

Minutes are draft until approved at the November 15, 2018, board meeting.

Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting (Thursday, October 18, 2018)

Generated by Shelli Reickert on Thursday, October 18, 2018

Present: Christian Olsen, Mary Yurista, Michael Charsky, Bruce Romanchak, Daniel Grandinetti, and Charles Peter (arrived at 6:12)

Absent: Michael Tuttle, Paul Puccio and Michael Hiser

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

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. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.

D. Mary Yurista moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018, meeting. Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.

2. REPORTS

A. External Audit - Marvin & Company

The annual external audit showed no significant findings for the 2017-2018 school year. There was a recommendation that the district participate in annual Information Technology training on phishing to which discussion ensued.

B. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): Mr. Chevrier spoke about Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a federal program developed that specified how States can use federal money to help public schools. The Plan focuses on advancing equity, access, and opportunity for all students. The State will continue to improve testing, and computer based testing will be utilized more. The State will use the information to identify schools for support and recognition based on multiple measures: Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement, Recognition schools and Schools in Good Standing.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mary Mosher expressed her concern over the difficulty getting in and out of the parking lot at the Jr./Sr. High School with the new design of having one exit/entrance.

4. DISTRICT / BUILDING / COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Enrollment Report attached
- Questar topic for future board meeting – Mr. Chevrier asked the board to think about topics and email them to Jason Chevrier or Shelli Reickert.
- Dinner Meeting at Questar on October 15th, information that was presented that night regarding Mental Health was shared with the board and there will be a presentation in the near future about Mental Health.
- School Resource Officer – Mr. Chevrier shared that Town may not be able to fund ½ of the resource officer. The district will be waiting to see the outcome of the Town Budget to see how to move forward. The school district can look at federal grants to help in funding a School Resource Officer.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – CES PTO Community Fair was a great success this year raising approximately \$9,000.00 and the emergency go home early day where students at CES had to go home early to emergency dismissal locations. Communication was early which helped in getting students to their locations safely.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – 7th grade book presentations took place, with the upper classmen participating with the underclassmen, it was a nice interaction. School Safety Assemblies took place with local police officers, students were able to ask questions about why the district does what they do during drills, about security cameras and other topics.

C. Committee Updates

- CES Building Planning Committee – Michael Tuttle and Charles Peter – Meeting will be November 7th
- Jr./Sr. HS Building Planning Committee – Paul Puccio and Michael Charsky – the October meeting was postponed to include the new Athletic Director.
- Professional Development Planning Committee – Bruce Romanchak – topics were reviewed, one being teacher led professional development, applications were submitted by teacher and the committee reviewed them, teachers were asked to suggest ideas for professional development days.
- Technology Committee – Mary Yurista – first meeting will be November 14th
- NYSSBA Legislative Liaison – Michael Hiser nothing to report
- Health and Safety / SAVE Committee – Michael Tuttle and Michael Hiser – no meeting yet.
- Audit Committee – Daniel Grandinetti, Michael Charsky, Mary Yurista, and Christian Olsen – audit was shared tonight.
- Policy Committee – Bruce Romanchak and Charles Peter – working on polices for 1st reading on the agenda tonight. Moving forward a sheet will be prepared summarizing the policies to aid in the review of the policies being presented for reading.

5. ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP / BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Action Item Follow-up

- Exit Poll Follow-up – The District’s Communications Specialist suggested having a section in our newsletters to address the types of questions that are being asked on the polls.
- Bus Garage Tour – will be scheduled after completion of project.
- Athletic Cost per student - Spreadsheet was shared that summarized the cost of all athletics. The report did not break down the cost by individual sport. The district will look to do something differently in the future.
- Athletics - Self-funded – the new Athletic Director will be working to assess athletic offerings and the athletic program.

B. Board Discussion

- Status of Superintendent Evaluation – there was discussion, the evaluation was finalized, follow up will take place and the next phase will begin soon.

6. POLICIES:

Romanchak moved to approve items A. – B., Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of a resolution allowing the board to take action and adopt a policy at the first reading; and further approve the first reading and adoption of revised policy 0110 Sexual Harassment and accompanying regulations and exhibit.

