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## **June 13, 2019 - Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting (Thursday, June 13, 2019)**

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Present: Christian Olsen, Daniel Grandinetti, Michael Charsky, Mary Yurista, Bruce Romanchak, Michael Hiser, and Makayla Maier  
Absent: Charles Peter and Michael Tuttle

Also present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, James Derby, Keri Rosher, Jacqueline Hill, Jodi Sullivan, and Michele Reickert

### **1. MEETING OPENING**

- A. President Christian Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
- B. President Olsen asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- C. Bruce Romanchak moved to approve the present agenda. Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.
- D. Mary Yurista moved to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019, regular meeting amending to add Bruce Romanchak as present at the meeting. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.

### **2. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

#### **A. Top Ten Seniors and Art Awards**

The top ten seniors of the class of 2019 were each given a proclamation as written below, a summary of their accomplishments during their high school career was shared as well as their major and college of choice. Each student shared a memory of their time here in Schodack.

Proclamation for Top Ten Seniors:

WHEREAS, academic excellence is exemplary of the mission of the Schodack Central School District; and

WHEREAS, (student's name) has earned the distinction of being named a Top Scholar of the Class of (year); and

WHEREAS, this distinction is earned through diligent and sustained effort, dedication and will power; and

WHEREAS, the school and community have enjoyed, benefited and celebrated his/her success.

THEREFORE, the Board of Education now extends congratulations and appreciation to (student's name) for his/her efforts and success and adds best wishes for his/her continued success.

Rachael Kerner shared the names of two students that were given art awards at awards night, she also shared that there is artwork around the room with numbers in front of them, members of the board and public were asked to vote on what students artwork will be purchased and kept in the district.

#### **Item added:**

B. Proclamation recognizing exiting board member and welcoming newly elected board members. Mr. Hiser read the following aloud.

WHEREAS, Community member have been both leaders and enthusiastic supporters of the Schodack Board of Education and Schodack Central School District for many years, and

WHEREAS, The Board, the School District, and Community have all benefited from this close relationship, and

WHEREAS, the yearly transition in Board membership is an ongoing process that offers an opportunity to both acknowledge the past achievements and contributions of Board members, and to welcome the new viewpoints and talents of new members, and

WHEREAS, outgoing Board Member, Mary Yurista, has distinguished herself in her terms on the Board at all times by her intelligence, her diligent evaluation of all aspects of the Board's and district's work, and her collegiality, all while keeping the interest of the students of the district always foremost, and

WHEREAS, incoming Board members, Sherri Gibson and Shelley Palmer, have shown interest, enthusiasm, and dedication to our community service that should serve them well in their time on the Board,

THEREFORE, the Board offers this resolution of welcome to Sherri Gibson and Shelley Palmer as they embark into their new role as Board of Education members, and sincerest gratitude to Mary Yurista for her many contributions.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shannon Tacy spoke on behalf of a group of girls that have sent a letter to the board of education and asked that if the board has any additional questions, they can contact her. Jenna Hoffman stated that she had also submitted a letter and that she had a great experience on the Varsity Basketball Team. Kayla Hanrahan also sent a letter to the board, expressed that she had been

involved with girl basketball for many years, and always had a good experience. Jackie Hoffman stated that she submitted a letter and expressed that she has had a positive experience as a parent with the varsity basketball team. Kelly Travers-Main and Jamie Pulver spoke representing the school bus drivers for the district, they expressed that the district has a loyal fleet, but they are concerned about safety, drivers, mechanics, head bus driver and Rhonda are behind the wheel, there is no one in the office to contact with emergencies. The department is in dire need of drivers, we need to sweeten the pot to get new drivers.

John Pusateri a resident spoke about his application for the cross-country coach position. He is asking for the district to put a stay on the appointment and look at his materials to consider him for the coaching position. He expressed that he is more qualified to be the coach and has his certification process underway.

