

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
1477 South Schodack Road, Castleton, New York 12033

November 2, 2017

Maple Hill Middle School Library

Present: Christian Olsen, Michael Tuttle, Mary Yurista, Daniel Grandinetti, Bruce Romanchak, and Charles Peter

Absent: Paul Puccio, Michael Hiser, and Michael Charsky

Also Present: Jason Chevrier, James Derby, Michael Bennett, Jacqueline Hill, Jodi Sullivan, and Michele Reickert

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – WORKSHOP

1. Meeting called to order by President, Christian Olsen at 6:12 p.m.
2. President Olsen asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Bruce Romanchak moved to amend and approve the present agenda, moving the Board Training after item 8 and before item 9 of the current agenda, Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor, agenda amended and approved.
4. Meeting open for Public discussion: None.
5. Board Discussion: There was discussion about the Saturday workshop at Questar with the Commissioner of Education's assistant where valuable new initiatives pertaining to mental health and social emotional wellness were discussed. It was expressed that schools are not equipped to deal with these issues. Also discussed were changes to ELA and Math, a push to ask the state to mandate cursive writing and typing, and potential changes to APPR and Evaluations.
6. Consent Agenda
 - a. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution approving a one-time stipend for Jill Filkins, District Treasurer, in the amount of \$3,000.00. Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor.
 - b. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Schodack Administrators Association and Schodack Central School District to provide one-time compensation to Acting High School Principal in the amount of \$15,000.00. Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor.
7. Resignations/Appointments:
 - a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the resignation of Jacqueline Hill as Special Education Teacher (Grade 7), effective November 2, 2017. Resignation is contingent upon the board approval

of her appointment as High School Principal. Mary Yurista Seconded, all present in favor.

- b. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Jacqueline Hill is appointed to the position of High School Principal, in the tenure area of principal. Such appointment is for a four year probationary term, commencing on November 3, 2017, provided that, except to the extent required by law, in order to be granted tenure, she shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law section 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three of the four preceding years, and if she receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.
- c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Karen Harris is appointed to the position of Middle School Principal, commencing on November 3, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2018. This is a temporary and non-tenure track position; and further resolved,

that the position of Middle School Principal shall be abolished, effective June 30, 2018, and the incumbent in that position shall be excused effective on that date. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of an increase in FTE for Kelly Halpin, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant from .4 FTE to .6 FTE, effective October 25, 2017. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a (4) four year probationary appointment of Shana Feinberg, (certification: Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12 Generalist, Social Studies 7-12, and English Language Arts 7-12), commencing on December 4, 2017, as Special Education Teacher, in the tenure area Special Education, at a salary of MA Step 1, provided that, except to the extent required by law, in order to be granted tenure, she 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 she receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the appointment of Valerie Flood as regular substitute teacher for 7th Grade Special Education teacher leave position effective October 2, 2017. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the appointment of Devon Longobardi a/k/a Devon Wade as regular substitute teacher for Kimberly Donato effective October 2, 2017. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the following substitute teacher: Pawan Thapalia. Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

- 8. Meeting open for public discussion. Congratulations to Jacqueline Hill and Welcome to Karen Harris, they

are great additions and looking forward to working with them. Welcome Brian Carey. Thank you to everyone for working through the transitions and thank you to Mike Bennett.

9. Reports:
 - a. BoardDocs Training – The Board and Administrators were trained on how to use BoardDocs.
10. Action items. Questar III material, reminder before meetings to charge Chromebooks.
11. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, President Olsen adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.