

Minutes are draft until approved at the April 16, 2019, board meeting.

March 21, 2019 - Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting (Thursday, March 21, 2019)

Generated by Shelli Reickert on Thursday, March 21, 2019

Present: Christian Olsen, Michael Tuttle, Mary Yurista, Charles Peter, Bruce Romanchak, Michael Charsky, Daniel Grandinetti, and Student Member, Makaila Maier

Absent: Michael Hiser

Also Present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Jacqueline Hill,

1. MEETING OPENING

A. President Christian Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

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

C. Superintendent Chevrier asked everyone to stay standing for a Moment of Silence in memory of Paul Puccio, a long-standing board member of 38 years who recently passed away.

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

E. Bruce Romanchak moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2019, regular meeting, Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor.

F. Bruce Romanchak moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2019, regular meeting, Charles Peter seconded, all present in favor.

2. REPORTS

A. 2019-20 Budget Draft 2 - Jason Chevrier & Brian Carey

The Governor's budget is not looking favorable for schools. Changes from the last draft were shared: Questar III expressed interest in additional classrooms at the District Office Building, through special education reorganization the district is looking to create special education classes and bring some out of district students back into the district at a cost savings, the reduction of a section in the elementary school in the current grade 3 could allow a teacher for the innovative learning lab discussion ensued. There was discussion about the work proposed for the \$100,000 transfer to capital project, a summary of fund balance and proposed use, an outline of the estimated revenue and expenses, the tax levy increase and what the board is comfortable going out to the public. The upcoming elections will be for 3 seats with terms of 3 years each and a term to commence May 21, 2019, and continue through June 30, 2020, to fill the seat vacancy from the passing of Paul Puccio.

B. Capital Project Update: Jason Chevrier shared information from a meeting with Turner Construction and BCI Construction to discuss what remains unfinished in the Capital Project and who will be responsible for completing the work by mid-April.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Ryan expressed that the 1:1 devices are part of the program and that replacing them are important, concern over expecting to fund the innovative learning lab through the Smart Bond, we have been waiting for the money for 5 years, will we ever get the money, teacher devices need to be replaced, they use them for instruction, the auditorium lighting needs to be addressed, there is currently no capability of lighting over the stage. Sherri Gibson spoke about getting voters out, the voters that do not have students tend to vote no whether the levy increase is 2%, 3% or 4%, Chris Fowler expressed that having a full-time librarian has been a bonus to students and her curriculum, education is a community benefit, and that everyone benefits from well-educated students. She asked about the savings from retiring teacher and where that saving is reflected.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP

A. Board Discussion - Mary Yurista said she went to the High School Drama Performance and it was very good, she expressed that the sound needs improvement, as well as that there needs to be better notification about bussing from the middle school parking lot for additional parking. Charles Peter shared that a school bus driver reached out to him about the staffing issues, there was discussion about the shortage of substitutes across various job titles. Daniel Grandinetti wanted to recognize Pat Austin and the volunteers for the Hoops for Hunger and expressed that it is a great event.

B. Action Item Follow-up

- Parking at Jr./Sr. High School - The Schodack Police start and end times are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Chief Belardo has offered to get together with Mr. Chevrier to discuss some ideas. Striping and painting will be done now that spring is here. Suggestions are welcome on how to improve the parking issue. Bruce Romanchak shared an idea of a center turning lane, Michael Charsky asked if adjusting the start time of the school-day would help.
- Monolith Solar Issues - the company is not doing well and it is likely that they would be bought out, if that happens, it is likely the new company will continue the service to existing customers.
- Mike Hiser - NYSSBA Mr. Chevrier shared that a writer for the NYSSBA OnBoard news will be coming back to do an article on the school district and the changes at the high school. He recently toured the school and was impressed.
- SRO Revisit / Discussion - The SRO position is not currently in the 2019-20 budget, there was discussion about doing more research into the position. Mr. Olsen talked about a Questar dinner meeting on school safety, including cyber safety and School Resource Officers. A presenter at the dinner offered to come to talk to the entire Board, there was interest in having him come to a meeting.
- Policies 6800/6900 - discrepancies will be addressed once a decision is made on the title for the Business Official.

- CTE Program Information - a weblink to Questar's offerings will be shared with the board. Currently, the district has 13 students in the programs.

5. DISTRICT / BUILDING / COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Logo/Branding - the district is looking at branding for the district to unite the elementary school and Jr./Sr. High School. Currently, there are a lot of variations of a wildcat, the High School is identified with the MH and CES with the paw print.
- 360 Evaluation - the district is in the process of developing a 360 Evaluation for the leadership team. Members of the team will be evaluated by faculty and staff and the results will be used to improve leadership roles.
- County Executive Letter - The district received a letter from Steven McLaughlin congratulating the district on their graduation rate.
- NYSSBA Letter - The district received a letter from NYSSBA expressing their condolences for the passing of Paul Puccio.
- Office of State Comptroller Update - Mr. Carey shared that within the next 3-4 months we should have the report.
- Donations under minimum amount set for board approval in district policy 1800 and/or donations for scholarships were attached in a list.
- Enrollment Report for March 2019 was shared as an attachment.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School - School-Based Planning will meet next week, students in 3rd grade presented a World Fair, students pick a country, researched and presented with costumes, food, and items from their country. A student, William Colvin, was given a proclamation from County Legislature representative Charles Peter for a fundraiser he held for an animal rescue. Teacher training in ELA took place at the elementary school. Mrs. Rosher participated and expressed how beneficial it was for teachers to collaborate and train with peers.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School - the all-night party will be held tomorrow, March 22 for students in the 9-12 grades, it has been a busy month, Principal Hill wanted to mention the various awards that were given out, students participated in an advocacy event for library funding in schools, students from Schodack photographed students at the Center for Disabilities, the students set up a photography studio and are working on getting the pictures to the students they photographed. Ms. Sullivan spoke about the performance at the high school and how great it was to see 7-12 grade students performing together, she shared about a student wellness day students will sign up for different wellness programs such as craze training, physical therapy, yoga, and other wellness opportunities.

