

*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

**October 16, 2014**

**Maple Hill High School Library**

Present: Michael Hiser, George Warner Victoria Adler, Jeanne Strazza, Paul Puccio, Bruce Romanchak, Daniel Grandinetti, Christian Olsen, and Michael Charsky (arrived at 6:12)

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR**

1. Meeting called to order by Board President, Michael Hiser at 6:06 pm.
2. President Hiser asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Christian Olsen moved for approval of present agenda. Victoria Adler seconded, all present in favor.
4. Approval of minutes of regular meetings: None.
5. Reports:
  1. External Audit Report – Marvin & Company - Heather Lewis presented to the board the financial statement and final findings of the External Audit. She expressed that the district has good internal controls and also expressed the controls for extra-curricular funds are handled well in the district. One of the reasons the extra-curricular funds has such good controls is that the district runs the extracurricular funds through the business office.
  2. Summer Work Project – Nathan Porter and Kaitlin McGann presented on a program they participated in this past summer. They each shared their experience at the location they chose to intern at. Each shared what their role was in the internship and the extent of the research they performed for the company they work for. The teachers were able to use the information and knowledge they gained in lesson plans for their classes. They shared some of the benefits to the district such as: the start-up of a Science Seminar Series which brings guest speakers into the district on a monthly basis to share information with students; each teacher received a \$1,000.00 grant to spend on materials for their school; as well as give the teachers a better understanding of what skills employers are looking for in graduates.
  3. Capital Project Report – Monica Kim & Robert Horan shared with the board what the administrators will present to the community at the upcoming forums to help community members understand the needs at each building, the research that has been done leading up to the decision to bring a capital project to the community for vote in November as well as explaining to the community the impact it could have on the taxes. Mr. Horan expressed that the capital project is an academic focused project. While athletics has not been omitted from the project, it is not the main focus, the main focus is academics. There are some things that have been looked at such as painting the gymnasium and some maintenance issues. The track

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will be resurfaced in the project; the track draws a tremendous amount of community use and is in need of repair. The district is trying to time the project so that there is not a drastic dip in the local tax share from debt coming off before the new debt is incurred. The district anticipates a maximum local share increase of \$.20/\$1,000 assessment, and are also estimating other cost savings for utilities, repairs, insurance, supplies, Information Technology, transportation, shared staff, and shared services as well as increased income potential. There was discussion of what might be changed in the presentation to make it more understandable to the community. There was discussion about Pre-K and how the district could handle the addition of Pre-K if it becomes mandated.

6. Meeting open for public discussion: There was question about the estimated savings and what year the district would experience the savings.
7. Board Discussion: There was discussion about vandalism of the school grounds over the Columbus Day weekend, which led into a more positive discussion about the Fall Sports Weekend and what a success it was. Mr. Horan expressed gratitude to the Booster Club for the hard work they continually do. Mr. Horan spoke about the Kiwanis chicken barbecue and hoped that the board members might be able to help out at the barbecue this month. He expressed the various ways the district, students and clubs are helped by donations from the Kiwanians. Mr. Warner expressed the importance of talking to middle school students and parents about academic scholarships which led to discussion about what is already done to help incoming high school students plan for their future.
8. Policies: None.
9. Consent agenda
  - a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of Treasurer's Reports for the month of August 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - b. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of Claims Auditor Report for the month of August 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2014-2015 special education services for students: 000114658, 000114659, 000114684, 000114686, 000113787, 000113704, and 000113785. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution accepting the Independent Audit Report of the financial statements of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - e. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution approving the following documents allowing Schodack Central School District to remain a member of NYSMEC and participate in the cooperative bidding process:

- Electricity Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service Billing Schedule And Agreement (Joinder)
  - Resolution Authorizing Participation In Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) For Electricity
  - Natural Gas Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service Billing Schedule And Agreement (Joinder).
  - Resolution Authorizing Participation In Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) For Natural Gas. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Bruce Romanchak moved for the adoption of a resolution for the appointment of Permanent Chairperson, Chief Election Inspector, and Inspectors of Election for the Capital Improvement Project vote on November 20, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - g. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a donation from The College of St. Rose of (4) four Think Pad Laptops valued at \$800.00. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - h. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of change in assessment for James & Stacey Muscato, for real property located at Schodack, NY (188.6-16.-14) from \$369,700 to \$345,500 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2014-004, and approval of a refund in the amount of \$551.52. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - i. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of Application for Corrected Tax Roll for Margaret Girtler-Siver, for real property located at Schodack, NY (188.-5-15) for \$227.90 due to clerical error. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - j. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for bus purchase pursuant to a Serial bond resolution dated July 11, 2013 for \$88,800 with KeyBank at an annual interest rate of 1.24%. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - k. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of change in assessment for Steven & Gale Roth, for real property located at Schodack, NY (200.3-4-3) from \$211,600 to \$195,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2014-011, and approval of a refund in the amount of \$378.31. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - l. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of change in assessment for Raymond Joy, for real property located at Schodack, NY (198.19-2-9) from \$55,000 to \$40,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2014-029, and approval of a refund in the amount of \$341.85. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
10. Resignations/Appointments
- a. Christian Olsen moved for approval of 2014-15 Student Chemical Hygiene Officer – Sabrina Sepowski. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

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- b. Christian Olsen moved for approval of a correction to the appointment of Allison Pinto approved at the October 2, 2014 board workshop meeting to include an effective date of October 6, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - c. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the following substitute teacher(s): Elizabeth Berry. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - d. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the following non-instructional substitute(s): Joseph Sterantino (Custodial Worker). Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - e. Christian Olsen moved for approval of the following volunteer assistant coach(es):
    - i. Alyssa O'Connor – Girls Varsity Basketball
    - ii. Randy ApJohn – Varsity Bowling (contingent upon his obtaining certification ). Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - f. Acceptance of the resignation of Christine Fowler as 7<sup>th</sup> grade Class Co-advisor. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - g. Acceptance of the resignation of Everett Finney as 7<sup>th</sup> grade Co-advisor. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - h. Approval of the appointment of the following 2014-15 Co-Curricular Advisor(s):
    - i. Jacqueline Hill – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - i. Approval of the appointment of the following 2014-15 Coach(es):
    - i. Kayla Young – Girls Modified Basketball Coach
    - ii. William Schouten – Modified Wrestling Coach (pending final coaching certification). Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - j. Acceptance of the resignation of Carey Bielawa f/k/a Carey Foley, as Teaching Assistant, effective October 3, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
  - k. Acceptance of the resignation of Courtney Donnelly f/k/a Courtney Black as Secretary 1, effective October 31, 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
11. Meeting open for public discussion. There was additional discussion about the scholarships and awards offered to students each year. There was discussion about a group of parents that have created a google program to help students track their participation in events for a college application that could be a good resource for Middle and High school students. There was a request to increase the after school bus runs, it limits students to help after school and other opportunities. Pat Wood asked the board to remember co-curricular programs when they start working on the budget.
12. Action items. Community Forums October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the HS

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Auditorium.

13. Daniel Grandinetti moved to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential student matters at 8:21 PM, Christian Olsen seconded. All present in favor.
14. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, President Hiser adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michele A. Reichert*  
District Clerk