

Approved by the Board of Education on January 18, 2018

Board of Education Minutes- Regular Meeting (Tuesday, December 19, 2017)

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Present: Christian Olsen, Paul Puccio, Michael Hiser, Michael Tuttle, Bruce Romanchak, Mary Yurista, Charles Peter (arrived at 6:06) and Michael Charsky (arrived at 6:25)

Absent: Daniel Grandinetti

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

1. MEETING OPENING

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

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

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

D. Motion to approve the minutes of: Mary Yurista moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2017, Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.

E. Motion to approve the minutes of: Bruce Romachak moved to approve the minutes of December 8, 2017, Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor.

2. REPORTS

A. **Budget Calendar** - Jason Chevrier and Brian Carey - Mr. Chrevrier highlighted important dates on the budget calendar and asked if there were any questions, he indicated that the calendar appears on this agenda for approval.

B. **Capital Project Update**- Jason Chevrier shared that there has been a lot of conversation about the deadlines and delays from the original dates. The current deadline for shifting and phasing for the science classrooms has been delayed. Craig Fayette from Turner Construction and Jim Graham from Synthesis Architects discussed the different delays that have affected the project. They will be sharing where we are with the projected deadlines and completion of the CES project as well as the budget of the project. The classrooms that were to be turned over before break are behind due to shipping delays. Seventy (70) percent of the project has been paid out through November. There is still work that is waiting approval at SED which could push that work out a little bit. Mr. Chevier expressed his appreciation for the hard work that went in to trying to reach the deadlines.

3. DISTRICT NEWS / COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Superintendent Report

- Mr. Chevrier shared the the districts is still working on modifications to the agenda and has added the Superintendent Report as a new item. In this section, there will be a monthly enrollment report that will show basic enrollment information by grade, gender and specific classifications.

B. **District and Building Updates:** Mr. Chevrier shared that moving forward, there will be attachments to the agenda that will outline activities and events that took place and will take place in the buildings, at the meeting administration can highlight one or two of the activities on their building list.

- **District** - Nathan Porter was officially inducted as a Master Teacher. Four students and one of our teachers were recognized by the Rotary for "Service Above Self" awards for things done outside the classrooms. A4LE, is a group that Bob Horan was a member. The group consisted of professionals that wanted to connect with schools and Bob made that connection. The district has maintained the connection and has offered to host an event January 25, 2018, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. The plan for the evening is still being worked out, but it will include networking and tours of the High School.
- **Castleton Elementary School** - K-Kids is holding an event called Operation Gratitude which sends care packages and cards from our students to troops overseas, other students have sent letters to troops, 1st grade students faceted with John Grandinetti who is serving in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed in South Korea. Grade 4-5 Concert took place, students did a great job. The annual Holiday Bazar where kids shop for gently used or new items for family members for \$.25 each was a success, an assembly was held with Mr. Slim Goodbody, he shared healthy living habits with students, plans are underway for the transition to a K-6 building and the school will be holding a Morning Assembly this Friday at 8:20 am.
- **Maple Hill Middle School and High School**, the 6th grade concert, 7/8th grade concert and High School concerts all took place, the Music Department did an outstanding job, and kids sounded great. STEM Research Institute awards were held, three teachers from our district were recognized along with their mentors. The winter sports season has kicked off and things are going well. There will be a Spelling Bee this Thursday at Noon at the Middle School, the winner goes on to Proctors Theatre. The HS will hold a variety show Friday. Transitions and classroom moves are being planned and implemented. Jacqui Hill expressed her appreciation for Jodi Sullivan and shared that she has been a great help at the High School.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- CES Building Planning Committee – Michael Tuttle and Charles Peter - Finished the Code of Conduct and started on the CES Handbook.

