly Able Learner. Lillian DiMatteo thanked students for speaking.
5. Reports
  - A. Capital Project Oversight: Clerk-of-the-Works Report - Ed Goodwill present to report on progress of CES construction. Walk-through tours for public were successful. Board expressed thanks to Ed for the public tours.
  - B. Professional Development Plan (Adoption of 2008-09 SCSD Professional Development Plan). Donna Watson reported. Goals of professional development planning committee. Curriculum management system. Improving instruction for all students. Improving student literacy. Mentoring program. District-wide and building-level safety. Improved technology integration. Twenty-first century library media program. Ricardo Cosgrave moved to approve the Professional Development Plan as presented. Phyllis Weber Scannell seconded. All present in favor.
6. Policies
7. Consent agenda.
  - A. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
  - B. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of March 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
  - C. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for month of March 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
  - D. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acceptance of Extra-classroom Activity Report for month of March 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

- E. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of donation from Fraternal Order of Eagles in the amount of \$437.60 in support of CES Homework Program. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- F. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of donation from Hannaford Bros. Co. in the amount of \$250.00 in support of CES Homework Program. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- G. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of donation from Castleton Kiwanis Club in the amount of \$800.00 in support of Maple Hill Middle School Work Study Program. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- H. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of anonymous donation in the amount of \$500.00 in support of Maple Hill Middle School Community Charities account (Camp Scully). Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- I. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of donation from Maple Hill Middle School PTO in the amount of \$540.00 in support of Grade 7 field trip to Boston, MA on May 14, 2008, on behalf of Maple Hill Middle School Student Council. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- J. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved acknowledgement of change in the donation from Maple Hill Middle School PTO on 7/7/07 in the amount of \$300.00 in support of Grade 5 Mystic Seaport field trip in May 2008 on behalf of Maple Hill Middle School Student Council (total donation in July 2007 in the amount of \$1526.00; \$1226.00 expended to Brown Coach- bus deposit). Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- K. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of insurance renewal with Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, at a rate of \$6.89 per pupil, for student accident blanket coverage for all school sponsored activities, including Interscholastic Sports. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- L. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to transfer an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 from the Retirement Contribution Reserve to the General Fund, in support of the 2007-08 budget. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.
- M. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on

Special Education regarding 2007-08 special education services for students #000113498, 000113463, 000113176, 000113501, 00011356. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

N. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Pre-School Special Education regarding 2007-08 special education services for students #000113508, 00011350, 000113400. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

O. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #000012095, 000012182, 000012176, 000012171, 000012195, 000012160, 000012085, 000011394, 000012009, 000113498, 000011839, 000011053, 000113281, 000012150, 000113230, 000113247, 000113246, 000012186, 000113239, 000113242, 000113234, 000113424, 000011179, 000113240, 000010877, 000011232, 000011231, 000113176, 000011111, 000011106, 000011356, 000011088, 000113501, 900008966, 000012315. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

P. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of recommendations of district Committee on Pre-School Special Education regarding 2008-09 special education services for students #000113481, 000113464, 000113479, 000113438, 000113507, 000113508, 000113468, 000113470, 000113471, 000113469, 000113445, 000113474, 000113475, 000113477, 000113418, 000113478, 000113400, 000113447, 000113472, 000113480, 000113462, 000113467, 000113473, 00011346. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

Q. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Williams Scotsman, Inc. (Castleton Elementary School-Project #4915-01-04-0011-001): Change Order #003 in the amount of (-\$5007.50) to be deducted from the sum of the general construction contract; new contract sum including this change order will be \$815,592.50  
Change Order #004 in the amount of (-\$3,502.62) to be deducted from the sum of the general construction contract; new contract sum including this change order will be \$812,089.88. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

