

*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."*

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

**November 7, 2013**

**Maple Hill High School Library**

Present: J. Andrew Fleck, Mary Yurista, Bruce Romanchak, George Warner, Paul Puccio, Michael Charsky, Jeanne Strazza and Daniel Grandinetti (arrived at 6:51 pm)

Absent: Michael Hiser

Also Present: Robert Horan, Michael Bennett, Ron Agostinoni, Monica Kim, Michele Reickert, Matt LaClair and Jason Chevrier (arrived at 6:53 pm)

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – WORKSHOP**

1. Meeting called to order by President, J. Andrew Fleck at 6:39 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of present agenda, Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
4. Approval of minutes of regular meetings: None.
5. Reports:
  - a. School Construction Project, Pre-and Post-referendum – Beth Bourassa and Rob Gach (Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, LLP) Beth Bourassa gave a presentation of the various legal requirements involved in a Capital Project: State Education Approvals and Codes, Architectural plans, Environmental Study, Legal and Public Notices, and Voter Approval.
  - b. Capital Project Fiscal Update – Monica Kim and Robert Horan discussed the impact a capital project could have on the district and taxpayers. There was discussion of the district's good credit rating and how that would benefit the district should the district move forward with a capital project.
6. Meeting open for Public discussion: Tim Ryan commented that he appreciates the efforts of the Board and asked them to keep communication open.
7. Board Discussion: There was discussion about two candidates for the Area 7 Director for NYSSBA, it was mentioned that they will make a decision at the November 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting. There was discussion about the potential retirement changes for specific tiers. Attention was drawn to a letter in the times Union about the Common Core. There was discussion about the tax base and the openness of the County of a casino based on the results of the recent vote. Mr. Puccio stated that Schodack would be a great location for a casino and that exit 12 would be a good location. There was talk about the Fall Sports program and their accomplishments.

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*Every child will be challenged, and every child will challenge every assessment.*

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8. Policies:

- a. School Volunteers – Bruce Romanchak moved for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption, Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Promotion, Retention and Placement of Students – Bruce Romanchak moved for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption, Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

9. Consent agenda

- a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acknowledgement of a donation from Target Corporation in the amount of \$31.00 in support of the Maple Hill Middle School Supplemental Account. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Bruce Romanchak moved for acknowledgement of a donation from Target Corporation in the amount of \$32.00 in support of the Maple Hill High School Supplemental Account. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of a donation from Castleton Kiwanis Club in the amount of \$150.00 in support of the Glover Cross Country Invitational. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to increase the General Fund Revenue Account Code A2705 and General Fund Expenditure account A2855.450.80.0000 in the amount of \$150.00 by a donation from Castleton Kiwanis Club. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to accept insurance proceeds in the amount of \$5,289.68 and to increase the General Fund Revenue Code A2680 and Expense Code A1621.404.50-3000 for replacement/repairs of phones and fire panel from an electrical storm that occurred on. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) in the amount of \$17,316.00 for renewal of existing Bond Anticipation Note pursuant to a Serial Bond Resolution dated July 11, 2012, with KeyBank at an annual interest rate of 1.66%. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

10. Resignations/Appointments:

Bruce Romanchak moved that items b. and c. of the Resignations/Appointments be tabled for further discussion and further moved for approval of the remainder of the Resignations/Appointments . Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

- a. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a change in hours of Michele Atwater, Teaching Assistant, from 4 hours per day to 4.25 hours per day effective October 15, 2013. Michael Charsky seconded.

All present in favor.

- b. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of 2013-14 coach(es) :
  - a. Mark Hoyt – Volunteer Assistant Boys & Girls Bowling Coach. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
  - c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of substitute teacher(s): Ryan Taylor. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
  - d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of Non-Instructional Substitute(s): Craig Hadley. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- 11. Meeting open for public discussion.
- 12. Action items: SAT report, Capital Project progress and an Academic Report for Mathematics.
- 13. Michael Charsky moved to executive Session to discuss an employee matter. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- 14. Bruce Romanchak motioned to return to regular session at 9:11 pm, Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

Regular Session:

- a. Approval of an extended unpaid leave of absence for Janel Gregoire, per the Schodack Faculty Association Contract for the remainder of the 2013-14 School Year.
  - b. Approval of Gale DellaRocco (certification: Visual Arts) as extended term substitute teacher for 2013-14 school year for Janel Gregoire, effective September 6, 2013. Salary for the position is MA Step 1.
- 15. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, Bruce Romanchak moved to adjourn at 9:12 pm, Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.