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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 18, 2010

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

Present: Paul Puccio, Kenneth Flood, Michael Hiser, Lisa Lafferty, Bruce Romanchak, Andrew Fleck, president; Susan Megna, vice president; George Warner.

Absent: Christine DiGiulio.

Also present: Robert Horan, Superintendent; Ron Agostinoni, MHHS; Sherri Fisher, Asst. Superintendent for Business and Support Services; Jason Chevrier, CES; Donna Watson, Director of Curriculum, Staff Development and Pupil Personnel Services, Michael Bennett, MHMS; Liz Chipman, District Clerk.

1. Executive Session 6:00 p.m. (High School Conference Room). President Fleck called meeting to order at 6:10pm. Paul Puccio moved to enter executive session at 6:10pm. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor. Michael Hiser moved to re-enter regular session at 7:05pm. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
2. Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.
3. Approval of present agenda. Michael Hiser moved approval of present agenda. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
4. Approval of minutes of regular meeting October 20, 2010. Paul Puccio moved approval of minutes of regular meeting of 10/20/10. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
5. Meeting open for public discussion. Laura Cooke, president of Faculty Association. On behalf of Schodack Faculty Association, expressed appreciation to board for their work on behalf of Schodack students. Faculty association provided treats and water for board members.
6. Board Discussion. Bruce Romanchak moved to table board discussion until after reports. Susan Megna seconded. All present in favor.
7. Reports / Presentations:
 - a. Student Activity – Key Club. Hope Tobin, Alysha Cross, Kelly McNerney, Sarah Walling, Anna Curtin, Jeremy Hempstead, Mrs. Gomes faculty advisor. Club members reported on Key Club structure and activities. Jeremy Hempstead highlighted his experience at the Key Leader Conference this past weekend. Anna Curtin talked about her Girl Scout Gold Award project: creation of guidebook for volunteer opportunities in the community. Questions, comments from board members.
 - b. Merger Feasibility Report – Robert Horan reported. Department of State Efficiency Grant application by Schodack and Ichabod Crane School Districts to fund feasibility

study for merger. Have applied for High Priority Planning Grant. Must demonstrate a reduction in cost of school operations. Demonstrate an increase in educational opportunities for students. Goals of the study. Implications of tax cap and reductions to state aid. Being aggressive and pro-active in looking for opportunities to address these issues. Work plan and outline of RFP to go out to consultants. Components of work plan: enrollment study and projections, current and projected staffing, current and proposed educational programs, business and support services, program management. Final report from the study will be issued in August 2011. If there is agreement to move forward with any of the recommendations, both Ichabod Crane and Schodack would apply for an Efficiency Implementation Grant in December 2011. Questions, comments from board members.

- c. 2011-12 Budget Development – Sherri Fisher and Robert Horan reported. Budget development process has begun for 2011-12. Not a good economic climate for building a budget. Possibility of property tax cap. Mandate relief as mitigation for property tax cap. Discussion. Loss of assessment, tax cap, loss of state aid are three factors that will make it difficult to build the budget for 2011-12. Sherri highlighted proposed budget development calendar to board members.
8. Board Discussion. George and board members extended thanks to Paul Puccio for his recognition by NYSSBA. Paul Puccio: treasurer’s position vacant. Transition plan is in place. New format for Special Education requests. Explanation of terms would be helpful. Discussion of Response To Intervention. Board workshop December 2 regarding data from RTI program. Kenneth Flood: is staff involved in the budget development process and finding efficiencies and other ways of doing things. Distance Learning, online learning. Credit recovery for students available using online learning. In-house budget advisory committee. Reaching out to other school districts for collaborative savings.
 9. Meeting open for public discussion. Laura Cook: thanked Bob for sharing with faculty the merger feasibility study. RTI process.
 10. Policies. None.
 11. Consent Agenda: Bruce Romanchak moved to add item p. to consent agenda. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
 - a. Bruce Romanchak moved acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for the months of August and September 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Bruce Romanchak moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the months of August and September 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Bruce Romanchak moved acceptance of Extra-Classroom Activity Report for the months of August and September 2010 . Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Bruce Romanchak moved acceptance of Claims Auditor’s Report for the months of August and September 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2010-2011 students: #000113310, # 000011999, #000010853, **#000012193**. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.

