

Minutes are draft until approved at the March 21, 2019 Board Meeting.

## **February 14, 2019 - Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting (Thursday, February 14, 2019)**

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Present: Christian Olsen, Mary Yurista, Michael Charsky, Michael Hiser, Bruce Romanchak, Charles Peter, Daniel Grandinetti and Mikayla Maier (6:07 pm)

Absent: Paul Puccio and Michael Tuttle

Also Present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Michael Bennett, James Derby, Keri Rosher, Jacqueline Hill, and Jodi Sullivan

### **1. MEETING OPENING**

A. President Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:02 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. Mary Yurista moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2019, regular meeting, Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.

### **2. REPORTS**

A. Questar III Capital Project Status and Financial Implications – Harry Hadjioannou spoke about ESSA Every Student Succeeds Act and the different data that is collected from schools, staffing changes at Questar III BOCES, the current employment openings at Questar III, and the programs purchased by Schodack Central School District. Chase Cioffi, a Schodack CSD student spoke about the Criminal Justice program he attends through VOTEC, he shared highlights about the program, what he has learned and the various trainings he has received. Sarah Leverone a Schodack CSD student spoke about the New Visions Medical Program she attends. She receives exposure to a wide variety of careers in the medical field, participates in clinical rotations and earns college credit. Mr. Hadjioannou spoke about the Rensselaer Educational Center, shared that there will not be a new building but rather updates and modifications to the existing building. The cost to Schodack CSD will be approximately \$25,000. There was discussion about the future of CTE programs and career opportunities for students.

B. 2018-2019 Budget - Draft #1 - Jason Chevrier and Brian Carey

Mr. Chevrier shared the process of surveys that were sent to Board Members gathering their feedback of what the board felt were priorities in the proposed additions to the budget, how administrators have worked to reduce costs previously included in the roll over budget that was shared in January and costs that the district hopes to fund through Federal Grants. There was discussion about the deficit in the Governor's Budget and potential effect on state aid. There was mention about the increase in transportation aid, what the actual cost of two school buses would be to the district, after the district receives state aid, the two buses would cost approximately \$54,300. There was discussion about the tax cap projection; the board was informed that they will need to be prepared to make a decision at the next board meeting on what increase they would be comfortable with.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Mosher spoke about the parking lot at the high school and expressed concern about the safety of the new design. Mrs. Fowler talked about the proposed increase in the Guidance Counselor position at the elementary school and expressed that she felt it was good use of funds, she also talked about the HS parking lot.

### **4. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP**

A. Board Discussion

- There was discussion about the Monolith Solar financial situation and how that effects the solar panels here at Schodack. There will be follow up conversation.
- There was discussion about NYSSBA membership costs and whether the benefits we receive are worth the cost. Mr. Hiser will look further into this.
- There was discussion about the SRO costs, Mr. Peter expressed that the cost listed would not be sufficient to be supported by Schodack Police Department. Mr. Chevrier stated that if it is something the board is interested in, and the local police department cannot work within the parameters, he will research options.

B. Action Item Follow-up

- Propane bus costs were shared through an attached spreadsheet; it was stated that maintenance costs are relatively the same on a propane bus as a gas or diesel bus.

### **5. DISTRICT / BUILDING / COMMITTEE UPDATES**

A. District Updates

- Capital project update: Mr. Chevrier talked about the importance of closing the job out by the end of the school year and the impact it has on our State Aid. He recommended that the district take over the project from BCI Construction, they are not fulfilling their obligations. There has been discussion with legal counsel on how we can legally do that and get the project done, it will be discussed more at the March 21, 2019, meeting.
- An Enrollment Report for February 2019 was attached for review.
- Donations under minimum amount set for board approval in district policy 1800 and/or scholarships – a listing was attached for review.
- Fiscal Stress Management Report – Mr. Carey explained the information shared in an attached document.
- Sewer line completion was discussed, the district is waiting for a final cost summary from the Town of Schodack.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – James Derby talked about the recent STEM fair on February 1, 2019, Regeneron gave a presentation to students, parents and students worked together on projects, it was a nice night. Keri Rosher talked about

the Monthly Morning Assembly this morning, kicked off Read for Ronald McDonald in support of the Ronald McDonald House. The students participated in a push-up challenge during the super bowl, students, parents and faculty/staff completed over 10,000 push-ups.

- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – Jacqueline Hill talked about how students remembered the Parkland Shooting which took place one year ago today. Mikayla Maier shared her experience in the Cabaret performance led by students at the Jr./Sr. High School. Jodi Sullivan talked about the upcoming MAAC Tournament, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be attending and have been exchanging letters with players.

#### C. Committee Updates

- Professional Development Planning Team - Bruce Romanchak expressed that the Teaching Assistant participation at the meeting was a nice addition, and that there was discussion about professional development for teaching assistants.
- NYSSBA Legislative Committee - Michael Hiser – The recent conference had about 250 people, there was talk about lobbying on the tax levy cap, asking for changes to the required number of votes to override a vote that exceeds the tax levy cap, APPR changes to remove the testing requirement from the evaluation process, changes in the regulation for Guidance Counselors, and the Commissioner spoke about School Resource Officers, that they are an answer but should not be considered the sole answer.
- Audit Committee - Dan Grandinetti, Mary Yurista, Christian Olsen & Michael Charsky – The Comptrollers Audit and process of the Claims Auditor was discussed. The focus of the Comptroller's Auditors now is on extracurricular activities. There will be management direction delivered verbally and the district will need to answer.
- Policy Committee - Bruce Romanchak & Charles Peter – nothing new for policy, there are policies on for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for this meeting.

### 6. POLICIES

**Bruce Romanchak moved for items A. through B., Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.**

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

6700 Purchasing  
6710 Purchasing Authority  
6740 Purchasing Procedures  
6741 Contracting for Professional Services  
6800 Payroll Procedures  
6900 Disposal of District Property

B. Approval to rescind the following policies:

3-106 - Notification of Released Sex Offenders replaced by policy 5450.1  
4-200 - Purchasing Policy replaced by policy 6700  
4-202 - Competitive Bidding replaced by policy 6740 and 6741  
4-206 - Disposal of Property replaced by policy 6900  
4-210 - Extra-Classroom Activity Fund Policy replaced by policy 5252  
4-310 - Issuance and Use of Credit Cards policy not needed  
4-314 - Payroll Procedures replaced by policy 6800  
4-406 - Audit Committee replaced by policy 6690  
6-100 - Code of Conduct replaced by policy 5300  
6-110 - Student Participation in Extra-curricular Activity replaced by policy 5281  
6-114 - Suspected Child Abuse and Maltreatment replaced by policy 5460  
6-303 - Education of Homeless Children and Youth replaced by 5151  
6-701 - Concussion Management Policy replaced by policy 5421  
7-200 - Conditional or Emergency Conditional Appointed Employees and School Safety replaced by policy 9260  
8-106 - Interpreters for Hearing Impaired Parents and Request Form replaced by policy 1925

### 7. FINANCE

**Michael Charsky moved for approval of items A. through E., Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.**

- A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of: December 2018
- B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month(s) of: December 2018
- C. Approval of the Student Activity Report for the quarter of October 2018 - December 2018
- D. Approval of bid award for RFB#019-001 Liquefied Petroleum (LP Gases) - Propane to John Ray & Sons at OGS Public Pricing plus \$ .35 per gallon for a 3-year term with two 1 year contract extensions.
- E. Approval of items on the attached list to be declared surplus and to be disposed of by the district in accordance with district policy.

### 8. OTHER ACTION

**Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of items A. through B. (Student representatives from the International Club spoke about the trip to Montreal and shared the educational benefit of the trip), Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.**

- A. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education regarding Special Education Services for student(s) as indicated on attached reports.
- B. Approval of an overnight trip for the International Club to Montreal, Canada from March 22, 2019 through March 24, 2019

### 9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

**Bruce Romanchak moved to approve item A., Charles Peter seconded, all present in favor.**

A. Approval of staffing actions on the attached sheet.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**11. ACTION ITEMS:** Parking Lot at the Jr./Sr. High School (follow up with Scott Hanrahan), information on CTE Programs, Monolith's current financial situation and the effect it has on the District's solar panels, NYSSBA Membership benefits is it worth the cost, SRO options with other departments and the titles for the Business Official in policy 6800 and 6900, they are not consistent.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Mary Yurista moved to adjourn to executive session at 8:31 pm to discuss personnel matters of two particular persons and SFA Contract Negotiations.

B. Michael Hiser moved to reconvene to regular session and adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm, Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.