#### **4. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

**Michel Hiser moved to approve items A. through D., Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

A. Motion to approve a (3) three year probationary appointment of Joseph M. Mastracy , (certification: Social Studies 7-12), commencing on September 1, 2019, as Social Studies Teacher, in the tenure area of Secondary Social Studies Education, at a salary of MA Step 3, provided that, except to the extent required by law, in order to be granted tenure, he shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c or §3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least 2 of the 3 preceding years, and if he receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

B. Approval of staffing actions as indicated on the attached sheet.

C. Approval of the following people as summer IT help and/or summer Custodial help effective July 1, 2019 through August 28, 2019 on an as-needed basis, up to 30 hours per week at a rate of \$11.10 per hour: Cole Arno, Austin Smith, Brayden Renslow, Thatcher Deyoe, Tyler Yox and Benjamin Bulan.

D. Approval of the appointment of advisors for the 2019-2020 school year as indicated on the attached document.

**Michael Charsky moved to table item E. for further discussion, Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.**

**E. Approval of athletic coaches and volunteer assistant coaches as indicated on the attached document.**

#### **5. REPORTS**

A. Claims Auditor Report – Sandy Hall stated that she has been the district’s claims auditor for the past 9 years, she audits for proper amounts, sales tax exclusion, appropriateness of the purchase, accuracy of the check, and that every check is accounted for, in addition, payroll payments for each employee approximately twice each year, attendance entries, timesheet entries, bank statements, and treasurer’s reports are audited.

B. Athletics Year End Review – Elise Britt shared the successes of the athletic program and its student athletes, as well as shared the Section 2 coaches of the year, she thanked Matt LaClair, Jay Beber, and Lisa Smith-Auer for their time and assistance and shared plans for the fitness room in the former Middle School library.

C. Athletic Code of Conduct – Elise Britt shared a new streamlined athletic code of conduct to be presented for board approval in the other action section of the agenda.

D. Code of Conduct – James Derby talked about the student handbook that has been developed at the elementary school and that it incorporates the code of conduct. Jodi Sullivan talked about the code of conduct being a behavior guide rather than a disciplinary tool and shared that there were no changes to the code of conduct for the 2019-20 school year.

#### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Pusateri expressed that the top ten students that were here tonight all were athletes. Student do better at academics when they are a part of a team. Tim Ryan talked about the academic achievements and athletic achievements, we want Schodack to continue with these achievements and spoke in support of the current practices of the coaches, he further commented that we have an alum that has come back here because she knows it is a good place. Sherri Gibson spoke about her experience in athletics here and supported the importance of attending practices.

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

A. Board Discussion

Bruce Romanchak shared a framed copy of the resolution approved by the county Legislature adjourning their April 9 2019, meeting in memory of Paul Puccio.

Michael Charsky asked about discipline referrals and stated that discipline issues in the classroom are not being considered in the disciplinary count unless it is a referral to the principal. Mr. Derby stated that classroom management was different than a referral for behavior and that there was discussion about the mental health committee and the work being done to work district-wide with teachers determine what is a classroom management issue and what is a discipline issue.

Michael Charsky asked if there were offers inviting authors to visit the elementary school in the next school year and if the offers could be rescinded and other options looked at for guest speakers/presenters.

**Bruce Romanchak moved** to amend the Special Recognitions section of the agenda to add a proclamation to acknowledge the service of exiting board member, Mary Yurista and to welcome two new board members to the board of education. **Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.**

B. Action Item Follow-up – Mr. Chevrier stated that the following items will be discussed at a future meeting.

- Enrollment number to reopen the Middle
- SRO Discussion
- Security Officer

- Update in the fall - Grade 3 enrollment

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

### A. District Updates

- Naming of Building – Jason Chevrier shared that the district has reached out to legal counsel and have found that they can change the name of the former middle school without having to file paperwork with the State.
- Questar III has expressed interest in naming the wing they rent from the district in honor of Paul Puccio.
- Branding Update – Jason Chevrier shared draft pictures with the board that have been drawn for the district by VIP Branding. The intent is to find a wildcat image that will be used district-wide, there is still discussion to figure out how to incorporate the MH and paw print.
- Donations under the minimum amount set for board approval in district policy 1800 and/or donations for scholarships - None this month.
- Enrollment Report - attached for review.

