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Board of Education Agenda - Workshop Meeting (Thursday, November 1, 2018)

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Present: Christian Olsen, Michael Tuttle, Daniel Grandinetti, Michael Hiser (left at 8:14 pm), Bruce Romanchak, and Mary Yurista

Absent: Paul PUccio, Michael Charsky and Charles Peter

1. MEETING OPENING

A. President 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. **Mary Yurista** moved to approve the present agenda, **Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. STEM Fellows - Janice Balogh, Leonard Bacon and Timothy Ryan

Mr. Chevrier explained the STEM Fellows program, a Professional Development opportunity for teachers. He introduced Ms. Balogh, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Ryan who participated in the program over the summer. Mr. Bacon worked at RPI studying rocks and the carbon dioxide levels in them to see the difference in the levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere from then to now. He interacted with businesses and discussed what they need students to know for jobs in their industry. Ms. Balogh participated in a program at Tech Valley Center of Gravity, a maker space with resources donated by community members. In the program, she worked with women to teach them a trade that they might be able to use in the community to make a living within the trade. She worked with businesses to find out what the demand is for employees. She found that there was a shortage of skilled laborers. Mr. Ryan participated in a program at Global Foundaries. His participation changed his mindset for manufacturing jobs and experienced the collegial atmosphere first hand. Seeing the connection to what is taught in math classes and the need to improve the use of spreadsheets at the high school level. He has written curriculum for an elective he will propose for the spring. He felt he now has the answer to "Where will I use this in the real world?", has new connections and has gained knowledge share with students about the workforce.

There was discussion of how the information they learned about the needs in the workforce is shared with all students in Schodack and not just in their classroom.

B. Mental Health Presentation - Administrative Team Mr. Chevrier shared that New York State requires that schools health education programs recognize the multiple dimensions of health including mental health and the relationship of physical health and mental health. Mr. Bennett talked about the framework for mental health education instruction and how the district will incorporate mental health instruction into general education instruction. The Principals and Assistant Principals from each building talked about what they have begun to do in their buildings regarding mental health and how to appropriately teach students K-12. Each building has formed a committee to assess what is being done, additional needs and where the district needs improvement.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. OTHER ACTION

Mary Yurista moved for approval of item A., Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of a contract for General Construction for the Castleton Elementary School Digital Sign project and Gymnasium Exit Renovations with Wm. J. Keller & Sons Construction Corporation, 1435 Route 9, Castleton, NY 12033 with a base bid of \$47,518.00.

5. ACTION ITEMS: None

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Michael Tuttle moved** to adjourn to executive session to discuss SFA Contract Negotiations at 8:14 pm, **Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Mary Yurista moved** to reconvene to Open Session and adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm, **Michael Tuttle seconded, all present in favor.**