C. Committee Updates

- CES Building Planning Team - Michael Tuttle & Charles Peter Meetings scheduled for 3/28, 5/14
- Jr./Sr. HS Building Planning Team - Michael Charsky - The athletic policy draft is complete and will be proofread and then shared with the Board.
- Professional Development Planning Team - Bruce Romanchak - There is a lot of enthusiasm but participation is low, the same people show up.
- Technology Committee - Mary Yurista = Meeting scheduled for 5/22.
- NYSSBA Legislative Committee - Michael Hiser - no update at this time.
- Health & Safety/SAVE Committee - Michael Tuttle & Mike Hiser - Meeting scheduled for 4/8
- Audit Committee - Dan Grandinetti, Mary Yurista, Christian Olsen & Michael Charsky - meetings scheduled during future months: 6 /2019, 7/2019
- Policy Committee - Bruce Romanchak & Charles Peter - policies on the board for the first reading.

6. POLICIES

Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of the 1st reading of policies in Item A., Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the 1st reading of the following policies:

- 6830 Expense Reimbursement
- 7000 Facilities Development Goals
- 7100 Facilities Planning
- 7365 Construction Safety
- 8000 Support Service Goals
- 8110 School Building Safety
- 8112 Health and Safety Committee
- 8115 Pesticides and Pest Management
- 8130 School Safety Plans and Teams

7. FINANCE

Michael Charsky moved for approval of Items A. through F., Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2019.

B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month of January 2019.

C. Approval of a resolution adopting a 2019-20 School Bus Proposition in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 for the purchase of two (2) school buses, to be presented to voters on May 21, 2019.

D. Approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to accept a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$6,000.00 from New York State Office of State Aid and to increase the General Fund Revenue Code A2705 and Expense Code A1621.404.50.2000 by \$6,000.00.

E. Acknowledgment of donations indicated on the attached list.

F. Acceptance of an anonymous donation of 32 Show Style Briefcase Presentation Systems valued at \$265.00 each for a total donation value of \$8,480.00.

8. OTHER ACTION

Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of Item A., Michael Charsky 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.

9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

A. Approval of staffing actions:

a. **Resignations:** NONE

b. **Instructional Appointments:** NONE

c. **Non-Instructional Appointments/change in hours**

Name Rate	Assignment	Appointment Type	Effective Date
Dawn Jefferson no rate change	School Bus Driver	change in hours from 3.75 hours/day plus a late bus run of .50 hours to 3.75 hours/day	March 22, 2019
Jamie Pulver no rate change	School Bus Driver	change in hours from 6.5 hours/day to 5.75 hours/day	March 22, 2019
Kandee Goodall no rate change	School Bus Driver	change in hours from 3.75 hours/day plus late bus run of .50 hours to 5.25 hours/day	March 22, 2019
Leo Heroux no rate change	School Bus Driver	change in hours from 3.75 hours/day to 5.25 hours/day	March 22, 2019
Leigh Stevens \$22.59/hour	School Bus Driver	Probationary - 3.75 hours/day plus .5 late bus run as needed	March 22, 2019
Kara Householder \$26.29/hour	School Bus Driver Trainer	On an as needed basis	March 22, 2019
Morgan Macera \$17.64/hour	Teaching Assistant	Part-time - 4 hours per day	February 26, 2019
Kayla Tedford \$17.64/hour	Teaching Assistant	Part-time - 4 hours per day	February 26, 2019

d. **Advisor/Coach Appointments:**

Name	Assignment	Rate
Kevin Hunter	Girls Modified Track and Field Coach	Stipend per Appendix C of SFA Contract

e. **Substitute Appointments** Compensation based on rates set at July 2, 2018, Organizational Meeting

Name	Substitute Area	Salary
Timothy Sullivan	Teaching Assistant	Rate set at July 2, 2018, Organizational Meeting
Dionicio Lezama	Custodial Worker	Rate set at July 2, 2018, Organizational Meeting

10. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

11. ACTION ITEMS - Continue SRO Discussion, reschedule Technology Committee, continue to send financial information to board and possibly schedule another meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. Bruce Romanchak moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of particular employees, a disciplinary matter of a particular person, and SFA Contract Negotiations, Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor.

B. Mary Yurista moved to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 9:34 pm., Charles Peter seconded, all present in favor.