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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."*

Present: J. Andrew Fleck, Mary Yurista, Michael Hiser, Michael Charsky, Jeanne Strazza, Bruce Romanchak (arrived 6:25 pm), and Dan Grandinetti (7:21 pm)

Absent: George Warner

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

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

October 17, 2013

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

1. Meeting called to order by President, J. Andrew Fleck at 6:11 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Michael Hiser moved for approval of the present agenda. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
4. Michael Hiser moved for approval of minutes of regular meetings: August 22, 2013 and September 19, 2013. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
5. Reports:
 - a. External Audit –Marvin & Company – Heather reported to the Board there were no findings of the annual external audit . It was recommended that the board be vigilant that the central business office at Questar is doing what they are expected to.
 - b. Capital Project / Educational Summit Update – Robert Horan, Robert Hendricks, Jim Graham
The board was presented with a three dimensional photographs and CAD drawings of the High School and Middle school, different drawings exist for the elementary school, and their various uses including security, maintenance and meeting purposes. There was extensive discussion of the timeline and where the district stands in the process. Legal counsel will be meeting with the board at the November 7th board meeting to discuss the legal aspect and timeline of a capital project. There was discussion about the next step in the process and feedback from the board of the September 24th Educational Summit. There was discussion about changing the design of the facilities to accommodate the changes in the way education is delivered. More hands on learning was discussed and how to achieve that goal. There was discussion about more technology, better labs, more whiteboards, iPads, etc. The board extensively talked about the current uses of the buildings and potential changes that could be made to utilize the existing buildings differently. Wesite has been designed schodacklegacy.com
6. Meeting open for public discussion: Laura Cook stated that she enjoyed the Educational Summit format and spoke about the worthwhileness of the evening; and also stated that from an Elementary perspective,

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interdisciplinary is more her choice. She asked if information would be provided ahead of time to the faculty being met with to go over the input for the future plans. Tim Ryan commented that he has seen the growth, and that the Middle School , High School and CES have seen changes and knew the vision was always being reached out to . He stressed that working within our small means as important and that he felt interdisciplinary would be the best direction for education. Students need to see the connections between math, science , art and other subjects.

7. Board discussion: There was discussion about the math scores and policy on the agenda for student retention and placement. Requests a presentation from administrators on remedial mathematics and the expectations of struggling students. There was discussion on the publication of the availability of teacher scores and what the district is planning on doing. The board asked how the information will be shared with the board as far as where the district teachers' scores were overall.
8. Policies:
 - a. School Volunteers – Paul Puccio moved to move to the 2nd reading. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Promotion, Retention and Placement of Students – Paul Puccio moved to move to the 2nd reading. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
9. Consent agenda
 - a. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of Treasurer's Reports for the month of August 2013. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the month of August 2013. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of Claims Auditor Report for the month of August 2013. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Michael Charsky moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2013-2014 special education services for students: 000114115, 000114114 and 000114169. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Michael Charsky moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2013-2014 students: 000113288, 000113865, 000113559, 000113554, and 000113665. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
 - f. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of a donation from CES PTO in the amount of \$500 to offset Elementary education costs as the principal sees fit. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
 - g. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to increase the General Fund Revenue Account Code A2705 and General Fund expenditure account A2020.450.10.0000 in the amount of \$500 by a donation CES PTO. Michael Hiser seconded. All

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present in favor.