### B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – PTO custodial appreciation dinner was a nice even, the custodial workers appreciate the dinner and cards from the students as well as volunteer appreciation breakfast students sang songs and show their appreciation. The
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – Graduation is June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 hoping for

### C. Committee Updates

- Technology committee talked about running a google camp. Working on targeting a plan to meet needs at the elementary school
- NYSSBA – nothing at this time
- Audit Committee – went over the plan for this year’s audit.
- Policy Committee – nothing new.

## **9. POLICIES**

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

- A. Approval to rescind the following policies replaced by policies adopted at the May 21, 2019, board meeting:  
 3-215 Video Cameras on School Premises  
 4-306 Authorized Use of District-Owned Materials and Equipment  
 3-222 Cellular Phones

## **10. FINANCE**

**Mary Yurista moved to approve items A. through I., Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.**

- A. Acceptance of the attached Treasurer's Report.
- B. Acceptance of the attached Claims Auditor's Report.
- C. Approval of the 2019-2020 salaries for the District Clerk, Claims Auditor, Undesignated and Management Confidential employees.
- D. Approval of memorandums outlining the benefits of the Management Confidential and Undesignated employees.
- E. Approval of contracts on the attached document.
- F. Approval of a resolution indicating that the Board of Education intends to authorize the transfer of funds.
- G. Approval of a resolution authorizing the district to enter into a multi-year service agreement with Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Board of Cooperative Educational Services.
- H. Approval of an Inter-municipal Agreement with Rensselaer School District to establish a shared service arrangement for the 2019-20 school year for Head Bus Driver based on a fifty percent work schedule for Schodack and a fifty percent work schedule for Rensselaer, cost of Head Bus Driver salary and benefits to be shared equally.
- I. Approval of an Inter-municipal Agreement with Rensselaer School District to establish a shared service arrangement for the 2019-20 school year for transportation management and supervision based on a fifty percent work schedule for Schodack and a fifty percent work schedule for Rensselaer, cost of Transportation Supervisor salary and benefits to be shared equally.

## **11. OTHER ACTION**

**Bruce Romanchak moved to approve items A. through G., Michael Hiser 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) for the 2019-2020 school year as indicated on attached reports.

B. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education regarding Special Education Services for student(s) for the 2018-19 school year as indicated on attached reports.

C. Motion to designate Brian P. Carey, Business Administrator, as the Board of Education's designated representative to the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Workers' Compensation Consortium for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

D. Approval of items on the attached list to be declared surplus and to be disposed of by the district in accordance with district policy.

E. Approval for Derek Rossetti to swim as a team of one for the 2019-2020 school year.

F. Approval of the Code of Conduct for the 2019-2020 school year.

G. Approval of the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct for the 2019-2020 school year.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Kelly Travers-Main expressed again that the transportation department needs their employees in district.

**13. ACTION ITEMS:** Author visit follow-up, coach code of conduct, transportation, review share with Rensselaer in Fall 2019, Tech vision committee, Athletic Survey (eixt/end of season).

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Michael Charsky moved** to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular persons and SFA Contract Negotiations at 9:07 pm, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Bruce Romanchak moved** to reconvene to Open Session, **Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.**

C. **Bruce Romanchak moved to bring item 4. E. back to the table leaving the appointment of the Girls Varsity Basketball Coach tabled to a later date and to further approve all other coach and volunteer assistant coach appointments as recommended, Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.**

**Girls Varsity Basketball Coach appointment tabled to a later date.**

D. **Bruce Romanchak moved** to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 pm, **Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.**