

Approved at the March 15, 2018 board meeting.

Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting (Thursday, February 8, 2018)

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Present: Christian Olsen, Mary Yurista, Daniel Grandinetti, Charles Peter, Michael Hiser, and Michael Charsky

Absent: Michael Tuttle, Paul Puccio, and Bruce Romanchak

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

1. MEETING OPENING

A. President Olsen called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

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

C. Michael Hiser moved to approve of the present agenda, Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

D. Mary Yurista moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss an appeal to a disciplinary matter of a particular student, Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.

E. Michael Hiser moved to reconvene to Open Session at 6:36 pm., Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.

F. Michael Charsky moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2018, Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.

2. REPORTS

A. Construction Update / Change Orders - Marty Griffin and Craig Fayette - Turner Construction and Jim Graham – Synthesis Architects

Mr. Griffin explained the change orders on the list to be approved, what an allowance is and how it is calculated and used.

B. Cold War Veterans Exemption

Brian Carey explained what the exemption covers and that the district would hold a public hearing in March for the board to consider the exemption for approval. Jason Chevrier expressed that the information was to inform the board so they will be prepared for the March 15, 2018 meeting.

C. Rollover Budget Presentation - Jason Chevrier and Brian Carey

Jason Chevrier talked about the budget process to date, and expressed that the roll over budget is a snapshot with assumptions that are necessary until the actual numbers come in. Brian Carey talked about the State Aid estimates and estimated expenses. There was discussion about the projected local share of the capital project debt, Jason Chevrier shared that there are some changes that need to be made to the plan that addresses the spike in the debt for the capital project. The original plan is showing some challenges and the district is working with General Counsel, Bond Counsel, External Auditor, Fiscal Advisors and Questar State Aid Planning to come up with other options to handle the future spike in the debt.

D. Building Presentations - Building Principals

James Derby shared a plan showing room assignments at the elementary school, and talked about the decisions behind the placement of the classrooms. The scheduling is being looked at a there have been suggestions for changes to the classes offered to students. James Derby shared the needs of the elementary school for staffing, the Innovative Learning Lab and AIS needs. James Derby talked about the potential of additional co-curricular groups at the elementary level, planning of celebrations, extras and assemblies to include 6th grade in the plan.

Jacqueline Hill and Jodi Sullivan shared a Jr./Sr. High School room assignment plan, and talked about visits to different districts with a 7-12 configuration to talk about what has worked and hasn't worked for them to aid in the plan for the Jr./Sr. High School future. Scheduling and has been worked on since the summer meeting with departments and individual teachers to get feedback from them. Hall monitors will be added to the upper level to aid in keeping the separation of the 7-8 students from the 9-12 students. There was discussion about introducing hall passes to help monitor students traveling in the halls, mentoring from older students to help younger students acclimate to the building. A sample block schedule was shared for both 7-8 grade and 9-12 grade, staffing requirements, the need for an additional math teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School, the need for new laptops for art/technology and AIS services were discussed. Co-Curricular planning, handling of celebrations, extras and assemblies have been discussed at length to best plan changes to some of the events and eliminate others.

3. DISTRICT / BUILDING / COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Enrollment – February's enrollment report is shared in Boardocs.
- Questar spreadsheet - District comparisons – Questar has compiled information across the BOCES districts which gives a good comparison of the schools within the Questar BOCES, it is shared as an attachment.
- School Building & Management Planning Article – an article was shared in Boardocs, the article talks about creating informal spaces for collaborative learning, this article address questions board members may get form the public during

open house.

- Questar III - Saturday Morning Workshop – members of the board and administration attended the most recent workshop on how boards can contribute to the success of students. Topics can be used in a board retreat for planning.
- Comptroller's Audit Update – The district is still waiting for a date, all information has been submitted.
- March 3, 2018 Open House – the high school will hold an open house for parents and community members, Mr. Chevrier encouraged the board to attend.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – Mr. Derby highlighted: the January morning assembly stemmed around the upcoming Olympics, Science / STEM fair and that the monthly morning assembly in February will be based on a reading program with Ronald McDonald House, which creates opportunity to raise funds and awareness for Ronald McDonald House.
- Maple Hill Middle School – the Grade 8 fundraiser has been rescheduled, Drama performance is coming up, K-6, 7-12 Faculty meetings took place.
- Maple Hill High School – Variety show encouraged the wearing of blue in support of the Blue Ribbon Award, Cabaret performance was very successful and plans are underway for the spring play, auditions began today. Schodack was top in Capital region for graduation rates.

C. Committee Updates

- CES Building Planning Committee – Michael Tuttle and Charles Peter – Met on January 29th, code of conduct review and beginning handbook to update in line with current code of conduct.
- 7-12 Building Planning Committee – Paul Puccio and Michael Charsky – No meeting since last meeting, plan to meet March 1.
- Professional Development Planning Committee – Bruce Romanchak – Not meeting since last meeting.
- Technology Committee – Mary Yurista – scheduled for yesterday, snow day so meeting was not held.
- NYSSBA Legislative Liaison – Michael Hiser – NYSSBA legislative conference is this weekend, more information will follow.
- Health and Safety / SAVE Committee – Michael Tuttle and Michael Hiser – No meeting.
- Audit Committee – Daniel Grandinetti, Mary Yurista, and Christian Olsen – No meeting.
- Policy Committee – Bruce Romanchak and Charles Peter – No meeting.
- Building Visitation Committee – All members as a whole – will be held over the upcoming months.
- Capital Project Representation Committee – Michael Tuttle, Christian Olsen, Michael Charsky, Michael Hiser and Paul Puccio – update at the beginning of this meeting.
- Schodack Wildcat Foundation, Inc. – Paul Puccio – meeting was held, talked about making a presence in the community and get fundraising going. The president of Averill Park's foundation will be invited to share what they do.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP

A. Action Item Follow-up

- Building Capacity - High School Capacity 636, Middle School Capacity 652, and Elementary Capacity 624 Education Legacy Plan, program capacity study August 2014
- District Office Staff comparison – spreadsheet supplied showing a comparison of business office staffing levels of Schodack, Voorheesville, Lake George and Chatham school districts.
- Policy revisions - revised policies are included in 6. A. for 2nd reading.

B. Board Discussion

Questar annual budget vote and election needs to be held on April 17, 2018, the board will meet in the parking lot of the middle school at 7:00 am, this meeting will be published.

Christian Olsen thanked everyone for the outpouring of support for his recent loss.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Thank you from Cassidy Berger for the support, a video is on YouTube under New Visions Law.

6. POLICIES:

A. **Mary Yurista moved to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policies:**

1230 Public Participation at Board Meetings
2245 Student Representative to the Board of Education
5210 Student Organizations

5252 Student Activities Fund Management - Tabled for March 15, 2018 meeting, Michael Hiser Seconded, all present in favor.

B. **Michael Hiser moved for approval to rescind the following policies** which are being replaced by policies adopted in item 6. A. of this agenda:

6-208 Student Organizations,
Michel Charsky seconded, all present in favor.

7. FINANCE:

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

A. Approval of a Health Services contract with North Colonie Central school District for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$648.00 per pupil.

Michael Charsky moved to approve item B., Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

B. Approval of Change Orders in accordance with Turner Construction's potential change order approval log dated February 8, 2018.

8. OTHER ACTION:

Michael Charsky moved to approve items A. – D., Michael Hiser 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): 000115024 and 000115057

B. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding Special Education Services for the following student(s): 000115063 and 968789627

C. Approval of a resolution approving the nomination of Paul Puccio to the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene BOCES Board for a (3) three year term commencing on July 1, 2018.

D. Approval of a resolution to downsize to two instructional buildings and repurpose the middle school building.

9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS:

Michael Charsky moved to approve items A. – B., Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the following tutor(s): Olivia Chadwick

B. Motion to approve the following non-instructional substitute(s): Substitute School Bus Drivers: Leigh Banister and Joanna Wolfe

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

Charles Peter moved to add Action Items as item 11., Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.

11. **ACTION ITEM(S):** More detail on the increase in Transportation Aid, and how long can the district wait to finalize the capital project.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. Mary Yurista moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee. Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.

B. Mike Hiser moved to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 9:33 pm. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.