

Minutes are draft until approved at the October 18, 2018 board meeting.

Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting (Thursday, September 20, 2018)
Generated by Shelli Reickert on Thursday, September 20, 2018

Present: Christian Olsen, Michael Hiser, Michael Charsky, Charles Peter, Daniel Grandinetti, Mary Yurista and Bruce Romanchak.

Absent: Michael Tuttle and Paul Puccio

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

1. MEETING OPENING

A. **President Olsen** called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

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

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

D. **Bruce Romanchak** moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2018, meeting, **Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.**

E. **Bruce Romanchak** Motion to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2018, special meeting, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. 2018-2019 District and Building Goals

Mr. Chevrier shared the process for the development of the District and Building Goals, and the different ways the district has begun working to meet the goals.

James Derby and Keri Rosher spoke about the Building Goals at CES. To name a few, reviewing K-6 ELA programs and assessment data and use the data, increasing proficiency on NYS ELA Assessment by decreasing the number of level 2 scores by 15%, develop and implement NYS Mental Health Curriculum and Create new Course Offerings at CES: such as 5th and 6th Band and 5th and 6th Chorus.

Jacqueline Hill and Jodi Sullivan presented the Jr./Sr. High School Building Goals, To name a few: how academic improvement will be addressed. The goal is to increase proficiency in Grade 8 Mathematics, Grade 7 Mathematics, student score in AP United States Government and Politics, and implement a monthly curriculum calendar for department meetings, amongst other goals

3. DISTRICT / BUILDING / COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Opening of School – Mr. Chevrier spoke about the successful start of school and positive reaction of students and that things are settling nicely. He thanked everyone for the successful start. Mr. Romanchak commented that it looked like everyone was involved and interactive and it looked like it was off to a good start.
- Fund Balance and Reserve Plan – Mr. Carey shared about the fund balance and reserve plan and recommendations to transfer funds within the Fund Balance.
- Enrollment Report – the report was shared in Boardocs. Mr. Bennett spoke about the enrollment report and the Special Education population in Schodack and indicated that it is difficult to compare our numbers to other schools.
- Hacking School Libraries – Mr. Chevrier shared a book that has an article about Stacey Rattner
- Thank you note and pictures of a previous board member's visit to CES to see the building and plaque that his name appears on from the completion of work at CES when he was on the Board of Education
- Donations under minimum amount set for board approval in district policy 1800 and/or scholarships – report was shared.
- Invite for Questar III Dinner Meeting Series for Superintendents and Board Members was shared.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – Mr. Derby and Mrs. Rosher recapped the happenings and upcoming events at the Elementary School, and shared about an event that took place on the September 19th conference day. The event was a poverty simulation taking participants through a month of living the life of a family living in a poverty situation.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – Ms. Sullivan spoke about a training day for substitutes, Ms. Hill talked about upcoming events, one being a training for students on emergency drills and protocol. Needham Risk Management and the local police will take part. School Dances are beginning to take place. Spirit week is being planned, students are voting on a bone fire or

C. Committee Updates

- CES Building Planning Committee – Michael Tuttle and Charles Peter - Did not meet.
- MS/HS Building Planning Committee – Paul Puccio and Michael Charsky - Did not meet.
- Professional Development Planning Committee – Bruce Romanchak - Did not meet.
- Technology Committee – Mary Yurista - Did not meet.
- NYSSBA Legislative Liaison – Michael Hiser - Did not meet.
- Health and Safety / SAVE Committee – Michael Tuttle and Michael Hiser - Did not meet.
- Audit Committee – Daniel Grandinetti, Mary Yurista, and Christian Olsen - Did not meet.
- Policy Committee – Bruce Romanchak and Charles Peter - Did not meet.
- Building Visitation Committee – All members as a whole - Did not meet.