R. Phyllis Weber Scannell moved [acceptance of transportation bid for selected auto parts as outlined on the Bid Award Sheet](#):  
GROUP 1 (Air Systems): H.L. Gage Sales, Orange Motor Co. Inc., J. Becker & Sons, Bus Parts Warehouse, Leonard Bus Sales;  
GROUP 2 (Body): Bus Parts Warehouse, Leonard Bus Sales, Orange Motor Co. Inc., New York Bus Sales LLC, Marchese Ford, Watkins Spring Co., Inc., School Bus Parts Co.;  
GROUP 3 (Brake Parts): New York Bus Sales LLC, Orange Motor Co. Inc., Marchese Ford, H.L. Gage Sales, Leonard Bus Sales, J. Becker & Sons;  
GROUP 4 (Chassis Parts): Orange Motor Co. Inc., H.L. Gage Sales, Leonard Bus Sales, New

York Bus Sales LLC, Marchese Ford, School Bus Parts Co., Bus Parts Warehouse, Watkins Spring Co. Inc.;

**GROUP 5** (Electrical): New York Bus Sales LLC, Leonard Bus Sales, J. Becker & Sons, Bus Parts Warehouse, H.L. Gage Sales, Orange Motor Co. Inc., School Bus Parts Co., Marchese Ford, D&W Diesel and Electric;

**GROUP 6** (Engine Parts): New York Bus Sales LLC, Orange Motor Co. Inc., Bus Parts Warehouse, H.L. Gage Sales, Leonard Bus Sales, D&W Diesel and Electric, Marchese Ford;

**GROUP 7** (Exhaust System): Bus Parts Warehouse, School Bus Parts Co., Orange Motor Co. Inc.;

**GROUP 8** (Filters): New York Bus Sales LLC, Leonard Bus Sales, Capitaland Filter & Supply LLC;

**GROUP 9** (Interior Parts): Leonard Bus Sales, New York Bus Sales LLC, Bus Parts Warehouse;

**GROUP 10** (Miscellaneous Parts): Leonard Bus Sales, School Bus Parts Co., Bus Parts Warehouse, Orange Motor Co. Inc.;

**GROUP 11** (Transmission Parts): Leonard Bus Sales, Orange Motor Co. Inc., Marchese Ford, H.L. Gage Sales,

pursuant to a bid opening dated May 1, 2008. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor.

8. Retirements. None.

9. Resignations/Appointments.

A. George Warner moved termination of employment of Patricia LeMaitre, School Bus Driver, effective April 25, 2008, pursuant to the provisions of Article XI of the CSEA contract. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.

B. George Warner moved emergency conditional, three-year probationary appointment of Jillian Post as health and physical education teacher (certification: Health Education; Physical Education), effective September 1, 2008. Salary for the 10-month position is MS Step 1. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.

C. George Warner moved approval of substitute teachers: Allen Mattedi. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.

D. George Warner moved emergency conditional approval of substitute teachers: Erica Sleasman. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.

10. Board Discussion - Dates for BOE Retreat, week of July 7. Info from buildings.

11. Meeting open for public discussion. none.

George Warner moved to adjourn at 9:15pm to hear budget vote/board election results. Ricardo Cosgrave seconded. All present in favor. Meeting reconvened at 9:35pm. Liz Chipman, District Clerk, read the voting results. Budget vote: 559 yes, 709 no. Bus

proposition vote: 569 yes, 660 no. Board of Education election results: Susan Megna 830 votes, Paul Puccio 823 votes, Andrew Fleck 789 votes, Ricardo Cosgrave 788 votes. All four incumbents elected. Ricardo Cosgrave to serve remainder of Robert Hamilton's term. Paula Noll read statement from board. Discussion. Options. Revised budget for second vote. Immediately adopt contingency budget. Exit poll information. Timeline for second vote until June 17, state-wide revote day. Discussion. Set date for meeting as soon as exit poll information is available. Meeting Thursday, May 29, 7p.m. at the high school.

12. Action items

13. Motion to go into executive session to discuss work history of specific employees, negotiations with SFA. Seth Hendrick moved to enter into executive session at 9:42pm. Beth Nichols Hesse seconded. All present in favor.

14. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth B. Chipman  
District Clerk