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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 20, 2012

Maple Hill High School Library

Present: Michael Hiser, Lisa Lafferty, Mary Yurista, Christine DiGiulio, Paul Puccio, George Warner, Michael Charsky
(arrived at 6:33 pm) and Andrew Fleck (arrived at 8:28 pm)

Absent: Bruce Romanchak

Also present: Robert Horan, Donna Watson, Matt LaClair, Michele Reickert, Ron Agostinoni (arrived at 6:24),
Michael Bennett (arrived at 8:18 pm) and Jason Chevrier (arrived at 8:37 pm)

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR

1. Meeting called to order by Board Vice President, Michael Hiser at 6:12 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Mary Yurista moved to approve the present agenda. Paul Puccio seconded. All present in favor.
4. Approval of minutes of regular meetings: none.
5. Reports:
 1. Recognition of Merger Community Committee Members – Board of Education. Mr. Horan spoke of the extensive amount of time each member put into the Merger Study meetings and expressed his appreciation. Vice President Hiser read a resolution expressing the board's appreciation for the time and input of committee members. A resolution was prepared for each of the members, names of each member were read aloud, and the resolution presented to those in attendance at the meeting and mailed to those who could not make it.
 2. Dairy Vending Machines – Robert Horan talked about an opportunity the district has to bring in new vending machines, at no cost to the district, to offer milk, yogurt, drinkable yogurts and cheeses to students after school hours and during evening activities. There was a study that showed that drinking dairy products especially chocolate milk after a sport event rehydrates your body better. It is becoming more popular among athletes. Mr. Horan mentioned that he has talked with a community group about taking over stocking the machines and mentioned the possibility of getting the sports booster club involved which could allow them to benefit from the profits.
 3. APPR & SLO's, - what you need to know – Schodack Administrators. Mr. Horan talked briefly about the changes taking place and the expectations of teachers and students with the new state requirements. Donna Watson expressed that the push of the new evaluation system is to get

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away from “I think”. The new evaluation system is evidence based. The presentation showed how a teacher will be evaluated under the new system: 20% of their score will be based on student growth on state assessments and Student Learning Objectives “SLO”, 20% on locally selected measures, student growth or achievement and options selected through collective bargaining, the remaining 60% will be from other measures, rubrics and sources of evidence: observations, classroom visits, surveys, etc. Student performance will be compared to similar students (taking into consideration student level factors: Economic Disadvantage, Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners). Schodack School District will be using a testing program “IReady” to pre-test the students for a beginning score. IReady allows administrators and teachers to see where students have difficulty and where they excel. Ron Agostinoni talked about SLO’s and how they differ at a High School level from Elementary and Middle School.

6. Board Discussion: There was discussion about the minimum requirement of 1 hour for mathematics at the elementary school level. Matt LaClair talked about the repairs to the middle school gym floor. The repairs were delayed because of a crack in a pipe running under the floor. They had to replace a 25 foot section of pipe that was cracked and leaked when there was too much pressure running through it. There was discussion about the remaining segments of pipe still running under the gym floor. A pressure valve was installed as a preventative measure for any further flooding problems in the gym. Mr. Horan talked briefly about the potential of having a sister school, Tejing 57; and explained that the process is taking a little longer than anticipated. There is a new company helping coordinate the relationship and they are coming to Schodack to look at programs on October 27, 2012. Mr. Horan also talked to the board about a three year position he has been asked to fill on the board of Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce. He is excited and hopes to build more business relationships for Schodack through his involvement. Chris DiGiulio mentioned a recent meeting at the Capital where Mr. Horan spoke about educational involvement in Solar Energy and where Schodack is taking solar energy in their education program. There was discussion about the assessments in the Town of Schodack and the reluctance of the town to reassess. The tax payers could possibly benefit in a reassessment or a change in how the town assesses properties. Schodack is assessed by communities not structure to structure or Uniform Assessment.
7. Meeting open for public discussion: The board said hi to Tim Ryan the only member of public at meeting and thanked him for coming.
8. Policies:
 - a. Local Wellness Policy for Physical Fitness and Nutrition, Moved by consensus to second reading.
9. Consent agenda
 - a. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of Treasurer’s Reports for the month of July 2012. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the month of July 2012. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