- Capital Project Representation Committee – Michael Tuttle, Christian Olsen, Michael Charsky, Michael Hiser and Paul Puccio - Did not meet.
- Schodack Wildcat Foundation, Inc. – Paul Puccio - Did not meet.

4. ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP / BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Action Item Follow-up

- Exit Poll Follow-up
- Bus Garage Tour
- Athletic Cost per student
- Athletics - Self-funded
- School Resource Officer – a draft agreement was shared and Mr. Chevrier stated that the Police Department is currently reviewing the agreement. With board approval, a school resource officer could be in the district as early as January. Mr. Chevrier asked the board of education to be prepared to approve the SRO.

B. Board Discussion

- President Olsen introduced Denise Pallozzi who is in the Educational Leadership program at Sage College conducting a governance study. She will be attending board meetings and other meetings to help her complete her requirements.
- Board of Education Meeting possible date change for April 2019 to April 16, 2019. The board discussed the dates and changed the meeting date in April 2019 to April 16, 2019.
- An invite to the Questar III Dinner Meeting Series for Superintendents and Board Members was shared.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Derby introduced Alysia Brunner, with will be filling the leave position in ELA at the elementary school for a period of time this school year.

6. FINANCE

Michael Charsky moved for approval of items A. through L., Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the Student Activities Report for the quarter ending June 2018.

B. Approval of an Instructional Service Agreement with Berkshire Union Free School District for special education services for (1) one resident student. Tuition for the 2018-2019 school year is \$53,930.00 and for the 2018-2019 summer school program is \$8,890.00.

C. Approval of a Placement Agreement with Hillcrest Academy for special education services for (1) one resident student. Tuition for the 2018-2019 school year is \$273.07 per day.

D. Approval of a Transportation Contract (New York Education Department, Transportation Unit Form TC) for (1) one resident student for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$5,944.86.

E. Approval of a Summer Transportation Contract (New York Education Department, Transportation Unit Form TCS) for (1) one resident student for August 20, 2018, through August 31, 2018, in the amount of \$330.27.

F. Approval of Change Orders in accordance with Turner Construction's potential change order approval logs attached:

G. Acknowledgment of a donation from School Systems Federal Credit Union of 8 backpacks filled with school supplies, valued at \$25.00 each(\$200.00 total value) to be distributed to students.

H. Acceptance of a donation from GE Foundation, (on behalf of Tricia Elgee) in the amount of \$1,200.00 in support of the Indoor Track Program.

I. Approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,200.00 from GE Foundation and to increase the General Fund Revenue Code A2705 and Expense Code A2855.450.80.0000 by \$1,200.00.

J. Acknowledgment of a reduction of Real Property Assessment for 173 Lape Road, in the Town of Schodack (SBL# 210.-7-3.12) from \$515,000 to \$475,000, pursuant to a Small Claims Assessment Review.

K. Approval of the Fund Balance and Reserve Plan for the 2018-2019 school year.

L. Approval of a Resolution authorizing and directing the Treasurer to transfer funds from the fund balance, unreserved to Capital Reserve Fund, Insurance Reserve Fund, and Retirement Reserve Fund.

7. OTHER ACTION

Michael Charsky moved for approval of items A. through D., Michael Hiser 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. Authorization of petty cash allotment and custodian as follows: \$50.00 - District Office - Michele Reickert

C. Approval of the District Wide Safety Plan for the 2018-2019 school year.

D. Adoption of the District Goals for the 2018-2019 school year.

8. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Michael Charsky moved for approval of items A. through S. adding language to items J. and K. of "with regret and appreciation of long service", Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of a Resolution to approve a (4) four-year probationary appointment of Elise C. Britt, (certification: Physical Education and Health Education), commencing on October 22, 2018, as .5 FTE Physical Education Teacher, in the tenure area of Physical Education, at a salary of MA Step 4, provided that, except to the extent required by law, in order to be granted tenure, she 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 she receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time;

and further approve the (4) four-year probationary appointment of Elise C. Britt as .5 FTE Athletic Director in the tenure area of Athletic Director effective October 22, 2018.

