

*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 19, 2015**

**Maple Hill High School Library**

Present: Michael Hiser, Michael Charsky, Jeanne Strazza, Christian Olsen, Victoria Adler, and Bruce Romanchak,  
Daniel Grandinetti (Arrived 6:16 pm)

Absent: Paul Puccio and Michael Tuttle

Also Present: Robert Horan, Monica Kim, Ron Agostinoni, James Derby, Jason Chevrier and Michele Reickert.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR**

1. Meeting called to order by President, Michael Hiser at 6:01 p.m.
2. President Hiser asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Michael Charsky moved for approval of present agenda, Christian Olsen seconded, all present in favor.
4. Christian Olsen moved for approval of minutes of workshop meeting November 5, 2015, Jeanne Strazza seconded, all present in favor.
5. Reports:
  - a. Backpack Program – Pat Wood and Rico Frese shared about a program currently being used at the High School and Middle School. The program, which is run through the Regional Food Bank supplies food items that are sent home with students over weekends and over breaks to help supplement the lack of food at their home. The backpacks are for the individual student to consume on their own or shared with their siblings. Currently 16 backpacks are sent home with various students. The district first looks to the free and reduced lunch recipients from the school to determine where the need is. It is hoped that the program can be expanded to the elementary school and service approximately 30 students. They shared that Kiwanis picks the food up from the food bank and brings it to the High School where it is stored until the backpacks are packed and sent home with the students. They have received funds through a grant from the Food Bank and a donation from the Anchor to support the program through the current year and a portion of next year. It was expressed that they are looking to raise funds to support the program for future years.
6. Meeting open for public discussion: Laura Cook praised the backpack program and said she was glad to hear more about it. She acknowledged the time and effort it takes to support something like it.
7. Board discussion: Mr. Horan talked about the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop and expressed that he would like

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

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to have a community forum to share where the capital project stands and what the next steps are. He shared that he would like to look at providing babysitting for the meeting. Ron Agostinoni talked about a letter written from a community member expressing his appreciation for help he has received by students from athletic teams and praised their leadership. He also talked about an essay written by a previous student regarding the Small Learning Community Groups and how they helped her. Mr. Olsen talked about plaque in the high school that information was incorrectly stated on and that for years the recipient had tried to get it changed. To credit Dave Austin, since he became Athletic director, he was also asked to change it, and did get it changed. The community member is very appreciative. Monica Kim shared the Budget Calendar with the board and talked about the upcoming year's tax cap. She expressed that tax cap is going to be difficult because of CPI projected to be a negative. Tax Cap is driven by CPI numbers. There was discussion about overriding the tax cap and how it would affect the refund taxpayers are expecting. Mr. Hiser talked about the goals and wondered if the district is achieving them. He expressed that he would like one the goals to be to determine how we track the achievements of our graduates after they graduate.

8. Policies: None.

9. Consent agenda

- a. Michael Charsky moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2015-2016 students: 000114846, 000114809, 000114755, 000114847 and 000114800, Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.
- b. Michael Charsky moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2015-2016 special education services for students: 000011232, 000113873, 000114181, 000114855, and 082330000, Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.
- c. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the 2016-2017 Budget Calendar, Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.
- d. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of a donation by Hudson Valley Community College valued at \$1,000.00 consisting of: 1 office desk, 10 office chairs, 1 12ft Board room table, and 1 12ft white board, Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.
- e. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of a donation from Adela P. Hughes valued at \$1,800.00 consisting of: Dell Server, rack, UPS and Switch, Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.
- f. Michael Charsky moved for approval of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) in the amount of \$8,658 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 1.3%, Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.
- g. Michael Charsky moved for approval for the district to declare the following items as surplus:
  - i. Bus 95 2003 AMTRA VIN #4DRBRABN33B955084 Diesel Fuel 8 cyl.

- ii. Bus 97 2003 IC VIN#4DRBRABN93A951997 Diesel fuel 8 cyl.
  - iii. Bus 98 2004 IC VIN#4DRBRABL54B968032 Diesel fuel 8 cyl
  - iv. 95 Desktop computers – No OS, hard drives have been either ERASED or REMOVED
  - v. 55 Computer Monitors
  - vi. 8 Printers
  - vii. 3 Plywood tables 2'x4'
  - viii. 10 4 drawer filing cabinets
  - ix. 1 32 inch TV
  - x. 4 27 inch TV's
  - xi. 7 10 Foot folding café tables
  - xii. 4 8 Foot folding café tables
  - xiii. 25 Wooden Desks
  - xiv. 2 Score Boards
  - xv. 2 Shot Clocks
- Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.

10. Resignations/Appointments:

- a. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the following funded advisor(s) for the 2015-16 school year:
  - i. Jennifer Delaney – HS SADD co-advisor
  - ii. Karen Sweet – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade co-advisor
  - iii. Kerry Kakule – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade co-advisor
  - iv. Christine Fowler – MS Newspaper Advisor

Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.
- b. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the following un-funded advisor(s) for the 2015-16 school year:
  - i. MS Robotics – Kristopher Navratil
  - ii. MS Open Source Computer Club - Kristopher Navratil
  - iii. MS Maker Club – Kristopher Navratil

Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.
- c. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the following Volunteer Assistant Coach(es):
  - i. Joseph McCabe – Varsity Wrestling
  - ii. Alyssa O'Connor – Girls Varsity Basketball
  - iii. Samantha Hendrick – Girls Varsity Basketball
  - iv. Samantha Ayala – Girls JV Basketball.

Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.
- d. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the following substitute teacher(s ): Tiffany Weldon,  
Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.
- e. Michael Charsky moved for approval of the permanent appointment of Brian Schanck, Custodial Worker, effective June 8, 2015, Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.

11. Meeting open for public discussion: None.
12. Action items. Planning for December 3, 2015 Community Forum and more goal discussion between Bruce Romanchak, Michael Tuttle and Robert Horan.
13. Victoria Adler moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a confidential student matter, Christian Olsen seconded, all present in favor.
14. Michael Charsky moved to re-enter regular session and adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm, Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michele A. Reickert*  
District Clerk