

*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."*

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

October 18, 2007

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - REGULAR

Present: Paula Noll, President; Paul Puccio, Ricardo Cosgrave, Robert Hamilton, Seth Hendrick,
George Warner, Phyllis Scannell.

Absent: Sue Megna, Vice President; Beth Nichols Hesse.

Also Present: Doug Hamlin, Superintendent; Sherri Fisher, Director of Business and Support
Services; Donna Watson, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development; Robert Horan, MHHS;
Lori Colistra, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Jason Chevrier, CES; Roger Gorham, MHMS; Liz
Chipman, District Clerk.

- 1. Meeting called to order by President Noll at 7:05 p.m.
- 2. Approval of present agenda. Seth Hendrick moved to approve present agenda with additions.
Robert Hamilton seconded. All present in favor.
3. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of September 20, 2007 and special meeting of
October 4, 2007 and
Correction to minutes of regular meeting of August 16, 2007: (7h.) Approval of Change Order
(# 001) for construction contract of Williams Scotsman, Inc. (**CES Modular Village**) in the
amount of \$2,500, increasing the total contract amount to \$804,600. Seth Hendrick moved to
approve minutes of 9/20/07, 10/4/07, and correction to minutes of 8/16/07. Robert Hamilton
seconded. All present in favor.
- 4. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
5. Reports
 - A. Capital Project Oversight - Ed Goodwill, Clerk of the Works. Mr. Goodwill reported on
progress to date on capital project. Footings for gym, asbestos abatement. Questions,
comments, discussion from board members.
 - B. Capital Project and Town Re-Assessment Impact. Doug Hamlin reported. Sherri and Doug
attended meeting at Questar regarding uniform communication for re-assessments in
three school districts. Need for consistent message, but tailored to each of the different
school districts. Not a significant difference between prices in Sawchuck/Brown and

CRBOCES prices. Cost of BOCES is aidable. CRBOCES and all three districts will meet to develop plan. Discussion, questions, comments from board members.

6. Policies - 2nd Readings

- A. Revision to Cellular Telephone Policy Regulations 3-222R. Policy moved by consensus to third reading.
- B. Revision to Competitive Bidding Policy 4-202. Policy moved by consensus to third reading.

7. Consent agenda

- A. Robert Hamilton moved acceptance of Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2007. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- B. Robert Hamilton moved acceptance of Claims Auditor's Report for the month of August 2007. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- C. Robert Hamilton moved acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for month of August 2007. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- D. Robert Hamilton moved acceptance of Extra-classroom Activity Report for month of August 2007. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- E. Robert Hamilton moved acceptance of donation from Target/Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$126.06 in support of Maple Hill Middle School PAC Extracurricular Account. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- F. Robert Hamilton moved acceptance of donation from South Schodack Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary in the amount of \$100.00 in support of Maple Hill Middle School Community Charities account. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- G. Robert Hamilton moved approval of resolution accepting the Independent Audit Report of the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- H. Robert Hamilton moved acceptance of lease agreement with Questar III for one (1) classroom for the period September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- I. Robert Hamilton moved acceptance of bid proposal from SJB Services, Inc., P.O. Box 2199, Ballston Spa, NY 12020, for the Construction Testing, Inspection and Geotechnical Services pursuant to bid opening held on October 5, 2007. (Estimated cost is \$19,415; actual cost will vary based on amount of testing required.) Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- J. Robert Hamilton moved approval of Addendum No. 1 to contract dated/approved

- September 20, 2007 with Mazone Plumbing & Heating, Inc., 93 Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054, with revisions to Section 5.1.3 and Section 5.1.6. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- K. Robert Hamilton moved approval of Addendum No. 1 to contract dated/approved September 20, 2007 with ARCON Construction & Management Services, Inc., 8 Railroad Avenue, Albany, New York 12205, with revisions to Section 4.1, Section 5.1.3 and Section 5.1.6. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- L. Robert Hamilton moved approval of Addendum No. 1 to contract dated/approved September 20, 2007 with Sano-Rubin Construction Co., Inc., 624 Delaware Avenue, PO Box 9078, Albany, New York 12209, with revisions to Section 4.1, Section 5.1.3 and Section 5.1.6. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- M. Robert Hamilton moved approval of Addendum No. 1 to contract dated/approved September 20, 2007 with T. Lemme Mechanical, Inc., 95 Champlain Street, Albany, New York 12204, with revisions to Section 5.1.3 and Section 5.1.6. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- N. Robert Hamilton moved approval of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan For Construction of 2007 Capital Improvement Project at Castleton Elementary School and authorization for EDR, 217 Montgomery Street, Suite 1000, Syracuse, NY 13202, to act as Duly Authorized Representative for the District under NYSDEC SPDEC General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- O. Robert Hamilton moved acceptance of proposal from Hartford Insurance Company for a Builder's Risk Policy for Castleton Elementary School at an estimated cost of \$15,242 for initial coverage from 10/15/07 through 10/15/08, with policy extension on a pro-rata basis and additional optional coverages available upon request. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- P. Robert Hamilton moved approval of contract for special education services with Wildwood Programs for one (1) pupil for the period September 6, 2007 through June 25, 2008, in the amount of \$40,097. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- Q. Robert Hamilton moved approval of Independent Evaluators for 2007-08: Dr. Alan J. Barnett, 634 Plank Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065; Dr. Tobie Ann Dorn, 62 Hackett Boulevard, Albany, NY 12209; Dr. Carol Possin, 2361 Algonquin Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309; Karner Psychological Associates, 2280 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12084; Dr. Alison Curley, 2310 Knott Street East, Niskayuna, NY 12309. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- R. Robert Hamilton moved approval of [recommendations of district Committee on Special Education regarding 2007-08 special education services for students #000113182 and](#)

