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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."*

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

September 18, 2014

Maple Hill High School Library

Present: Michael Hiser, Victoria Adler, Jeanne Strazza, Michael Charksy, Paul Puccio, Bruce Romanchak, Daniel Grandinetti, Christian Olsen and George Warner

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

1. Meeting called to order by Board President, Michael Hiser at 6:16 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Christian Olsen moved for approval of present agenda. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
4. Approval of minutes of regular meetings: Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of August 18, 2014 (special meeting) Paul Puccio seconded, Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of August 21, 2014 (regular meeting) Jeanne Strazza seconded, and Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of September 4, 2014 (workshop), Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
5. Reports:
 1. Capital Project Phase I – Final Report – Matt LaClair, Monica Kim, Jim Graham
Matt LaClair reported that Phase I of the Capital Project has been completed under budget by \$242,340.37. This number includes a change order for a pressure booster to increase the pressure in the building. Overall this was a good project with little to no complications. He is happy with the outcome.
 2. Capital Project Phase II Update – Robert Horan, Monica Kim, Jim Graham
Mr. Horan talked about the maximum allowance given to the district by New York State Department of Education. The amount came back lower than originally proposed, but he feels we can still accomplish the district goals by making modifications. He expressed that State Ed is supportive of consolidating the district to two buildings. There was discussion as to what the \$23 million talked about at the last board meeting is comprised of. Jim Graham presented to the board a recap of the past year of planning and timelines. He talked about the changes they proposed since hearing from State Ed. quoting a lower maximum allowance than anticipated. The scope at CES has not changed. There was discussion of Castleton Kids and how the after school program will be run, and if it will be relocated. The discussion concluded that it will depend on the location of available space. The presentation continued with the MS/HS Concept. State Ed responded that they do not support a large addition on the high school, but do support a smaller addition. After finding the maximum allowance, the architects determined the district can construct an addition of approximately 6,500 square feet instead of the 10-

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15,000 square foot addition originally hoped for. There were questions as to the cost of the sanitary connection and how that can still be completed and stay within the allowable costs. There was discussion on the taxes and how the capital project could affect the taxes. There was discussion about the current track and the options the district has either to resurface or to replace the track completely with a new design to increase the size and allow for a soccer field in the center of the track.

6. Meeting open for public discussion: There was question of whether technology would have sprinklers. Additional discussion ensued about the afterschool program at CES and keeping it located at CES, parents don't want their children transported. There was discussion about small learning communities in the new design and if the new concept allowed for that. Mr. Graham did express that there is a plan for breakout rooms in the concept, but it will be further discussed and planned as the project moves on. There was concern expressed about how the high school will be accommodated on one floor in the new concept plan when they are using more of the building than that now. There needs to be more of a plan showing how that is all going to work with the classrooms and for the students and faculty. There was discussion about having the soccer field inside the track and keeping the community here at the high school not behind the transportation department. There was question about repurposing the middle school and if that can play into the government efficiency plan and meeting requirements for that. It was expressed that the sewer has to be done, it adds to the building of the community.
7. Board Discussion: There was discussion about the 4th grade testing and how that will work with the concept plan for CES; security at CES after hours is a concern, parents should not be allowed access to the classrooms without being invited by a teacher. There was a request that the basketball nets at the outside courts be replaced and the lights in the volleyball scoreboard be replaced. There was further discussion about the track and if that is the best way to spend 1.5 million dollars. Mr. Horan talked about the student code of conduct and disciplinary measures taken for different offenses as well as support offered to families. Administrators shared the various ways students and families are helped not only by Schodack employees but also by utilizing outside resources to get help to families and students.
8. Policies: None.
9. Consent agenda
 - a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of Treasurer's Reports for the month of July 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of Claims Auditor Report for the month of July 2014. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
 - c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2014-2015 special education services for students: None. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
 - d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special

Education regarding 2014-2015 special education services for students: 000114021, 000114047, and 000114116. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