B. Approval of the 1st reading of the following policy(ies):

- 5500 Student Records
- 6000 Fiscal Management Goals
- 6110 Budget Planning
- 6150 Budget Transfers
- 6240 Investments
- 6410 Authorized Signatures
- 6415 Electronic Banking

7. FINANCE

Mary Yurista moved to approve items A. – L., Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of a Special Education Services Contract with East Greenbush Central School District for Special Education Services for one (1) resident student in the amount of \$23,664.00 for the 2018-2019 school year.

B. Approval of a Special Education Services Contract with East Greenbush Central School District for Special Education Services for one (1) resident student in the amount of \$79,228.00 for the 2018-2019 school year.

C. Approval of Change Orders in accordance with Turner Construction's potential change order approval log attached.

D. Acceptance of a donation of playground accessories for Castleton Elementary School valued at \$401.60 from Castleton Kiwanis.

E. Acceptance of two donations from South Schodack Fire Co., Inc. Auxiliary totaling \$200.00, in support of the Community Charities Account.

F. Acceptance of a donation of 27 pairs of Soccer Shorts for the Boys Modified Soccer Team from The Town of Schodack Police Benevolent Association, valued at \$346.88.

G. Acceptance of a donation of various pieces of office furniture and appliances from Sight Society of Northeastern NY, valued at \$2,000.00.

H. Acceptance of a donation from Questar III Education Foundation, in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the purchase of supplies (\$1,000.00 each) for Janice Balogh, Timothy Ryan and Leonard Bacon's classrooms for their participation in the STEM Research Institute.

I. Approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to accept a donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Questar III Education Foundation, Inc. and to increase the General Fund Revenue Code A2705 and Expense Code A2110.450.30.STEM by \$3,000.00.

J. Acknowledgment of a reduction of Real Property Assessment for 1622 Brookview Station Road, in the Town of Schodack (SBL# 199-3-17.13) from \$328,500 to \$274,300, pursuant to a Small Claims Assessment Review.

K. Acknowledgment of an Application for Corrected Tax Roll for James Fredericks and Danielle Mancino for real property located at 1196 Simons Road in Schodack, NY (199.-6-8.12) for a reduction of taxes due of \$745.11 due to a clerical error.

L. Approval of an Inter-municipal Agreement with Rensselaer School District to establish a shared service arrangement for bus routes that encompass both districts allowing a single driver and bus from either district to transport students to/from both school districts and to/from a specified school for the 2018-19 school year.

8. OTHER ACTION

Mary Yurista moved to approve A. – B., Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and the District Committee on Special Education regarding Special Education Services for student(s) as indicated on the attached reports.

B. Approval of items on the attached lists, to be declared surplus and to be disposed of by the district in accordance with district policy.

9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Michael Charsky moved to table item G. (Appointment of Volunteer Assistant Coach(es) to be discussed in executive session and approve the remaining items in A. – I., Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor. Item G. tabled until after executive session all remaining pass.

A. Acceptance of the resignation of Margaret McCabe as Teaching Assistant for the purpose of retirement effective October 23, 2018.

B. Acceptance of the resignation of James Farrell as Social Studies Teacher for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2019.

C. Approval of the appointment of Jason Chevrier as a Deputy Treasurer for the 2018-2019 school year.

D. Approval of the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s): Delores Warland

E. Motion to approve the following non-instructional substitute(s): Delores Warland

F. Approval of the following coach(es):
Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Kyle Randall
Girls Modified Basketball - Melissa Morse

G. Approval of the following volunteer assistant coach(es):
Boys Varsity Basketball- Michael Decker
Varsity Wrestling - James Gibbons

H. Acceptance of the resignation of Lisa Nichols as Senior Class Co-Advisor.

I. Approval of the appointment of the following Advisor(s):
Jazz Band - Adam Streeter
Intramurals - Eric Biehler
Senior Class Co-Advisor - Renee Egan
Book Club (CES) - Stacey Rattner

10. PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Ryan expressed concern about the tennis courts being in need of repair, the nets need to be replaced, and they are not safe and need to be upgraded.

11. ACTION ITEMS: Parking Lot and Tennis Courts

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. Michael Charsky moved to adjourn into executive session at 7:42 pm to discuss personnel matters of particular persons, a disciplinary matter of a particular person and SFA contract negotiations, Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.

B. Bruce Romanchak moved to approve item G., and adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm., Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.