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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: Christian Olsen, Michael Tuttle, Mary Yurista, Michael Charsky, Bruce Romanchak, Charles Peter, Daniel Grandinetti and Michael Hiser

Absent: Paul Puccio

Also Present: Jason Chevrier, Michael Bennett, Jacqueline Hill, Jodi Sullivan, James Derby and Michele Reickert

SCHODACK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1477 South Schodack Road, Castleton, New York 12033-1699

October 19, 2017

Maple Hill High School Library

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

1. Meeting called to order by Board President, Christian Olsen at 6:00 pm.
2. Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, and the employment history of three particular employees.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Approval of present agenda
4. Approval of minutes of regular meetings: September 21, 2017 and October 5, 2017
5. Reports:
 1. External Audit Report – Marvin & Company The board was presented with the annual audit report and the outcome of the audit. The process of the external audit was explained and questions were asked. In the External Auditor's opinion our financial statement is fairly stated. The board was also presented the Extra-classroom activity audit and in the opinion of the Auditors, it is also fairly stated. There was one finding in extra classroom and it was a missing signature of a student advisor for a group that did not have a student advisor in place at the time signature was needed.
 2. Lacrosse Update – David Austin and Mr. Chevrier expressed that there was concern that there would not be enough student interest in Lacrosse to field a team here at Schodack. There is a deadline of January if there is going to be a request to merge with another school. Our Athletic department has talked with Ichabod Crane and there is interest in merging with Ichabod to allow both school's students to participate in Lacrosse and allow our students that have been invested in the sport to continue. The board was in agreement that the district could proceed with researching and merging the Lacrosse team.
 3. Administrative Appointments – Jason Chevrier talked about the appointments of Administrators and explained why Jacqueline Hill was not on the agenda to be appointed. The plan was to have her appointed as Secondary principal and have her oversee both buildings, however legal counsel advised that there had to be a physical principal in each building. A temporary principal will need to be appointed and we would like to do an appointment the same night Jacqueline Hill is appointed.

A posting will be done for the position of which there is internal and external interest in the position.

6. District News:

- District – The district has received the Blue Ribbon Award along with 341 schools across country, the district was 1 of 19 across New York State. Mr. Chevrier expressed that it is a very prestigious award and that the entire school should be credited with the success. Mr. Chevrier shared a letter received praising Stacey Rattner where she was recognized by the Western Australian School Library Association for an article she wrote.
- Castleton Elementary School – Mr. Derby shared activities that have taken place, Community Fair, Author visit, a contest for students to have dinner with Grabenstein and watch the premier of Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's, all CES students were surprised the next day with a visit from Mr. Grabenstein and were given free book of a new release from the author. Senior Citizen lunch had a great turnout and was a lot of fun and the emergency dismissal at the elementary school was mentioned.
- Maple Hill Middle School – Emergency drills have been underway there was a lockdown drill and many fire drills. Open Source program is taking our teacher, Kris Navratil to North Carolina to present the program, Mr. Finney and Mr. Farrell will be attending the National Social Studies conference at which they will be presenting. Initiatives has been started called Mindful Mondays encouraging kids to think about behavior, peer treatment as well as a reach program, that targets at risk students and gets them extra support during 9th period. Spirit week starts at the MS next week. Flag Football tournament, Student Council Dance, author skype and on November 8th, the Wall of Honor.
- Maple Hill High School – Mr. Bennett talked about lockdown drills that took place districtwide, Needham Risk Management attended to discuss future drills and how they should be with the new building and the amount of windows and glass in the building. Nate Porter joins Leonard Bacon, Janice Balogh, and Kaitlyn McGann as being recognized by the State of New York as a Master Teacher. Construction against Cancer took place, students and staff work pink hardhats, a fundraiser, pie a staff member, fall sports weekend and homecoming dance. Opportunities to visit distance learning sites, learn off site and meet the students from other district that they learn with through distance learning. Title 1 parent night to learn more about Title 1 funding from the federal government to offer assistance to help at risk students.