- MS/HS Building Planning Committee – Paul Puccio and Michael Charsky - No meeting this month.
- Professional Development Planning Committee – Bruce Romanchak - Meeting was postponed until January.
- District Communication Committee – Paul Puccio and Bruce Romanchak - The origin of this committee goes back a few years, when the district was struggling with communication. Since the District has come a long way with communication, and the original concerns surrounding this committee do not warrant to keep this committee, Mr. Puccio recommends that the committee be removed from the agenda. It was suggested to keep it as a committee should a need arise to begin using it again.
- Technology Committee – Mary Yurista - Meeting in early December, the committee is looking to create a list of what we expect children to do at certain ages and what we want them to use to learn. The committee will look to evaluate what is currently being used and gather data.
- NYSSBA Legislative Liaison – Michael Hiser - No update this month, but expects at the next meeting there will be a lot more to talk about.
- Health and Safety / SAVE Committee – Michael Tuttle and Michael Hiser - Talked about a new Carbon Monoxide policy being worked on for the district. New AED's have been purchased and will be rolled out soon. Utica National Award form will be coming out soon, the district will be completing and submitting.
- Audit Committee – Daniel Grandinetti, Mary Yurista, and Christian Olsen - No meeting.
- Policy Committee – Bruce Romanchak and Charles Peter - There was a meeting, policies were reviewed, and discussions about how the policy process will be handled moving forward took place.
- Building Visitation Committee – All members as a whole - none yet, tours will be planned for the spring.
- Capital Project Representation Committee – Michael Tuttle, Christian Olsen, Michael Charsky, Michael Hiser and Paul Puccio - Covered in the Reports section of this meeting.
- Schodack Wildcat Foundation, Inc. – Paul Puccio - Grants have been awarded and detail will be shared.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP

A. Board Discussion

- Comptroller's Audit - Once approximately every 5 years the comptroller's office audits school districts and the district has been notified that we will be audited. The board will be asked to answer some questions for the auditors and the district will provide a document explaining what the auditor will want.
- Paul Puccio expressed that his Questar term is expiring and he would like to run for the board again. The district will be getting information soon.
- Change in school hours for Mondays and Fridays at the Middle school to align with the late bus schedules allowing teachers more time with students after school. The district needs to follow up with legal and discuss more.
- Legal review of the letter from the Town regarding the sewer line. There was no concern with the letter from our legal counsel.
- There was discussion about the possibility of additional solar panels being installed on District property.
- A parent asked Mary Yurista a question about the transition to a 7-12 building, and where will her children be within the new building. The high school will be planning parent nights for grades 7, 8 and 9 to answer questions and share plans for the building.
- Mr. Hiser asked about the swingsets at CES and the concern about children being hurt, it was shared that there was a satisfactory solution to the chains that attach to the swing.

B. Action Item Follow-up

- Student Board of Education Member - sample policies have been received and a policy will be shared with policy committee to be presented for 1st reading at the January meeting.
- Special Education back up reports have been shared on the agenda.
- Assessment data will be shared in a later board meeting.
- Student Growth scores being shared with students for use on their college application is being looked into.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mary Mosher talked about the move and shared that faculty is getting excited. She expressed that Jason's information of the non-intermingling of students is news to her and she is pleased to hear that tonight, it has been a concern to parents and faculty. The faculty is looking for the best way to say farewell to the Middle School and that they are looking for suggestions.

6. POLICIES

A. Michael Tuttle moved for approval of the 1st reading for the following policies, Michael Hiser seconded, after discussion, questions and a change to policy 5150, all present voted in favor and policies were moved by consensus to 2nd reading.

- 5000 - Student Policy Goals
- 5020.3 - Rights of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504
- 5030 - Student Complaints
- 5100 - Student Attendance
- 5130 - Compulsory Attendance Ages
- 5150 - School Admissions
- 5151 - Homeless Children
- 5152 - Admission of Non-Resident Students
- 5162 - Student Dismissal Precautions

7. FINANCE

Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of items A - D, Michael Hiser seconded, Michael Charsky abstained, all other present in favor. Motions A - D pass.

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of: September 2017 and October 2017

B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month(s) of: September 2017 and October 2017

C. Approval of the Student Activity Report for the quarter(s): July through September 2017

D. Approval of the following contract(s):

Name: Education, Inc.

Purpose: Educational Services for (1) one resident student

Rate: \$50.00 per hour for up to 10 hours per week

Michael Hiser moved for approval of item E., Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor, motion passes.

E. Approval of Change orders in accordance with Turner Construction's Potential Change Order Approval Log dated December 19, 2017.

