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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."

Present: Michael Hiser, Christian Olsen, Victoria Adler, Michael Charsky, Jeanne Strazza, Bruce Romanchak, George Warner (arrived at 6:29) and Paul Puccio (arrived at 9:00)

Also present: Robert Horan, Monica Kim, Jason Chevrier, Michael Bennett, James Derby, Ron Agostinoni, Matt LaClair and Michele Reickert

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

November 20, 2014

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

1. Meeting called to order by President, Michael Hiser at 6:04 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Michael Charsky moved for approval of present agenda, Christian Olsen seconded. All present in favor.
4. Michael Charsky moved for approval of minutes of workshop meeting November 6, 2014, Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
5. Reports:
 1. Building Update – Michael Bennett, Jason Chevier and faculty members: Laura Cook, Wendy Nolan, Jennifer Kosinski, Chris Charsky, and Amy Hirschhoff. Michael Bennett started the presentation talking about Common Core Curriculum and how it has changed teaching. He talked about the use of Professional Development conference days for teachers to “unpack” the common core modules and collaborate to figure out how to best incorporate common core into the classroom. Mr. Chevrier talked more about the common core and how the mandated State tests were changed by common core. He expressed that until this year, test questions were not allowed to be shared by anyone to anyone. Since the State has shared test questions, educators are able to align their teaching with the expectations of the common core. Mr. Chevrier shared that the current 5th grade students will be held to the Common Core Standards to graduate, he ELA requirement for Regents is 75% and the Algebra requirement for Regents will be 80% unlike the current 55% and 65%. The teachers demonstrated and shared actual activities that students participate in in the classroom. Board Members participated in hands on activities being used in the classrooms. There was discussion about Pre-K facilities and how they can work with children before they enter Kindergarten to prepare them for entering school. Teachers shared that they are excited how the children are learning math in a more in-depth way, understanding numbers not just memorizing facts. Fourth grade math was demonstrated showing different ways students can divide 64 by 4, by breaking down the components or decomposing numbers.
 2. Budget Calendar – Robert Horan and Monica Kim briefly talked about the budget calendar and expressed that it has not changed much from the past years. There was a clerical correction to

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the year in one section of the calendar. There was discussion about revenues and when the district knows the amounts they will be expecting to be sure it will be in line with the timing of the February meeting.

6. Meeting open for public discussion: Mr. Ryan invited the board to the K-12 Event called the Hour of Code. It will take place the week of December 8th through the 13th. The goal is to have every student spend time experiencing computer coding. Mary Yurista commented on the presentation from the teachers and how she was “blown away” by the teachers.
7. Board discussion: The board discussed and accepted a resolution of the results of the capital project vote that just passed and what the next steps are. Mr. Horan expressed that the planning will begin with meetings between the architects, educational planner, administrators, faculty and support staff to see what the need is. Mr. Hiser acknowledged and thanked the work of the administrative team and the leadership of Superintendent Horan in moving the Capital Project along from conception to successful vote. There was discussion about the Technology Bond and how the district plans to use it. There was a question about student report cards and some absences noted for kids that were not absent. Mr. Chevrier explained that the district is required to keep track of things such as fire drills and by doing so the Student Information System marks the students absent, which appears in the parent portal, report cards and other places. The district is in touch with NERIC and has been informed that it can be fixed to eliminate this problem in the future. Mr. Horan reminded the board of the Teacher of the Year awards. He also mentioned that the Village of Castleton Library has been remodeled and is a site to see, he encouraged members to go visit it and take a look.
8. Policies: None.
9. Consent agenda
 - a. Christian Olsen moved for acceptance of Extra-classroom Report for the quarter July 2014 through September 2014. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Christian Olsen moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2014-2015 students: 000114580, 000011223, 000114617, 000113865, 000113862, 000114576, and 000113549. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Christian Olsen moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2014-2015 special education services for students: 000114690, 000114694, and 000114693. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the 2015-2016 Budget Calendar. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Christian Olsen moved for acceptance of a donation from Paul Puccio in the amount of \$700.00 to assist the district in providing additional newsletters to the community. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

- f. Christian Olsen moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to increase the General Fund Revenue Account Code A2705 and General Fund Expenditure Account A1670.402.00.0000 in the amount of \$700.00 by a donation from Paul Puccio. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - g. Christian Olsen moved for acknowledgement of a donation from South Schodack Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$100.00 in support of the Community Charities Account. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - h. Christian Olsen moved for acknowledgement of a donation from East Schodack Garden Club in the amount of \$300.00 in support of the Castleton Elementary School Agricultural Project. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - i. Christian Olsen moved for approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Collette Mechanical (MHHS Project 4915-01-04-0002-019) to be deducted from construction contingency, \$25,161.91 change to revised sum of \$427,871.00:

Change Order PC-003 in the amount of \$6,548.63
Change Order PC-004 in the amount of \$1,160.46. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - j. Christian Olsen moved for approval of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) in the amount of \$12,987 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 1.46%. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - k. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the district to declare one (1) Oticon R-12 Dedicated Receiver and one (1) Oticon T-20 Transmitter as surplus. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
10. Resignations/Appointments
- a. Michael Charsky moved for approval of non-instructional substitute(s): Ellen Smith. Victoria Adler seconded. All present in favor.
11. Meeting open for public discussion: None.
12. Michael Charsky moved to add a Board Discussion to the Agenda, Bruce Romanchak seconded. All present in favor.

Board Discussion: The Board broke to go down to the gymnasium to find out the results of the Capital Project vote. There was discussion about the next steps in the Capital Project. Mr. Horan expressed that there will be a lot of meetings coming up. The architects and educational planner will begin meeting with administrators, teachers, and staff to discuss the options and see what employees feel they need, and how they feel the rooms should be laid out, and then go from there. The board briefly talked about the

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Technology Bond and how administrators plan to use the funds. There will be a committee to discuss the money and how it would be used the best. There was discussion about the middle school and if some of the money could be used there.

13. Action items. Enjoy Thanksgiving.
14. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, President, Michael Hiser adjourned the meeting at 9:31 pm.