7. Board Discussion/Committee Reports:

- Emergency Dismissal Procedures - A Water main break caused water at CES to be turned off at approximately 11:00 am, students could not stay in the building. Student have a form indicating where they should go in case of an emergency dismissal. Rhonda Greenway did a fantastic job getting the drivers to the school to transport the students. Drivers were instructed that if no one is there to receive the students, they were to bring students back to the middle school and a message was sent to parents indicating the plan.
- Blue Ribbon School Award – discussed in District News.
- MOA discussion – There is discussion with the Faculty Association to amend the workday for the Middle School Faculty to allow a reduction to the start and end times for Monday and Friday and increase in time on the other days to align with the late bus schedule.
- Jr./Sr. High School – The district has had conversation about what to call the building when the

Middle School and High School are in one building, Mr. Chevrier suggested that the school be called Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School which identifies both the middle school and high school. There will be additional discussion as the paperwork is filed with the State to change the building to a 7-12 building.

- BOE Annual Report List Revision – Mr. Chevrier talked about changes that were made to the list of upcoming meetings.
- Questar III Heavy Machinery Program – Questar is looking for a location to hold their Heavy Machinery Program. Representatives have visited the Middle School and discussion with Questar for the potential to hold the class at the middle school, and rent 2 classrooms and outside space to run their heavy equipment program.
- Letter from the Town of Schodack and the financing of the Sewer project with the potential of saving the district money. Legal counsel will be reviewing to advise of how to proceed.
- Committee Reports:
 - K - 6 Building Planning Committee – Michael Tuttle and Charles Peter – Meeting was re-scheduled.
 - 7 – 12 Building Planning Committee – Paul Puccio and Michael Charsky – Meeting was held at the high school and the committee was given a tour of the High School.
 - Professional Development Planning Committee – Bruce Romanchak – Productive meeting. Need to get more members on the committee.
 - District Communication Committee – Paul Puccio and Bruce Romanchak – No meeting was held.
 - Technology Committee – Mary Yurista – No meeting was held.
 - NYSSBA Legislative Liaison – Michael Hiser – Quiet this month, Annual Meeting in Lake Placid. Mr. Romanchak attended and shared his experience. NYSSBA's Superintendent Evaluation tool looks like a good program. He learned about Solar Farms and he asked about the potential of a Solar Farm here at the district. There was discussion about getting a student member on the board.
 - Health and Safety / SAVE Committee – Michael Tuttle and Michael Hiser - Opioid training took place at the meeting, and 12 people were trained in administering Narcan.
 - Audit Committee – Daniel Grandinetti, Mary Yurista, and Christian Olsen – The Audit presentation was a summary of the last meeting.
 - Policy Committee – Bruce Romanchak and Charles Peter – Wait to have Brian Carey here to begin work on the policies.
 - Building Visitation Committee – All members as a whole – visit of the new library at the High School, Mr. Chevrier will offer a tour after the meeting.
 - Capital Project Representation Committee – Michael Tuttle, Christian Olsen, Michael Charsky, Michael Hiser and Paul Puccio – Discussion about getting back on track. A plan has been presented to get the project back on schedule. There was discussion about the completion of 4 classrooms.
 - Schodack Wildcat Foundation, Inc. – Paul Puccio – Meeting scheduled to review four grants that have been received, and a decision will be made whether to fund or not fund the grants to help the instructional program.
- Mr. Charsky wanted to plant a seed for the district to fund Indoor Track in the upcoming budget. Teaching Assistants working 4 four days at CES, the district might want to look at hiring more 6 hour Teaching Assistants. There was discussion about how the program at CES is impacted.
- There was discussion about a candidate running for political position in the town who is involved

in an education foundation in Averill Park and offer to talk with the district about the foundation.

8. Meeting open for public discussion: Mr. Ryan talked about teachers that have left the district and about the pay scale of our teachers. He also talked about extracurricular activities and the potential of funding more extra-curricular activities in the upcoming budget. Mr. LaClair thanked the faculty and staff at the High School for their patience and the cleaning crew for their continued efforts.
9. Policies: None.
10. Consent agenda
 - a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of Treasurer's Reports for the month of August 2017. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of Claims Auditor Report for the month of August 2017. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of recommendation of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2017-18 special education services for students: 000114809, 000114690, 000115056, 000115023, 000115048, 000115024, 000114688, and 000115044. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a one year renewal to the lease between Schodack Central School District and Story Place Preschool for the period of September 1, 2017 through August 30, 2018 under the same terms and conditions as existing lease. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
 - e. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of an Application for Corrected Real Property Tax submitted by Georgette Byers for real property located at 143 Schuurman Road, Castleton, NY 12203 (188.2-3-37), and for a reduction in taxes of \$11.82 due to unlawful entry Sect. 550(7a), parcel wholly exempt. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
 - f. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of an Application for Corrected Real Property Tax submitted by Donald and Leona DeLong for real property located at 1509 Duck Pond Road, Castleton, NY 12033 (219.-1-28.112) for a reduction of taxes in the amount of \$1,331.81 due to clerical error. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
 - g. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of Change Orders in accordance with Turner Construction's Potential Change order approval log dated October 19, 2017, to be deducted from construction allowance. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
 - h. 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.

Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.

- i. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a resolution that, due to special circumstances, Student No. 113614 shall be permitted to continue to attend the District's middle school through the end of the 2017-2018 school year without payment of nonresident tuition, provided, however, that the District shall not be responsible for any out-of-district transportation for Student No. 113614. Nothing herein shall entitle any other nonresident student to enroll in or remain in the District's schools except as required by law or as provided in Board Policy No. 6-300. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.

11. Resignations/Appointments:

- a. Mary Yurista moved for approval of a change to the appointment of Loretta Below and revision to the September 21, 2017 minutes to add the word probationary to the appointment language. "New language to read: *"Approval of the probationary appointment of Loretta Below, Health Care Aide, for 7.5 hours per day at a rate of \$17.29 per hour, effective September 5, 2017."* Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
- b. Mary Yurista moved for approval of the appointment of Andrea Cavagnaro, Teaching Assistant, 4 hours per day at a rate of \$17.29 effective October 2, 2017. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
- c. Mary Yurista moved for approval of a resolution that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the employment of Antonia Dauer is terminated effective September 27, 2017. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
- d. Mary Yurista moved for approval of the following coach(es):
 - i. Boys Varsity Basketball – Scott Hanrahan
 - ii. Boys JV Basketball – Kolby Flach
 - iii. Boys 7th/8th Grade Basketball – Nathan Porter
 - iv. Indoor Track – Andrew Charsky
 - v. Varsity Wrestling – Thomas Gibbons
 - vi. 7th/8th Grade Wrestling – Joseph Garavelli
 - vii. Girls Varsity Basketball – Seth Hendrick
 - viii. Girls JV Basketball – Jacqueline Martin
 - ix. Girls 7th/8th Basketball – Melissa Morse
 - x. Boys Varsity Baseball – Americo Frese
 - xi. Boys JV Baseball – Eric Biehler
 - xii. Varsity Lacrosse – Kyle Randall

- xiii. Varsity Tennis – Timothy Ryan
 - xiv. Boys Varsity Track & Field – Daniel Gillespie
 - xv. 7th/8th Grade Track & Field – Scott Charlebois
 - xvi. Girls Varsity Softball – Patrick Austin
 - xvii. Girls JV Softball – Regina Maier
 - xviii. Girls Varsity Track & Field – Sheila Golden
 - xix. Girls 7th/8th Grade Track & Field – Samantha Ayala
 - xx. Varsity Bowling – Sheila Golden
Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
- e. Mary Yurista moved for approval of the following volunteer assistant coach(es):
- i. Girls JV Basketball – Jared Martin
Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
- f. Mary Yurista moved for approval of the following non-instructional substitute(s): Lia LaPorta, Skylar Riccardi, Renee Boardway, Terry Bosley (Driver Trainee), Homer P. LaVoie, Alexandra Stuto, Logan Samarija, Stephanie Petrogol and Meghan Greenway. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
- g. Mary Yurista moved for approval of the following substitute(s): Renee Boardway, Devon Longobardi and Stephanie Petrogol. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
- h. Mary Yurista moved for approval of the temporary appointment of Laura Aitken, Teaching Assistant, 4 hours per day at a rate of \$17.29, effective October 23, 2017. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.
12. Meeting open for public discussion. None
13. Mary Yurista moved to enter executive session at 8:18 pm to discuss the employment history of particular persons. Michael Tuttle seconded. All present in favor.
14. Action items. Student BOE member, next step in self-funded activities
15. Adjournment. Michael Hiser moved to end executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert
District Clerk