

Approved at the May 15, 2018 meeting.

Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting (Thursday, April 19, 2018)

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Present: Christian Olsen, Michael Tuttle, Mary Yurista, Daniel Grandinetti, Michael Charsky, Charles Peter, Paul Puccio, Michael Hiser, Bruce Romanchak and Cassidy Berger.

Also present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Karen Harris, Jodi Sullivan, Jacqueline Hill, James Derby, Michael Bennett and Michele Reickert

1. MEETING OPENING

A. **President Olsen** called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

B. **President Olsen** asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. **Mary Yurista** moved to approve the present agenda, **Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.**

D. **Bruce Romanchak** moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2018 Workshop Meeting, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

E. **Mary Yurista** moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2018 Public Hearing, **Michael Hiser seconded, Bruce Romanchak abstained, all others present were in favor.**

F. **Mary Yurista** moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2018 Regular Meeting as amended, **Michael Hiser seconded, Bruce Romanchak abstained, all others present were in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. **Superintendent's Recommend Budget:** Mr. Chevrier spoke about State Aid, School Taxes and the impact on residences in the Town of Schodack and Town of Stuyvesant. The assessments in Schodack have gone up and in Stuyvesant they have gone down, the State has set the equalization rate in Stuyvesant at 90%, and the burden of the change falls on the parcels in the Town of Stuyvesant of which there are only 25. There was discussion about the properties in Stuyvesant and the historical tax impact on those residences. The district is working on a public relations campaign to inform those residents of this impact on their taxes. The recommended budget is a total of \$24,470,931. There was discussion about the increase to Athletics, athletic opportunities and the handling of future opportunities for students. There was discussion about adding extracurricular opportunities, staffing the innovative learning lab at the elementary school and ELA materials being used at the Elementary School. Brian Carey talked about the fund balance projection. The proposition language for the ballot was shared. There was discussion about how to explain the proposition of the Capital Reserve Fund to the public. There are three candidates that have filed petitions for three open seats on the board.

3. DISTRICT / BUILDING / COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Mr. Chevrier welcomed Cassidy Berger to the board as the Student Representative to the Board and to a seat at the table.
- Chasing the Dragon event was a success and was well attended by community members and students. Chasing the Dragon is a program that educates about the growing problem of addiction.
- The bid opening for the Sewer project took place earlier this week. The bids came in \$1.3 million for the highest and \$975,000 for the lowest, the paperwork will be reviewed and the award will be announced at a later date.
- There has been talk at the Town level about a School Resource Officer, and the possibility of the school district sharing the cost of the officer with the town. Cassidy Berger expressed that she has done research at her internship with the State into resource officers and felt it was a good idea and that a resource officers bring more than just security. She will share the data with the board.
- Walkout April 20, 2018 - The district has had discussions with the students, some want to be disruptive in the walkout and the school was able to share their perspective and the code of conduct violation if they disrupt school and walk out of school. The school has safety measures in place. The consequence for students that walk out is to write an essay about what they are protesting, why they are protesting, and why it is important to the student. There are students that are not in support of what is being protested and there is division in the student body about the walkout.
- Enrollment Report - April 2018 shared in the public content portion of BoardDocs.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School - Incoming Kindergarten Parent Night took place, .
- Maple Hill Middle School - Modified Sports are in full swing, parent conferences were held, State Testing went well, school picture in the front of the Middle School was a success, Student Council Dance coming up, a lot of good and exciting things are taking place.
- Maple Hill High School - Winter sports awards, Spring Play this weekend, Music Parents pancake breakfast fundraiser at Applebees this Saturday, students being recognized in Women in Technology, Kiwanis will be touring the HS.

C. Committee Updates

- CES Building Planning Committee - Michael Tuttle and Charles Peter Committee will be meeting on Monday.

- 7-12 Building Planning Committee – Paul Puccio and Michael Charsky – Talked about dress code and worked on modifying the Code of Conduct dress code and enforcement. A mentoring program was discussed for younger students, and moving up celebrations for 6th and 7th grade.
- Professional Development Planning Committee – Bruce Romanchak – no meeting
- Technology Committee – Mary Yurista – no meeting
- NYSSBA Legislative Liaison – Michael Hiser – nothing new
- Health and Safety / SAVE Committee – Michael Tuttle and Michael Hiser – talked about lockdown drills, importance of threat assessment of students the district is working with Needham Group similar to the Concussion Assessment that will follow students throughout the years. Fire inspection went well, same violations, letters will be sent to offenders. Utica National Platinum award for the 13th year in a row.
- Audit Committee – Daniel Grandinetti, Mary Yurista, and Christian Olsen – no meeting
- Policy Committee – Bruce Romanchak and Charles Peter will be voting on second reading and adoption tonight and anticipate policies for 1st reading at the May 15th meeting.
- Building Visitation Committee – All members as a whole visited CES last and will schedule time at the bus garage later this spring.
- Capital Project Representation Committee – Michael Tuttle, Christian Olsen, Michael Charsky, Michael Hiser and Paul Puccio – Owner Architect meeting this week, things moving along well, approval is expected in the next few days for the next project.
- Schodack Wildcat Foundation, Inc. – Paul Puccio – nothing new to share.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP

A. Action Item Follow-up – nothing

B. Board Discussion

- Anchor fundraiser May 8, 2018 at Recovery Sports Grill
- Sports Plex proposed project is not dead, but they have scaled back on the project. They are working with the IDA for financing. Concept plan has been submitted but on a much scaled back design.
- The field south of Ridgewood Drive has interest for a proposed warehouse with 1,200 employee parking spaces and 360 truck spaces. They expect to move quickly and open within a year. It could help bring infrastructure down route 9.
- There was discussion about the plan for an Assistant Principal at the Elementary School.
- Badges for Board Members will be an action item.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Mosher commented about the State Testing and rollout of computerized testing. She expressed that it was handled wonderfully, but that the tests were very lengthy. She expressed that she had students testing on the second day for up to 4 hours. Jim Yox expressed that the students were able to use their own chrome books unlike last year when computers had to be moved from building to building to accommodate testing.

6. POLICIES:

Paul Puccio moved to approve item A., Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policy(ies):

4772 Graduation Ceremonies
 5220 School-Sponsored Student Expression
 5225 Student Personal Expression
 5420 Student Health Services
 5421 Concussion Management Policy
 5450.1 Notification of Sex Offenders
 5460 Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting

Michael Tuttle moved to approve item B., Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.

B. Approval to rescind the following policies which are being replaced by policies adopted in item 6. A. of this agenda:

6-201 Health Records
 6-202 Administering Medication
 6-203 Immunizations
 6-204 Communicable Diseases
 6-210 Severe Allergy Policy
 6-600 Wellness

7. FINANCE:

Bruce Romanchak moved to approve item A., Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of a resolution adopting the 2018-19 school district budget in the amount of \$24,470,931 to be presented to voters on May 15, 2018.

Paul Puccio moved to approve items B. through G., Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.

B. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of: January 2018

- C. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of: February 2018
- D. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month(s) of: January 2018
- E. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month(s) of: February 2018
- F. Approval of the 2018-2019 Real Property Tax Report Card.
- G. Approval of a Contract Amendment to the contract with Turner Construction Company in the amount of \$25,000.00 to include work in the Bus Garage, High School Kitchen and Auditorium.

Paul Puccio moved to approve item H., discussion ensued, Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.

- H. Approval of Change Orders in accordance with Turner Construction's potential change order approval log dated April 19, 2018.

8. OTHER ACTION

Paul Puccio moved to approve item A., Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.

- A. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding Special Education Services for the following student(s): 968789626, 000115088 and 0001150968.

Michael Charsky moved to approve item B., Charles Peter seconded, all present in favor.

- B. Approval of the 2018-2019 school calendar.

Michael Hiser moved to approve item C., Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.

- C. Acceptance of (2) two donations from Maple Hill Athletic Booster Club as follows:

Item Donated: 70 Track Hurdles
Purchased: June 2017
Valued at: \$11,245.50

Item Donated: Pole Vault Landing System
Purchased: March 2018
Valued at: \$17,620.00

9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Bruce Romanchak moved to approve items A. through F. adding "with appreciation for years of service and regret that we will no longer have her as a teacher" to item B., Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.

- A. Approval of the appointment of the following Teaching Assistant(s):

Name: Desmond Ellis
Title: Teaching Assistant
Hours per day: (4) Four
Effective Date: March 20, 2018
Rate: \$17.29 per hour

- B. Acceptance of **resignation (added at the board meeting: with appreciation for years of service and regret that we will no longer have her as a teacher)** for the purpose of retirement of the following employee(s):

Name: Mary VanVliet
Position: Secondary English Teacher
Effective Date: June 30, 2018

- C. Approval of the following volunteer assistant coach(es):
 - Modified Track - Jeffrey Brewer

- D. Approval of the following volunteer(es):
 - Maple Hill Milers Volunteer Instructor - Steven Mueller
 - Maple Hill Milers Volunteer Instructor - Frank Healy

- E. Approval of the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s):
 - Cayla Pratt
 - Meghan Rivers

- F. Motion to approve the following non-instructional substitute(s):
 - Katherine Lyn Roy Crane
 - Meghan Rivers

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

11. ACTION ITEMS – Badges for Board Members and School Resource Officer research

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Mary Yurista moved** to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel matter of a particular person at 8:31 pm, **Michael Tuttle Seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Michael Hiser moved** to reconvene to Open Session and adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm. **Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.**