000011103. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

- S. Robert Hamilton moved approval of **creation of one teaching position: English to Speakers of Other Languages (.55 FTE)**. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- T. Robert Hamilton moved approval of independent contractor agreement with Edmund D. Tobin to perform editing services during the 2007-08 school year at a rate of \$22/hour, cost not to exceed \$1,800. Discussion. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- U. Robert Hamilton moved approval of final payment to DelSignore Blacktop Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$15,179.20 for completion of paving contract at Maple Hill Middle School (SED Project #49-15-01-04-0-004-101-Maple Hill Middle School Site Work). Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- V. Robert Hamilton moved approval of contract from SJB Services, Inc., P.O. Box 2199, Ballston Spa, NY 12020, for the Construction Testing, Inspection and Geotechnical Services pursuant to a bid opening held on October 5, 2007. (Estimated cost is \$19,415; the actual cost will vary based on the amount of testing required.) Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- W. Robert Hamilton moved approval of contract for special education services with Capital Dormitory Authority for one (1) pupil attending Northeast Parent and Child Society for the period September 5, 2007 to June 26, 2008 in the amount of \$1,044. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- X. Robert Hamilton moved approval of Amendment to Contract with Stieglitz Snyder Architecture - Payment Schedule and Change in Services. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

8. Retirements. None.

9. Resignations/Appointments

- A. Robert Hamilton moved acceptance of resignation of Arthur VanDeWal, Custodial Worker, effective end of workday October 18, 2007. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- B. Robert Hamilton moved probationary appointment of Arthur VanDeWal, School Bus Driver, for 4.5 hours/day, at a rate of \$19.58 per hour (one year advanced credit), effective October 19, 2007 through April 19, 2008. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- C. Robert Hamilton moved emergency conditional approval of substitute teachers: Kevin Hertzell, Lucas Ashby . Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

- D. Robert Hamilton moved emergency conditional approval of substitute teachers (emergency conditional re-appointment effective November 1, 2007): Patricia Canestro, Alan Dellehunt, Geoffrey Flynn, Heather LaMountain, Sabine Murphy, April Nelson, Charles Silberman, William Strang, John Tulloch, Christine Zimmerman. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- E. Robert Hamilton moved emergency conditional approval of non-instructional substitutes (emergency conditional re-appointment effective November 1, 2007): Janice Dikant, Gloria Shook. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- F. Robert Hamilton moved approval of emergency conditional three-year probationary appointment of Marisol Bermudez-Ellis, teaching assistant, for 6 hours/day at a rate of \$14.18/hour, effective September 4, 2007 (Emergency conditional re-appointment effective November 1, 2007). Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- G. Robert Hamilton moved approval of Science and Art Laboratory Chemical Hygiene Officer for 2007-08: Leonard Bacon. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- H. Robert Hamilton moved approval of extracurricular coaches/advisors for 2007-08:
 - 1) Lindsay Rock - All County Music Supervision (Winter); All County Music Supervision (Spring)
 - 2) Bryon Lewis - Boys Varsity Volleyball Coach. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- I. Robert Hamilton moved appointment of Grazyna Widmann (Certification: English to Speakers of Other Languages; Kindergarten and Common Branch Subjects and Special Classes of Mentally Handicapped Children; Art; Guidance; Russian 7-12) as teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages (.55 FTE), effective October 22, 2007. Salary for the 10-month position is MA Step 1. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- J. Robert Hamilton moved approval of probationary appointment of Kara Householder, School Bus Driver, for 4.5 hours/day, at a rate of \$18.18 per hour, effective October 22, 2007 through April 22, 2008. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.
- K. Robert Hamilton moved approval of probationary appointment of Paul Prostowich, Driver/Trainer, variable hours as needed, at a rate of \$21.15/hour, effective October 22, 2007 through April 22, 2008. Seth Hendrick seconded. All present in favor.

10. Board discussion: Additional public comment session. Paula initiated discussion regarding additional public comment session in the board agenda. Questar policy on public discussion. Possible addition of third session immediately following reports. Jason Chevrier: thank you to George, Doug, Seth for attending luncheon. George Warner: pictures of CES project? Videographer on staff, still photographs as well. Webcam? Green buildings. No federal funding for green construction at this point. Discussion. Paul Puccio: commended George Warner on his comments at groundbreaking. Solar panels on roofs.

11. Meeting open for public discussion. None.

12. Action items. Questions for Phil. Questar policy for public comment sessions. Communication plan.

13. Motion to go into executive session to discuss work history of specific employees, Superintendent evaluation, negotiations with SCFA. Robert Hamilton moved to enter in to exective session at 7:45pm. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

14. Adjournment. Having no other business before the board, meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Chipman
District Clerk

[BOE\AGENDA OCT 18 07]

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