8. OTHER ACTION

Mary Yurista moved for approval of items A. through H. Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Special Education regarding Special Education Services for the following student(s): 000114081, 000113743, 000115043, 000113770, 000113696, and 000113617

B. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding Special Education Services for the following student(s): 968789626, 000115037, 000115062, 000115032, 968789615, 000115038 and 000115039

C. Acceptance of a cash donation and increasing the general fund.

A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District No. 1, Towns of Schodack and Stuyvesant, Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, State of New York:

WHEREAS, Red-Kap Sales, Inc. / ExxonMobil Educational Alliance made a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to support the Maple Hill High School Math department; AND

WHEREAS, Section 1718 of the Education Law provides that no school board shall incur a district liability in excess of the amount appropriated by a district meeting unless the board is specially authorized by law to incur such liability; AND

WHEREAS, Section 2023 of Education Law provides for exceptions to the general rule of Section 1718 of certain ordinary contingent expenses, including expenses offset by gifts and donations; AND NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District hereby authorizes and directs the District Treasurer to increase the General Fund budget Account A2210.450.30.2100 by \$500.00 to support the Maple Hill High School Math department, offset by a donation from Red-Kap Sales, Inc. / ExxonMobil Educational Alliance in the amount of \$500.00.

D. Acceptance of donation(s) from:

1) Hannaford Brothers Distribution Center for their donation of nonperishable items to the Pat Wood Back Pack Program valued at approximately \$300.00.

2) Creosity Space, LLC of the following (3) three books, each book with an inscription in memory of Robert Horan, all valued at a total of approximately \$35.00.

1. ADA Twist Scientist by: Andrea Beaty and Illustrated by: David Roberts
2. What To Do With A Box: Jane Yolen & Chris Sheban
3. What To Do With An Idea?: Written by: Kobi Yamada and Illustrated by: Mae Besom

E. Approval of a Resolution approving a merger with the Ichabod Crane Central School District for the formation of a Boys' Lacrosse Team in Section II for Spring 2018 season.

RESOLUTION of the Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District No. 1, Towns of Schodack and Stuyvesant, Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, State of New York:

WHEREAS, Schodack Central School District and Ichabod Crane Central School District desire to offer Lacrosse as a sport to their students; AND

WHEREAS, neither Schodack Central School District nor Ichabod Crane Central School District have enough interested athletes to individually field Lacrosse Teams;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District hereby authorizes Schodack Central School District to enter into a merger with Ichabod Crane Central School District for the formation of a Boys' Lacrosse Team in Section II for the Spring 2018 Season.

F. Approval of the Budget Calendar for the year: 2018-2019

G. Approval to add the Times Union to the District's list of official newspapers.

H. Approval of an overnight trip for the Class of 2018.

Date(s): June 8, 2018 through June 10, 2018

Location: Ocean City, New Jersey

9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of items A through I of the Resignations / Appointments, Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor, motions pass.

A. Approval of a request for a temporary reduction in hours for:

Name: Lori Kolb

Title: School Bus Attendant

Current Hours per day: 5.75

Adjusted hours per day: 3.00

Effective date: December 11, 2017

B. Approval of the appointment of:

Name: Valerie Flood

Title: Teaching Assistant

Hours per day: Four (4)

Effective date: December 4, 2017

Rate: \$18.28 per hour

C. Acceptance of Resignation of the following employee(s):

Name: Valerie Flood

Position: Teaching Assistant

Effective Date: December 13, 2017

D. Approval of a Leave of Absence for the following employee(s):

Name: Kimberly Donato

Title: Elementary Teacher

Effective Date: October 11, 2017

Duration: the remainder of the 2017-18 school year

E. Approval of a yearly Leave of Absence for the following employee(s):

Name: Rhonda Greenway

Position: Dispatcher

Effective Date: September 1, 2017

Duration: the 2017-2018 school year

Name: Katherine Matrese

Position: School Bus Driver/Trainer and School Bus Driver

Effective Date: September 1, 2017

Duration: for the 2017-2018 school year

F. Approval of the appointment of the following long term substitute teacher:

Name: Devon Wade (Longobardi)

Teacher on leave: Kimberly Donato

Effective Date: December 2, 2017

Duration: for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year

Rate: MA 1

G. Approval of the appointment of the following Regular Substitute Teacher(s):

Name: Powan Thapalia

Teacher on leave: Jillian Austin

Effective Date: November 17, 2017

Rate: Approved professional daily rate.

H. Approval of the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s):

Alisha Scaccia

Anthony Gerace

Carl Ashby

I. Approval of the appointment of the following non-instructional substitute(s):

Kayla Hanrahan

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

11. **ACTION ITEMS:** Homeless Information, Policy 5150 correction to language about Veterans, and Averill Park pay rate for certified, retired teachers.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

A. **Adjourn to Executive Session:**

Michael Hiser moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history and mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent.

Action: B. Reconvene to Open Session:

Bruce Romanchak moved to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 9:31 pm. Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor, meeting adjourned.