- e. Bruce Romanchak moved for acknowledgement of a donation in the amount of \$101.53 from the Shoparoo in support of the ES Garden Project. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of contract for special education services with Wildwood Programs for two (2) pupils for the period September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$89,292.00. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to accept insurance proceeds in the amount of \$9,550 and increase the General Fund Revenue Code A2680 and General Fund Expense Code A1621.404.60.0000 expenses associated with repairs to the CES Tennis Courts. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Classic Environmental (MHHS Project 4915-01-04-0002-019) to be deducted from construction contingency, -\$13,525.00 change to revised sum of \$310,975.:

Change Order GC-001 in the amount of \$-13,525.00. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Bruce Romanchak 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 \$420,161.91.:

Change Order PC-001 in the amount of \$28,518.72
Change Order PC-002 in the amount of -\$3,356.81. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of Change Orders for construction contract of Henderson-Johnson (MHMS Project 4915-01-04-0004-013) to be deducted from construction contingency, -\$18,215.32 change to revised sum of \$131,384.68.:

Change Order RC-001 in the amount of -\$18,215.32. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for bus purchases pursuant to a Serial bond resolution dated May 20, 2014 for \$162,060 with KeyBank at an annual interest rate of 1.35%. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of change in assessment, for real property located in the town of Schodack, per the towns list, due to clerical errors in the Agriculture Exemption and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in an amount totaling \$8,031.15. Paul Puccio

seconded. All present in favor.

- m. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the 2014-15 Facilities Use Fee Schedule. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of change in assessment for Iltalo DiFebbo, for real property located at Schodack, NY (188.-7-19.45) from \$153,400 to \$149,200 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2014-021 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$95.72. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
- o. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the following items to be declared surplus and to be disposed of by the district in accordance with district policy:
 - 100 Large style desks/ 50 Small style desks
 - 110 Assorted Chairs
 - 8 Cafeteria Tables. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.

10. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a change in hours for Michele Atwater, Teaching Assistant, from 4.25 hours per day to 4 hours per day, effective September 1, 2014. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the appointment of Meghan O'Shea, (certification: Physical Education and Childhood Education Grades 1-6) as .5 Health Teacher for the 2014-15 school year. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the probationary appointment of Michele Ellers, School Bus Driver, for 3.75 hours per day at a rate of \$21.13 per hour, effective September 18, 2014 through March 18, 2015. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of an increase FTE of Physical Therapy from .8 FTE to 1.0 FTE, effective September 18, 2014; and approval of an increase of employment to 1.0 FTE of incumbent Jamie Colloton, effective September 18, 2014. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the appointment of Sandy Strock, Mentor Coordinator, for the 2014-15 school year for Minimum 38 hours at Professional Hourly Rate \$29.27 per hour, inside or outside contractual day, additional 15 hours available at Professional Hourly Rate \$29.27 per hour outside contractual day. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding to the Agreement with Schodack Central School District and David Austin, Athletic Director, for an additional 9 work days related to athletics to meet the salary agreement for the 2014-15 school year.

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George Warner seconded. All present in favor.