- f. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2010-2011 special education services for students: # 000113781 and 000113782. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of a revised contract for special education services with Parsons Child and Family Center for one (1) pupil for the period July 06, 2010 through June 23, 2011, in the amount of \$40536 Note: 6 week 2010 summer \$5,503 and 40 week 2010-2011 school year \$35,033 are included in one contract. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Schodack Central School District and Schodack Central School Faculty Association regarding the creation of stipends for Boys JV and Boys Varsity Lacrosse coaches. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of the creation of one (1) stipend for Boys JV Lacrosse at 5.0% of the BA Base Salary for the 2010-11 school year. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of the creation of one (1) stipend for Boys JV LaCrosse at 5.0% of BA Base Salary OR one (1) stipend for Boys Varsity Lacrosse at 7.0% for the years 2011-12 and beyond. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of the creation of one (1) On-Line Learning Coordinator for a maximum of 200 hours/year at the professional hourly rate, subject to Section 611 ARRA Grant approval and execution of an MOU with SCSFA. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of the creation of four (4) On-Line Learning Coaches for a maximum of 40 hours/year per coach at the professional hourly rate, subject to Section 611 ARRA Grant approval and execution of an MOU with SCSFA. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of a resolution to adopt "Wiley's, Peoples Education" Technical Mathematics with Calculus textbook as the Grade 10-12 Algebra and Trigonometry textbook and authorize the purchase of textbooks as a sole source procurement at an estimated initial cost of \$2,712.78 for 15 textbooks, to be funded from 2010-11 general fund textbook allocation. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of a resolution authorizing the Superintendent, Robert Horan, or his designee to distribute a request for proposals to solicit qualified contractors for the merger feasibility study, contingent upon Ichabod Crane (Kinderhook Central School District) agreement to move forward with the Merger Feasibility Grant awarded by the NYS Department of State in August of 2010. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Bruce Romanchak moved approval of an Independent Contract Agreement from November 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 with Kathleen Sloan for PPS/CSE/Special Education clerical training at a rate of \$22.75 per hour, not to exceed 75 hours. Lisa

Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.

- p. Bruce Romanchak moved resolution authorizing district to contribute ½ of Town of Schodack expert fees in relation to the Hannaford Brothers tax certiorari claim, up to a maximum cost of \$24,500 for Schodack Central Schools. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.

12. Appointments / Resignations:

- a. Sue Megna moved approval of extracurricular advisors/coaches for 2010-11:
 - i. Tim Ryan – Boys JV Lacrosse Coach. Kenneth Flood seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Sue Megna moved approval of Volunteer extracurricular advisor(s)/coach(s) 2010-11 pending certification / fingerprinting:**
 - i. Ed Prevost – Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach . Kenneth Flood seconded. All present in favor.**

 - c. Sue Megna moved approval of substitute teacher(s): Kendra Hadden, Kaelyn Kinley. Kenneth Flood seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Sue Megna moved approval of substitute teachers assistant(s): Kelly A Howe. Kenneth Flood seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Sue Megna moved approval of an increase in one part-time position in the tenure area of physical education K-12 from .50 FTE to .53 FTE, effective November 19, 2010 and approval of addition of employment to .53 FTE of the part-time incumbent in the tenure area of physical education K-12, effective November 19, 2010: Jaclyn Dunn. Kenneth Flood seconded. All present in favor.
 - f. Sue Megna moved acceptance of the resignation of Dianne Topple, District Treasurer, effective November 26, 2010. Kenneth Flood seconded. All present in favor.
 - g. Sue Megna moved acceptance of the resignation of Dianne Topple, Central School Treasurer, effective November 26, 2010. Kenneth Flood seconded. All present in favor.
 - h. Sue Megna moved appointment of Sherri Fisher, Interim Central School Treasurer, effective November 29, 2010. Kenneth Flood seconded. All present in favor.
 - i. Sue Megna moved authorization of Superintendent to certify payroll to Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer for payment – present incumbent is Robert Horan. Kenneth Flood seconded. All present in favor.
13. Meeting open for public discussion. Robert Horan: presented School Board Recognition Week certificates of proclamation to board members Paul Puccio, Kenneth Flood, Susan Megna, who were not present during previous meeting.
14. Action items. Charter schools discussion. Letter to other school districts re: collaboration.
15. Executive Session: work history of specific employees and litigation. Michael Hiser moved to

enter executive session at 9:10pm. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

16. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Chipman

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District Clerk