

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 20, 2014

Maple Hill High School Library

Present: J. Andrew Fleck, Michael Hiser, Paul Puccio, Bruce Romanchak, George Warner, Mary Yurista, Jeanne Strazza, Daniel Grandinetti, and Michael Charsky (arrived 8:02pm)

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

1. Meeting called to order by President Fleck at 7:10 p.m.
2. Mary Yurista moved for approval of present agenda, Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
3. Approval of minutes of regular meeting: None
4. Reports / Presentations:
 - a. iPad Pilot - SLC (Small Learning Community) Team – Ron Agostinoni, Heather Flood and Nathan Porter. Board members and administrators used their own cell phones and other devices to access various applications used by students and teachers in the classroom. Mr. Porter and Ms. Flood expressed that students take ownership of their own learning, it is engaging and students are responsible for their own learning. Ms. Flood expressed that she feels it helps kids stay organized; assignments and papers are stored on Google Drive so they don't get lost. There was extensive conversation about the different uses and benefits of the use of iPad's in the classroom. Students shared their experiences, progress and success using the iPad in the classroom and were very happy with the results. A parent expressed that she felt it had helped her son and even improved his grades and work ethic.

Michael Hiser moved to recess to find out the results of the Budget Vote and Election at 9:12 pm. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

Meeting called back to order by President J. Andrew Fleck at 9:26 pm.

Mike Hiser moved to table report b. Business Partnerships Update - Robert Horan and Guests, Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

5. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
6. Board Discussion: President Fleck thanked Administrators and the board for the hard work on the Budget and Capital Project. Mr. Horan expressed his appreciation for the Administrative team and how well they work together and for the board and the working

through of another successful budget. Mr. Charsky thanked Mrs. Yurista for her service over the past three years.

7. Policies: None.
8. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2013-2014 students: # 000113785, 000113824, 000114081, 000113826, 000114038, 000113680, 000113534, 000113537, 000113757, 000114000, 000114531, 000114054, 000010853, 000011103, 000114057, and 000011192. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
 - b. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2013-2014 special education services for student(s): 000114625, 000011210, 000011203, 000011202, 000011111, 000010896, 000011367, 000114046, 000010895, 000011191, 000011231, 000011186, 000010877, and 000114580. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
 - c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the 2014-15 School Calendar. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
 - d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a 2014-15 Tutorial Contract with Four Winds of Saratoga, at a rate of \$32.00 per hour, based on a schedule of ten (10) hours per week for Middle or High School Students or five (5) hours per week for students in elementary school who may be admitted to Four Winds Saratoga. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
 - e. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a health services contract with Averill Park Central School District for the 2013-14 school year at a rate of \$518.60 per student for one (1) non-resident student attending non- public schools. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
 - f. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the district to lease specific real property of the district that is not currently needed for school district purposes to Story Place Preschool. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
 - g. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a Serial Bond Resolution for the purchase of (2) two school buses, pursuant to a voter referendum dated May 20, 2014, in the amount not to exceed \$165,000.00. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
 - h. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a Serial Bond Resolution for to finance the repair, rehabilitation or replacement in kind of certain external features and internal modifications at the district's schools and facilities, pursuant to a voter referendum dated May 20, 2014, in the amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.00. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
 - i. Bruce Romanchak moved for acknowledgement of a donation from Castleton Elementary School PTO in the amount of \$200.00 in support of the High School Student Supplemental Account. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

- j. Bruce Romanchak moved for acknowledgement of a donation from Concerns U (Catholic Charities of Rensselaer County) in the amount of \$500.00 in support of the Community Charities Account to assist in the cost of five (5) students to attend the 8th Grade Field Trip. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
 - k. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of a resolution of the 2014-15 School Budget Vote and Election results. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
9. Appointments / Resignations:
- a. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the tenure appointment of Monica Kim. (certification: School District Business Leader) to the position of Director of Business and Support Services in the tenure area of Director of Business and support Services, effective July 6, 2014. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
 - b. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the tenure appointment of Amy Hirschhoff (certification: Mathematics 7-12) to the position of Secondary Math Teacher in the tenure area of Secondary Math, effective September 1, 2014. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
 - c. Paul Puccio moved for approval of tenure appointment of Kelsey Roman (certification: Technology Education), as Technology teacher, in the tenure area of Technology Education, effective September 1, 2014. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
 - d. Paul Puccio moved for approval of tenure appointment of Heather Flood (certification: English Language Arts [Grades 5-6], English Language Arts [Grades 7-12], Literacy [Birth – Grade 6], Literacy [grades 5-12] as English Teacher, in the tenure area of English 7-12 effective September 1, 2014. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
 - e. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the tenure appointment of Lucas Ashby (certification: Childhood Education [Grades 1-6], Students with Disabilities [Grades 1-6] and Students with Disabilities [Grades 7-12]) as Special Education Teacher, in the tenure area of Special Education effective August 29, 2014. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
 - f. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the tenure appointment of Sandra Silva (certification: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 and Special Education), as Special Education Teacher, in the tenure area of Special Education effective September 1, 2014. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
 - g. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of the resignation of Elaine R. Nardacci for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2014. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
 - h. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the following Substitute Teacher(s): Katherine Rush. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
 - i. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the following non-instructional substitute(s): Tammy Varian and Erin Duffy. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
10. Meeting open for public discussion. Tim Ryan thanked the board for the tenure granted to

the teachers and expressed that Schodack has a great faculty. Amy Hirschhoff thanked the board and expressed that she knew she wanted to be a part of this district ever since she walked into CES when she enrolled her first child.

11. Action items: Tabled report to be rescheduled for a later date, start thinking about the technology bond and an updated timeline for the Capital Project.
12. Michael Hiser moved to enter Executive Session to discuss SFA Contract Negotiations at 9:42 pm. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
13. Bruce Romanchak moved to return to regular session and adjourn at 10:00 pm. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.