- g. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the 2014-15 Transportation Personnel Hours:
- i. Denise Bates - 4.25 hours per day
 - ii. Kelly Travers-Main - 4.25 hours per day
 - iii. Kara Householder – 4.5 hours per day
 - iv. Joe Sterantino – 5 hours per day
 - v. Bruce Smith – 4.75 hours per day
 - vi. Deborah Pfeffer – 3.75 hours per day
 - vii. Frank Bareis – 4 hours per day
 - viii. Noelle Gipp – 4.25 hours per day
 - ix. Leo Heroux – 3.75 hours per day
 - x. Jamie Pulver – 4.5 hours per day
 - xi. Kandee Goodall – 4.25 hours per day
 - xii. Jack Carl – 5.25 hours per day
 - xiii. Jennifer Campbell – 5.25 hours per day
 - xiv. Kathy Matrese – 5.25 hours per day
 - xv. Tracy Sukup – 6.5 hours per day
 - xvi. Tina Martino – 4.5 hours per day
 - xvii. Lori Kolb – 2.5 hours per day
 - xviii. Deborah Hammond – 5 hours per day
 - xix. Deborah Clifford – 5 hours per day. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the following 2014-15 funded advisor(s):
- i. National Junior Honor Society – Sandra Silva
 - ii. Builder’s Club – Maureen Carreau
 - iii. Art Club – Janel Gregoire
 - iv. MHMS Jazz Band – Adam Streeter
 - v. MHMS Musical Co-Directors – Adam Streeter and Allison Streeter
 - vi. All-County Music (Spring) – Adam Streeter
 - vii. All-County Music (Winter) – Adam Streeter
 - viii. Memorial Day Parade Supervisor – Adam Streeter
 - ix. Audio Visual co-advisors – Everett Finney and James Farrell
 - x. MS Co-Computer Specialists – Everett Finney and James Farrell
 - xi. MS Student Council Co-Advisors – Everett Finney and James Farrell
 - xii. MHMS Newspaper – Christine Fowler
 - xiii. 6th Grade Advisor – Allison Streeter
 - xiv. 7th Grade Co-advisors – Christine Fowler and Everett Finney
 - xv. 8th Grade advisor – Karen Sweet
 - xvi. CES Co-computer Specialists – Brenda Kelliher and Stacey Rattner
 - xvii. CES Audio Visual co-advisors – Brenda Kelliher and Stacey Rattner
 - xviii. K-Kids –Jennifer Sober and Stacey Rattner
 - xix. Freshman Class Advisor - Lisa Nichols
 - xx. Sophomore Class Co-Advisors - Kelsey Roman and Laura Naumovitz

- xxi. Junior Class Co-Advisors - Jen Delaney and Mary VanVliet
 - xxii. Senior Class Co-Advisors - Heather Flood and Pat Wood
 - xxiii. Stage Band - Scott Hanrahan
 - xxiv. All County Winter - Scott Hanrahan
 - xxv. All County Spring - Scott Hanrahan
 - xxvi. Memorial Day Supervision - Scott Hanrahan
 - xxvii. SADD - Jen Delaney
 - xxviii. Yearbook Business - Pat Wood
 - xxix. Student Council Co-Advisors - Melissa Golden and Caitlin Colwell
 - xxx. National Honor Society Co-Advisors - Heather Flood and Sandy Strock
 - xxxi. Newspaper Editorial - Heather Flood
 - xxxii. Yearbook Editorial - Kelsey Roman
 - xxxiii. MHHS Visual Aide - Kelsey Roman
 - xxxiv. Key Club - Mary VanVliet
 - xxxv. Swing Choir - Tina Gibney
 - xxxvi. All-County Winter - Tina Gibney
 - xxxvii. All-County Spring - Tina Gibney
 - xxxviii. Chemical Health Officer - Kaitlin McGann
 - xxxix. Science Olympiad co-advisors – Leonard Bacon and Jeffrey Smith
 - xl. MS Video News Advisor – Kristopher Navratil
 - xli. MS Yearbook advisor – Allison Streeter
 - xlii. Computer Specialist HS – Timothy Ryan. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the following 2014-15 unfunded advisor(s):
 - i. MS Future cities Advisor – Kristopher Navratil
 - ii. Yearbook Photo - Pat Wood
 - iii. SCCP - Jacqueline Hill. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
 - j. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of 2014-15 Coach(es):
 - i. Boys JV Basketball Coach – Kolby Flach
 - ii. Girls Varsity Basketball Coach – Bryan Dailey. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
 - k. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the following substitute teacher(s): Clark Carvel, Kathi Riccardi and Judith Fredericks. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
 - l. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the following non-instructional substitute(s): Ada Woods (Custodial Worker), Jacob Varian (Custodial Worker) and Gary Schultz (Bus Driver Trainee). George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
11. Meeting open for public discussion. There was additional discussion about the potential of a new track and that they booster club benefits from our sporting events and does a lot for the district.
12. Action items. Capital project, final numbers, track information, reconfirm sewer numbers, fix calendars to reflect upcoming board meeting on October 2nd.

13. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, Bruce Romanchak moved to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Christian Olsen seconded. All present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert
District Clerk