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- c. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of Extra-Classroom Activity Report for the month of July 2012. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of Claims Auditor Report for the month of July 2012. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Paul Puccio moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding 2012-2013 special education services for students: 000114119 and 000114115. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Paul Puccio moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2012-2013 students: # 000114159, 000011106, 000114146, and 000114164. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Paul Puccio moved to acknowledge of a donation from Target / Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$218.12 in support of the Maple Hill Middle school Supplementary Account. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Paul Puccio moved to acknowledge of a donation from Target / Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$406.90 in support of the Maple Hill High School Supplementary Account. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- i. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a change in assessment for E. Kevin and Cindy L. Conley, for real property located at Castleton, NY (198.16-1.14) from \$235,000 to \$218,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2021-008 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$340.19. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- j. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a change in assessment for Scott and Janet Lappies, for real property located at Nassau, NY (211.-1-1,2) from \$300,000 to \$287,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-010 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$246.14. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- k. Paul Puccio moved to approve a change in assessment for Karen Holmes, for real property located at Schodack Landing (208-2-3-3) from \$289,000 to \$265,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-041 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$480.28. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- l. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a change in assessment for Michael and Jacquelyn Paglialonga, for real property located at Castleton, NY (210.1-1.26) from \$210,000 to \$175,000 pursuant to a settlement agreed upon for Case 2012-089 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$700.40. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- m. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a change in assessment for Diane Schrader, for real property located at Castleton, NY (188-4-9) from \$235,000 to \$185,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-0037 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of

- \$1,000.57. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- n. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a change in assessment for Hugh Thomson, for real property located at Schodack Landing, NY (208.2-3.6) from \$327,000 to \$300,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-0035 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$540.31. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - o. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for Vincent Justus, for real property located at Castleton, NY (198-19-2.15) from \$150,000 to \$141,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-0040 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$180.10. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - p. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for Alaster & Janet Brock, for real property located at Schodack Landing, NY (226.1-16.115) from \$310,000 to \$305,500 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-0067 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$90.05. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - q. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for Randy and Joanne Wolfe, for real property located at Schodack, NY (188.7-19.52) from \$450,000 to \$395,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-0039 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$1,100.63. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - r. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for Jeffrey Emoot and Deborah McMahon, for real property located at Schodack, NY (188.6-7.12) from \$399,000 to \$350,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-0038 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$980.56. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - s. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for Charles and Nadine Fuda, for real property located at Castleton, NY (209.11-42.101) from \$290,000 to \$278,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-0044 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$240.14. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - t. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for Ronald and Diane Krug, for real property located at Castleton, NY (199.4-4.20) from \$365,000 to \$340,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-0042 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$500.29. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - u. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for Dorothy Rivers, for real property located at Castleton, NY (209.11-39) from \$280,000 to \$250,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-0046 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$600.34. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - v. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for Kevin and Tracy Condon, for real property located at Castleton, NY (198.16-5.7) from \$300,000 to \$275,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-0042 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$500.29. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

- w. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for Mary Jo Grange, for real property located at Schodack, NY (210.7-17) from \$280,000 to \$220,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case 2012-0012 and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$1,200.69. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- x. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for Stephen and Catherine Clemente, for real property located at Schodack, NY (210.-7-13) from \$460,000 to \$427,160 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$657.18. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- y. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for Aileen Muller, for real property located at Schodack, NY (188.2-3-29.112) from \$359,000 to \$342,500 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$331.89. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- z. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for Alan Drost, for real property located at Schodack, NY (219.-1-43) from \$445,000 to \$415,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review Case and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$603.44. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- aa. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of a donation from Paul Puccio of a Yamaha, Japanese manufactured, Spinet Piano valued at \$1,000.00 in support of the Schodack School District Music Program. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- bb. Paul Puccio moved for acceptance of a donation from Paul Puccio in the amount of \$300.00 to offset costs associated with the tuning of donated piano as referenced in aa. of this agenda. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- cc. Paul Puccio moved for approval of contract for special education services with Wildwood Programs for one (2) pupils for the period July 2, 2012 through August 10, 2012, in the amount of \$14,372.00 (Note: this is based on a rate set by SED for 2011-2012 will be adjusted upon receipt of actual 2012-2013 rate). Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- dd. Paul Puccio moved for approval of contract for special education services with Wildwood Programs for one (2) pupils for the period September 5, 2012 through June 21, 2013, in the amount of \$86,230.00 (Note: this is based on a rate set by SED for 2011-2012 will be adjusted upon receipt of actual 2012-2013 rate). Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- ee. Paul Puccio moved for approval of Cooperative Agreement between Hudson Valley Community College and Schodack Central School District for College in the High School courses for the 2012-2013 school year. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- ff. Paul Puccio moved for approval of change in assessment for George and Catherine Vitetta, for real property located at Schodack, NY (190.1-6-34) from \$310,000 to \$266,000 pursuant to Small Claims Assessment Review and approval of a reduction in taxes billed in the amount of \$885.05. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

- gg. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a motion to create a Facility Committee to report to BOE with a recommendation for a capital project for the 2013-14 school year. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