B. Approval of the appointment of Jeffrey Gibney as School Bus Attendant, for 5 hours per day at a rate of \$16.15 per hour, effective September 6, 2018.

C. Approval of the probationary appointment of Seth Hendrick as School Bus Driver for 3.75 hours per day, at a rate of \$22.59 per hour, effective September 21, 2018.

D. Approval of the 2018-2019 Transportation Personnel Hours as indicated on the attached list:

2018-19 Transportation Personnel Hours

	Hours per day	Additional hours each Tues., Wed., & Thurs. for late bus run
Driver:		
Dawn Jefferson	3.75	.50
Kelly Travers-Main	4.25	.50
Gary Schultz	3.75	.75
Deborah Pfeffer	5.00	
Scott VanNederynen	3.75	1.00
Denise Bates	3.75	
Leo Heroux	3.75	
Craig Hadley	4.00	
Gail Akins	3.75	.50
Jamie Pulver	4.50	.75
Kandee Goodall	3.75	.50
John Carl	6.00	
Tina Martino	6.00	
Kara Householder	5.50	
Joseph Sterantino	6.00	
Tracy Sukup	5.25	
Jennifer Campbell	6.25	
Bruce Smith	5.50	
Noelle Zoller	5.00	
Bus Attendant:		
Deborah Clifford	5.75	
Deborah Hammond	6.00	

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

F. Approval of the appointment of Alisha Scaccia, Teaching Assistant, for 4 hours per day at a rate of \$17.64 per hour, effective September 5, 2018.

G. Approval of the appointment of Shauna Kreutziger as Teaching Assistant for (4) four hours per day at a rate of \$17.64 per hour, effective September 5, 2018.

H. Approval of the appointment of Lindsay Becker as Teaching Assistant for (4) four hours per day at a rate of \$17.64 per hour, effective September 6, 2018.

I. Approval of the appointment of Lisa Cecala as Teaching Assistant for (4) four hours per day at a rate of \$17.64 per hour, effective September 10, 2018.

J. Acceptance of the resignation of David Austin as Athletic Director and Physical Education Teacher, **"with regret and appreciation of long service"**, effective October 8, 2018.

K. Acceptance of the resignation of David Sager as Automotive Mechanic for the purpose of retirement, **"with regret and appreciation of long service"**, effective October 30, 2018.

L. Approval of a temporary leave of absence for Kaitlin McGann, effective September 13, 2018, through the remainder of the 2018-19 school year.

M. Approval of a request for a temporary leave of absence for Kimberly VanDeWal as 4-hour Custodial Worker for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year, effective September 11, 2018.

N. Approval of the temporary appointment of Kimberly VanDeWal, as Custodial Worker, for eight (8) hours per day, effective September 11, 2018.

O. Approval of the temporary appointment of Matthew Silvanic, as Custodial Worker, for four (4) hours per day, effective September 11, 2018.

P. Acceptance of the resignation of April Smith as Sophomore Class Advisor to be appointed as Sophomore Class Co-adviser.

Q. Approval of the appointment of the following Advisor(s):

Sophomore Class Co-Advisor - April Smith
Sophomore Class Co-Advisor - Danielle Hiller
Performing Arts - Musical Director - Regina Maier
Newspaper Editorial - Caitlin Colwell

R. Approval of the appointment of the following Substitute Teacher(s): Jason Shepard and William Murray

S. Motion to approve the following non-instructional substitute(s): Joseph Auer, Vicki L. Romines and Edward F. Kraus

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

10. ACTION ITEMS: None

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. Mary Yurista moved to adjourn into executive session to a personnel matter of a particular person, a disciplinary matter of a particular person and SFA contract negotiations at 9:00 pm., Bruce Romanchak seconded, all present in favor.

B. Mary Yurista moved to reconvene to Open Session and adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm., Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.