- h. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of a donation from ClassBook.com in the amount of \$10,000 to offset cost of mini iPads for Small Learning Community in the HS. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to increase the General Fund Revenue Account Code A2705 and General Fund Expenditure Account A2070.490.00.0000 in the amount of \$10,000 by a donation from ClassBook.com. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a resolution accepting the Independent Audit Report of the financial statements of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Michael Charsky moved for approval of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for bus purchase pursuant to a Serial bond resolution dated July 11, 2013 for \$111,000 with KeyBank at an annual interest rate of 1.67%. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a contract with John Ray and Sons for installation of Propane Tank at the Bus Garage. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Michael Charsky moved for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Schodack Central School District and Schodack Central School Faculty Association to add Varsity Girls and Boys Bowling to Appendix C Extracurricular Compensation Schedule effective with the 2013-14 school year. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Michael Charsky moved for acceptance of a donation from The College of St. Rose of (5) five LCD Projectors and Bulbs valued at \$6,000.00 to be used in classrooms. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Michael Charsky moved for acknowledgment of a donation from South Schodack Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$100.00 in support of the Community Charities Account. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- p. Michael Charsky moved for approval of an overnight trip for International Club to New York City on November 8th and 9th, 2013. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- q. Michael Charsky moved for approval of change in assessment for Paul & Deborah Ashline, for real property located at Schodack, NY (188-006.026) from \$360,000 to \$341,496 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2013-020 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$384.80. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.
- r. Michael Charsky moved for approval of change in assessment for James & Stacey Muscato, for real property located at Schodack, NY (189.8-16.14) from \$396,000 to \$319,500 pursuant to Small

Claims Assessment Review Case 2013-038 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$1,601.26. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.

- s. Michael Charsky moved for acknowledgement of a donation from Target Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$309.84 in support of the MHMS Supplementary Account. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.

10. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Michael Hiser moved for approval of the appointment of Gale DellaRocca as regular substitute teacher for Janel Gregware effective September 6, 2013. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Michael Hiser moved for approval of the appointment of Carey Foley, Teaching Assistant, 4 hours per day at a rate of \$16.01 per hour effective September 30, 2013. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Michael Hiser moved for approval of the appointment of Amanda Richards, Teaching Assistant, 4 hours per day at a rate of \$16.01 per hour effective September 30, 2013. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Michael Hiser moved for approval of the appointment of Amy McGarvey-Roe, Teaching Assistant, 4 hours per day at a rate of \$16.01 per hour effective September 30, 2013. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Michael Hiser moved for approval of the appointment of Dawn Renslow, Teaching Assistant, 4 hours per day at a rate of \$16.01 per hour effective September 30, 2013. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Michael Hiser moved for approval of the permanent appointment of Rhonda Greenway, Dispatcher, effective April 10, 2013. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Michael Hiser moved for approval of the appointment of transportation personnel hours for the 2013-14 school year:
Deborah Hammond, 5.00 hours per day. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Michael Hiser moved for approval of 2013-14 Coach(s):
 - a. Jeremy Mann – Modified Wrestling coach
 - b. Jeff King – Volunteer Assistant Wrestling coach. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Michael Hiser moved for approval of 2013-14 funded Co-Curricular Advisor(s):
 - a. Scott Hanrahan – MHHS Stage Band
 - b. Kelsey Roman – MHHS Visual Aide

- c. Tim Ryan – MHHS Computer Specialist
 - d. Mark Hoyt – MHHS International Club
 - e. Caitlin Colwell – MHHS Student Council Co-Advisor
 - f. Melissa Golden – MHHS Student Council Co-Advisor
 - g. Lauralyn Kulpa and K ate Murphy-Sinnott – Volunteer Cheerleading Co-Advisors. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
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- j. Michael Hiser moved for approval of substitute teacher(s): Matthew Alvey, Cory Egnasher and Tessa Eckholm. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
 - k. Michael Hiser moved for approval of non-Instructional substitute(s): Jeremy Cole. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
 - l. Michael Hiser moved for approval of the appointment of Jillian Burns, Teaching Assistant, 4 hours per day at a rate of \$16.01 per hour, effective October 28, 2013. Daniel Grandinetti seconded. All present in favor.
11. Meeting open for public discussion: None.
12. Action items: Capital project, facilities meeting demo and SEQR, SAT report and Math study presentation.
13. Daniel Grandinetti moved to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations and student concerns at 9:40 pm, Mary Yurista seconded. All present in favor.
14. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, Bruce Romanchak moved to adjourn at 10:04 pm, Mike Hiser seconded. All present in favor.