10. Resignations/Appointments

- a. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the appointment of Gretchen Ashby, Teaching Assistant, for 1 hour / day Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to provide after school assistance to students for the 2012-13 school year. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Paul Puccio moved for approval to correct the effective date for the appointment of: Amy Hirschhoff, Kimberly Nemeth, Nathan Porter, and Heather Flood from September 4, 2012 to September 1, 2012. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
- c. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a change in hours for Karen Green, Typist, from 6.0 hours / day to 6.5 hours / day for the 2012-13 school year. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the three-year probationary appointment of Zenia Skali (certification: Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), Childhood Education (Grades 1 – 6), Literacy (Birth – Grade 6)), as Reading Teacher, effective September 1, 2012. Salary for the 10-month position is MA Step 1. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the three-year probationary appointment of Sandra Silva (certification: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 and Special Education), as Special Education Teacher, effective September 1, 2012. Salary for the 10-month position is MA Step 1. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
- f. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a resolution to increase one .80 FTE position in the tenure area of Mathematics 7-12 to 1.0 FTE, effective September 11, 2012; and approval of an increase of employment to 1.0 FTE of incumbent in the tenure area of Mathematics 7-12: Amy Hirschhoff, effective September 11, 2012. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
- g. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a resolution to increase one .80 FTE position in the tenure area of Library Media Specialist to 1.0 FTE, effective September 1, 2012; and approval of an increase of employment to 1.0 FTE of incumbent in the tenure area of Library Media Specialist: Kimberly Nemeth, effective September 1, 2012. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
- h. Paul Puccio moved for approval of 2012-13 funded extracurricular advisor(s) :
- a. Editorial Newspaper – Sue Wollner
 - b. Cheerleading – Sheila Golden
 - c. All County (fall/winter) – Tina Gibney, Adam Streeter
 - d. Swing Choir – Tina Gibney
 - e. Junior Class – Co-advisors – Pat Wood and Heather Flood
 - f. Yearbook Business – Pat Wood
 - g. Key Club - Sue Gomes

- h. SADD – Jen Delaney
 - i. Freshman Class – Co-advisors – Jen Delaney and Mary VanVliet
 - j. Sophomore Class – Mark Hoyt
 - k. Senior Class – Kelsey Roman
 - l. Yearbook Editorial – Kelsey Roman
 - m. MHHS Visual Aid – Kelsey Roman
 - n. Student Council – Co-advisors – Caitlin Colwell and Melissa Golden
 - o. Art Club – Janel Gregoire
 - p. Musical Directors – Allison Green and Adam Streeter
 - q. Jazz Band – Adam Streeter
 - r. MHMS Video News – Bryan VanVliet
 - s. Memorial Day Supervision – Adam Streeter
 - t. Builders Club – Jacqueline Hill
 - u. 6th Grade Class Advisor – Allison Green
 - v. Student Council MS – Co-advisors – James Farrell and Ed Finney
 - w. MHMS Computer Specialist – Co-advisors – James Farrell and Ed Finney
 - x. MHMS Visual Aid – Co-advisors – James Farrell and Ed Finney
 - y. K-Kids – Co-advisors – Jennifer Sober and Rebecca Blais
 - z. CES Computer Specialist – Co-advisors – Brenda Kelliher and Stacey Rattner
 - aa. CES Visual Aid – Co-advisor – Brenda Kelliher and Stacey Rattner
 - bb. 8th Grade Advisor – Karen Sweet
 - cc. 7th Grade Advisor – Christine Fowler
 - dd. Newspaper MS – Christine Fowler
 - ee. National Honor Society – Co-advisors Caitlin McGann (full year), Jennifer Gold (September 1, 2012 through January 25, 2013 and Heather Flood (January 26, 2013 through June 21, 2013). Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
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- i. Paul Puccio moved for approval of substitute teacher(s): Allison Hyatt, Amy McGarvey-Roe, Elizabeth Jamison, Christine Blake, and Scott Berman. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
 - j. Paul Puccio moved for approval of non-Instructional substitute(s): Keith Mastromarchi (school bus driver), Gerald A. O’Neil (driver-trainee), Jerome G. Keenan (driver-trainee), Nicole Henderson (Clerical), Kristina Macyowskie (School Nurse). Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
 - k. Paul Puccio moved for approval of Bryan VanVliet as regular substitute teacher for Kenneth Malloy, effective September 5, 2012. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.
 - l. Paul Puccio moved for approval of a correction to the appointment of Kristina Ludewig from proctor for 2012-13 Summer Middle School Skills Development Distance Learning Program to Teacher Assistant/Casual Worker as defined in CSEA 2009-2012 contract Article 11, Section 2(b).
 - m. Paul Puccio moved for approval of the permanent appointment of Pete Varian as Custodial Worker effective March 16, 2012. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.

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11. Meeting open for public discussion: none.
12. Action items: The board would like an explanation of how math time at the elementary school is scheduled. Paul Puccio asked that Monica Kim look into what the taxes were for East Greenbush residents within the Schodack School District and how they are effected by the 1.07 equalization rate such as how the Town of Stuyvesant was effected by the tax shift. He also asked why the district takes the loss in tax grievances and not the county since they are supposed to make the district whole after the collection of taxes.
13. Christine DiGiulio moved to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 8:58 pm. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.
14. Adjournment: Having no further business before the board, Christine DiGiulio moved to adjourn, Michael Charsky seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.