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Board of Education Agenda - Public Hearing and Meet the Candidates (Thursday, May 9, 2019)

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Present: Christian Olsen, Mary Yurista, Michael Tuttle, Daniel Grandinetti, Michael Charsky, Charles Peter, Bruce Romanchak

Absent: Michael Hiser

Also Present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Michael Bennett, James Derby and Michele Reickert

1. MEETING OPENING

A. President Christian Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Budget Hearing - Mr. Chevrier shared a budget hearing presentation outlining the 2019-2020 Budget adopted by the Board of Education on April 16, 2019, to be presented to the public for a vote on May 21, 2019. He explained what would take place if the budget were to fail and thanked the board for their thoughtful work on the budget this year.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. BOARD DISCUSSION

Charles Peter reminded everyone that next Tuesday will there be a presentation in memory of Paul Puccio at the Rensselaer County Building during the meeting of the State Legislators.

5. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING / OPEN REGULAR MEETING

A. President Olsen closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting.

B. Motion to approve the present agenda.

6. REPORT(S)

A. Meet the Candidates

Sherri Gibson - She was born and raised in Schodack, is a graduate of the class of 1999, received her Chemical Engineering background at Northeastern University in Boston and has worked at Regeneron for past 12 years, during that time she worked to build and lead a continuous improvement team. She is actively involved in the community, coaches many sports teams, involved in her church, leads a girl scout troop, and has a 2nd, 3rd and 4th grader in the district.

Daniel Grandinetti - Finishing 2nd term, 6th year on the board and expressed that he has served many elected and appointed boards and finds the honesty, ethics, work and transparency of the Schodack Board as second to none. As a parent, he is confident in the district. He is honored to serve and proud to say he is part of the board, it is a well functioning board and effective administration.

Shelley Palmer - She is the first of 4 generations that did not graduate from Schodack, but she and her husband relocated to Schodack to raise their two children here. Schodack is a strong school district, and she wants to help it to thrive. She is a chemist has a forensic science background and taught Chemistry and Physics at a private school in Massachusetts for 12 years. In her career at the Division of Criminal Justice Services, she oversees all the forensic labs in the state, she works with providing grants and handles training oversight to the State forensics program.

Mary Yurista - Raised her children here and has a passion for this district because of the community that it is. She has served on the board for 6 years but has been participating for the better part of 10 years at the board level. She expressed that it was nice to see women of professional backgrounds and mothers stepping up to represent the younger generation, moms have a different vision than dads. She has a Technology background working in the Insurance industry, three children who all graduated from Schodack Central School District and would be honored to serve again.

Bruce Romanchak - Expressed that the district lost 38 years of experience and history in the passing of Paul Puccio. Mr. Romanchak shared that he has served since 1997, and with 4 slots and 5 people running, the board could change. He is impressed with the people running. The board is responsible to the state ed as officers to the commissioner and to the community. He stated that he is still learning and the first 3 years you may get an idea of what is going on, but there is a lot to learn. We advocate for all students not just one agenda. He has enjoyed being on the board and applauds and thanks everyone that is running.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. ACTION ITEMS

Get out and vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A. Having no further business before the board, President Christian Olsen adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.