

*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

November 6, 2014

Maple Hill High School Library

Present: Michael Hiser, Victoria Adler, Daniel Grandinetti, Jeanne Strazza, Michael Charsky, Paul Puccio, Christian Olsen, Bruce Romanchak (arrived at 6:07) and George Warner (arrived at 7:02 pm)

Also present: Robert Horan, Monica Kim, Michael Bennett, James Derby and Michele Reickert

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – WORKSHOP

1. Meeting called to order by President, Michael Hiser at 6:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Paul Puccio moved for approval of present agenda. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
4. Paul Puccio moved for approval of minutes of meetings: July 9, 2014, July 24, 2014, September 18, 2014, September 25, 2014, October 2, 2014 and October 16, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
5. Reports:
 - a. MS Distance Learning – Ed Finney & James Derby. Mr. Derby introduced Mr. Finney with a brief overview of the middle school and how they are utilizing distance learning and some of the classes that the district has offered through distance learning. Mr. Finney further explained the different presentations students watched on STEM day last year as well as throughout the year. Students expressed that they enjoyed the aspect of distance learning and thought it was good that they were able to participate and ask questions as well as hear students from other schools asking questions. One student expressed that it was not like a normal class, it was fun. A video was shared from the NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame, one of the distance learning sessions students have participated in. Students actually interacted and questioned Hall of Famer, Harry Carson. Students learned about leadership, character, as well as the numerous jobs outside of playing football that are involved in pro-football. Mr. Finney also shared information about a collaboration that has been started with schools along the Erie Canal to learn the different ways the area benefited from the canal. There was discussion about the potential of having this type of learning opportunity in additional classrooms and to incorporate more subjects.
 - b. SFA Book Presentation to Board – Heather Flood presented to the board books to be donated to each building's libraries as recognition of the Board.
 - c. Athletic Director Report – David Austin spoke to the board about a recent incident at a boy's sectional soccer game. He praised the way it was handled by our team, coaches, and spectators. He expressed that, as always, sportsmanship will be at the forefront of athletics. It will be discussed and reiterated as often and as much as possible. Mr. Bennett commended Dave on

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how he handled the situation, from talking with coaches, officials, and parents as well as getting law enforcement involved.

- d. Capital Project –Robert Horan briefly updated the board on the recent community forums the district has held. He expressed that the attendance was low and that there is one more forum, which will be in the format of a questions and answers. He encouraged the board to refer to the website for updates to the capital project process. He discussed positive conversations he has had with County officials about the sewer project. There has been discussion about the county extending the sewer line down Maple Hill Road to Route 9. The Town of Schodack has asked the district for an article to put on their website. There was discussion about getting the word out to people about the project and the upcoming vote.
6. Meeting open for Public discussion: Mr. Ryan spoke about computer coding and is going to try to push opportunities in each building for students to learn computer coding.
 7. Board Discussion: There was discussion about the different opportunities the board saw from the presentation on distance learning or virtual field trips. It was expressed that it saves money and time lost in transportation to and from the location. Mr. Hiser talked about board communication to the public. The board decided not to do a letter to the public since there was a newsletter going out this week and elections just finished. People have been inundated with political mailings. There was discussion about a midyear retreat for the board.
 8. Policies: None
 9. Consent agenda
 - a. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the Claims Auditor’s Report for September 2014. Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.
 - b. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the Treasurer’s Report for September 2014. Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.
 - c. Michael Charsky moved for approval of an contract with Delta Dental of New York, Inc. through the NYSUT Member Benefits Trust, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a rate of \$40.12 per month for single coverage and \$98.45 per month for dependent/family coverage. Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.
 10. Resignations/Appointments
 - a. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a change in hours for Tina Martino, School Bus Driver, from 4.5 hours per day to 5.75 hours per day, effective November 7, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
 - b. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a change in hours for John Carl, School Bus Driver, from 5.25 hours per day to 6.00 hours per day, effective November 7, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded,

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- all present in favor.
- c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a change in hours for Joseph Sterantino, School Bus Driver, from 5.00 hours per day to 5.50 hours per day, effective November 7, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
 - d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a change in hours for Tracy Sukup, School Bus Driver, from 6.5 hours per day to 6.75 hours per day, effective November 7, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
 - e. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a change in hours for Lori Kolb, School Bus Attendant, from 2.5 hours per day to 3 hours per day, effective November 7, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
 - f. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a change in hours for Deborah Hammond, School Bus Attendant, from 5.00 hours per day to 5.75 hours per day, effective November 7, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
 - g. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the appointment of Dawn Lemoi as substitute school bus driver. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
 - h. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of substitute teacher(s): Kyle LaValley, Jaclyn Passineau and Christopher VanDerbeck. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
 - i. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the following non-instructional substitute(s): Dawn Lemoi. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
 - j. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the appointment of Gail Akins as substitute school bus driver. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
 - k. Bruce Romanchak moved to accept the resignation of Michele Atwater effective December 23, 2014. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
11. Meeting open for public discussion. Tim Ryan mentioned that the Middle school STEM day is January 29th.
 12. Action items. Sports participation receiving credit for Physical Education, November 12th Q & A and SLO presentation to board members.
 13. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, President Hiser adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm