

Approved at the April 19, 2018 board meeting.

Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting (Thursday, March 15, 2018)

Generated by Shelli Reickert on Thursday, March 15, 2018

1. MEETING OPENING

A. President Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:26 pm.

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

C. **Michael Tuttle** moved to approve the present agenda, **Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.**

D. **Michael Hiser** moved to approve the minutes of February 8, 2018, **Mary Yurista seconded, Michael Tuttle abstained, all others present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. Budget Draft #2 - Jason Chevrier and Brian Carey

Mr. Chevrier explained that they would be looking for guidance from the board to have a Draft #3 budget to be adopted at the April 19, 2018 meeting. Mr. Carey explained the expenses proposed for the 2018-19 budget, the athletic increase includes Indoor Track, Golf and a uniform replacement allowance. Additional changes in the expenses were attributed to restructuring, responsibilities shift moving expenses from one category to another. Mr. Chevrier explained the inclusions to the budget totaling \$126,178 and different ways the district is looking at to mitigate the anticipated gap in the budget. There was discussion about the use of funds from the Capital Reserve Fund for current projects, the proposition, if approved by the board, will be presented to voters in May. The considerations of the board were presented. The board was in favor of putting the \$250,000 into the capital reserve fund instead of fund balance bringing the capital reserve fund balance to \$1,750, 000.

3. DISTRICT / BUILDING / COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates:

- Enrollment – a spreadsheet showing enrollment is attached.
- March 19, 2018 Job Fair – Members of the Administrative team will be present to talk with potential candidates that attend the job fair. The district is in need of substitutes in various titles.
- March 3, 2018 Open House recap – The turnout was great, building is beautiful, students were outstanding representatives of the district and shared what they loved about the building.
- March 14, 2018 walkout- Students presented memorials of the victims of the February 14, 2018, school shooting in Florida. There was discussion between students and administrators about student walkouts, and how the district will work with the students for those who chose to participate, the district cannot protect students if they walkout of the building, and the result was outstanding. Our students did not walk out. The next push for walkout is April 20, 2018, this walkout is about gun control. Mr. Chevrier shared a meeting he participated in with student relating the April 20th walk out. There was discussion at the meeting about what the district can sponsor.
- Jr./Sr. High School start time – There was discussion about research into changing the start time of the Jr./Sr. High School, data has been collected, but there needs to be more research into the impact on athletics, distance learning, transportation etc.
- Office of the State Comptroller update – There is no update, they have not set a date with the district for the audit.

B. Building Updates:

- Castleton Elementary School – MISci visits and partnering with them has been a benefit for teacher and students, Hoops for Hunger is a districtwide event but he enjoys it. Ronald McDonald House's reading fundraiser. The read over/sleep over at the Elementary school is coming up as well as the morning program.
- Maple Hill Middle School – The drama presentation of Twinderella was awesome. Computer based testing has taken place, modified sports begin next Monday, the middle school students participated in an event to honor the 17 victims of the Parkland, Fla. School shooting, they committed to 17 things they want to do to make a difference. High school visits have taken place by 6, 7, and 8th grades. Parent night at the high school was successful and moving forward Mrs. Harris feels comfortable with the kids moving to the high school next year.
- Maple Hill High School - Winter sports were a success for both students and coaches. Top Scholar athlete in the conference was Taylor Gerraine. The Students exceeded expectations at the March 14 walk out event honoring the victims of the Parkland, Fla. school shooting. High School students participated in the parent orientation, gave tours of the building, shared with parents what they love about the building and its changes and performed in the lobby. Field trips will be taking place. March 27th, unite it to fight it, Maple Hill High School will host a county wide initiative, a panel discussion to address the Opioid epidemic.

C. Committee Updates:

- CES Building Planning Committee – Michael Tuttle and Charles Peter – no meeting.
- MS/HS Building Planning Committee – Paul Puccio and Michael Charsky – no meeting, need to be rescheduled.
- Professional Development Planning Committee – Bruce Romanchak – no meeting.
- Technology Committee – Mary Yurista – no meeting.
- NYSSBA Legislative Liaison – Michael Hiser – The Spring conference was good this year. The commissioner seems to be well respected and has head in the right place, trying to do things. In education it takes time to see change, she is

putting in the effort.

- Health and Safety / SAVE Committee – Michael Tuttle and Michael Hiser – will be meeting in April
- 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, some visits have already taken place and more will take place this spring.
- Capital Project Representation Committee – Michael Tuttle, Christian Olsen, Michael Charsky, Michael Hiser and Paul Puccio – meeting on March 13, 2018, project is on track with budget and is 80% done, the sewer project has gone out for bid and representatives of the district will be present for the bid opening.
- Schodack Wildcat Foundation, Inc. – Paul Puccio – Meeting held prior to the open house and members were present to represent the foundation at the Open House, no meeting since.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Board Discussion – There was discussion about the surveying on Route 9. There is the potential for a project on the land next to the Dirty Bird Antiques building. Not in our district but could be good for the area.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kyle Keenan, a parent of two student in school, questioned why during school the building is secure, but between 3:00-6:00 it is wide open. What is being done about school safety after hours, students in the building, and the pre-school is still open. There was discussion about how the public use of the buildings can take place and still keep out buildings secure. Kaitlyn Castle talked about the Rescue for Success field trip students participated in at UAlbany – student were awesome, conduct was good, questions they asked were good. Renee Egan spoke about the recent assembly for the victims of the Parkland, Fla. School shooting, and how our students were supported to show their support. Cassidy Berger commented that the students were appreciative of the school and how they supported students, she will be participating in a March. Matt LaClair thanked his custodial staff for their hard work.

6. POLICIES

A. **Michael Hiser** moved for approval of the 1st reading of the following policy(ies), **Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor, policies moved by consensus to 2nd reading:**

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

B. **Michael Hiser** moved for approval of the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policy, **Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor, policy adopted:**

5252 Student Activities Fund Management

C. **Paul Puccio** moved for approval to rescind the following policy(ies), **Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor:**

6-209 Glucagon Policy
8-102 Parental Involvement replaced by 1900 Title I Parent Involvement Policy
3-100 Code of Ethics replaced by 2160 School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics
6-104 Racial Harassment Policy replaced by 0115 Student Harassment and Prevention and Intervention

7. FINANCE

A. **Paul Puccio** moved for approval of Change Orders in accordance with Turner Construction's potential change order approval log, **Charles Peter seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Michael Hiser** moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of: December 2017, **Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor.**

C. **Michael Tuttle** moved for acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month(s) of: December 2017, **Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.**

D. **Michael Tuttle** moved for approval of the Student Activity Report for the quarter(s): October through December 2017, **Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.**

E. **Michael Hiser** moved for approval of a resolution adopting a Proposition authorizing the district to (A) expand the purposes for which the Capital Reserve Fund (established with voter approval in May 2015) may be expended to include the capital project approved by the voters in May 2014 (the "2014 Capital Project") and (B) expend \$1,000,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to finance a portion of the cost of the 2014 Capital Project, including the reconstruction of the bus garage, the kitchen, the auditorium and the technology room, to be presented to voters on May 15, 2018, **Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.**

F. **Paul Puccio** moved for approval of a resolution adopting a 2018-19 School Bus Proposition in an amount not to exceed \$155,000.00 for the purchase of two (2) school buses, to be presented to voters on May 15, 2018, **Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.**

G. **Paul Puccio** moved for approval of a resolution authorizing sidewalk repairs and the installation of a digital sign at the Castleton Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, **Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.**

8. OTHER ACTION

Paul Puccio moved to approve items A. through E., Michael Charsky 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): 000114670 and 000113743

B. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education regarding Special Education Services for the following student(s): 000115066, 000115013, 000115060, 000115068, 000115033, and 000115070.

C. Approval of equipment, as indicated on the attached list, to be declared surplus and to be disposed of by the district in accordance with district policy.

D. Approval of Bus #101, 2005 IC/International, 65 Passenger, VIN#4DRBUAFN65A981308, to be declared surplus and to be disposed of by the district in accordance with district policy.

E. Approval of library books on attached list, to be declared surplus and to be disposed of by the district in accordance with district policy.

F. **Michael Tuttle** moved for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Schodack Central School District and The Schodack Faculty Association ("SFA") adding a club to Appendix C of the SFA contract, **Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor.**

G. **Paul Puccio** moved for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Schodack Central School District and The Schodack Faculty Association ("SFA") offering a retirement incentive, pending ratification by the Schodack Faculty Association, **Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor.**

H. **Paul Puccio** moved for approval of a Health Services Contract with North Greenbush Common School District for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$255.90 per student for (8) eight students, **Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.**

I. **Paul Puccio** moved for approval of a Health Services Contract with South Colonie Central School District for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$719.78 per student for (1) one student, **Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.**

9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Michael Charsky moved to approve items A. through M., Paul Puccio seconded, all present in favor. Congratulations to Ms. Egan.

A. Approval of Michael Bennett as Pro Tem Purchasing Agent for the period of March 29, 2018 through April 6, 2018.

B. Motion to approve the (4) four year probationary appointment of Bryce Bachus, (certification: Technology Education), commencing on January 22, 2018, as Technology Teacher, in the tenure area of Technology Education, at a salary of BA Step 1, 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 3 of the 4 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.

C. Approval of the Tenure appointment of Renee Egan, as English Teacher in the Tenure area of Secondary English Teacher effective September 1, 2018.

D. Approval of the Tenure appointment of Rebekah Demassio, as Elementary School Teacher in the Tenure area of Elementary Education effective September 1, 2018.

E. Approval of the appointment of the following advisor(es): Middle School Video News - Bryce Bachus effective January 22, 2018

F. Acceptance of the resignation of Charles Thomas, Groundskeeper, effective February 16, 2018.

G. Approval of the probationary appointment of Jay Beber, Groundskeeper, for eight (8) hours per day, at a rate of \$20.70, effective March 12, 2018.

H. Approval of the temporary appointment of David Vogel, Custodial Worker, for eight (8) hours per day, at a rate of \$16.82 per hour, effective March 16, 2018.

I. Acceptance of the resignation of William Monty, Teaching Assistant, effective February 16, 2018.

J. Acceptance of the resignation of Nathan Porter, Modified (7th & 8th grade) Baseball Coach.

K. Approval of the appointment of the following coach(es):

Modified (7th & 8th grade) Baseball Coach - Christopher Deck

Modified (7th & 8th grade) Softball Coach - April Smith

L. Approval of the appointment of the following volunteer assistant coach(es):

Lee Wetherby - Varsity Track & Field

James Farrell - Varsity Track & Field

Jim Canonica - Varsity Baseball

Scott Monuteaux - Varsity Baseball

Alissa Leavitt - Varsity Softball

Mark Hoyt - Varsity Lacrosse

M. Motion to approve the following non-instructional substitute(s): Timothy Milot - Custodial Worker

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Ryan stated that the MOU is an extension of a deadline not an incentive. Renee Egan expressed she is excited and happy to receive tenure and that Schodack is a wonderful district.

11. **ACTION ITEMS** None

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

A. **Michael Tuttle** moved to Adjourn to Executive Session at 9:29 pm. to discuss building safety considerations, **Michael Hiser Seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Paul Puccio** moved to Reconvene to Open Session at 9:20 pm and adjourn the meeting, **Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor, meeting adjourned.**

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Public Hearing - Board of Education (Thursday, March 15, 2018)

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1. MEETING OPENING:

A. President Olsen called the public hearing to Order at 6:02 pm.

2. ATTENDANCE:

Present: Christian Olsen, Michael Tuttle, Mary Yurista, Daniel Grandinetti, Paul Puccio, Michael Charsky, Michael Hiser and Charles Peter (arrived at 6:10)

Absent: Bruce Romanchak

3. PRESENTATION:

A. Presentation of Cold War Veterans Exemption

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: No comment.

5. BOARD DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS:

There was a comment about the efforts made by the state government that they pretend they are giving a break to veterans when in fact they are not spending a penny to do so, the burden of dealing with the shortfall is falling on the jurisdictions to make up the difference. We are voting to give away our money and our neighbors, not the state's money. It seems inappropriate, we do want to support veterans, but hate to support it and accept the government's inability to fund public education, public education is not getting proper funding now, this is not the way the state should do it and he would oppose it. More discussion ensued about the government putting these pressures on the local governments.

6. CONSIDERATION

A. **Paul Puccio moved** to approve the Cold War Veterans Exemption as stated in the following resolution, **Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 2(a), subdivision 2(b) and subdivision 2(c)(iii) of Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, the maximum Cold War Veterans' Exemption from real property taxes allowable pursuant to Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law is established as follows:

- a. Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of (10%) Ten percent of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed the lesser of Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00,) or the product of Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the applicable town within the Schodack Central School District.
- b. In addition to the exemptions provided by paragraph (a) of this subdivision, where the Cold War veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veterans Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by fifty (50) percent of the veteran's disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed the lesser of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) or the product of Twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the applicable town within the Schodack Central School District.

Section 2. Pursuant to the provision of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, the Cold War Veterans' Exemption from real property taxes shall apply to qualifying owner of qualifying real property and shall continue for as long as they remain qualifying owners, without regard to the length of time such qualifying owners receive the exemption.

- a. The exemption shall apply to qualifying owners of qualifying real property for as long as they remain qualifying owners, without regard to such ten year limitation.

Section 3. The school business official is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the town assessors within the Schodack Central School District.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately for the **2019-2020** school tax year and be in effect for subsequent school tax years in accordance with law and regulation.

7. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

A. President Olsen closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 6:26 pm.