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President
Board of Education

**Thursday, November 19, 2020
Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting**

Final minutes, approved at the December 17, 2020, meeting.

**Meeting Location: Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium for Board Members
Meeting Time: 6:00 pm**

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Board Members present in-person: Michael Tuttle, Daniel Grandinetti, Kyle Hurysz, Mary Yurista, Michael Charsky and Shelley Palmer

Board Members attended virtually: Michael Hiser, Sherri Gibson and Charles Peter (joined at 6:46 pm)

Also present in-person: Jason Chevrier and Michele Reickert

Attended virtually: Brian Carey, Michael Bennett, Jacqueline Hill, James Derby and Keri Rosher

1. MEETING OPENING

- A. President Michael Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.
- B. President Michael Tuttle asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- C. **Michael Hiser moved** to approve the present agenda, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**
- D. **Michael Hiser moved** to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of October 15, 2020 and workshop of November 5, 2020. **Kyle Hurysz seconded, all present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. Budget Process

Brian Carey talked about the budget process for 2021-2022, department presentations, change to the school lunch program to allow for food services during a remote only program, transportation aid for costs incurred during the shutdown a potential reduction of approximately \$400,000, state aid cuts are still unknown, 5 year outlook will be done at a later date when more information is known, staffing during a shutdown will need to be discussed should the school go into a shutdown again. Mr. Charsky

commented that there is nothing to use for a baseline, he questioned if there was anything definite that could be discussed. Mr. Carey answered that the rollover is known and controlling spending will help. Mr. Chevrier expressed that he is hopeful that September can start like we have known it with the hope of a vaccine, the district has had unexpected retirements that have created savings, sports have not been like years past, the current year budget is constantly being assessed and areas of savings are discussed always.

B. Re-opening Changes

Mr. Chevrier talked about modifying the school reopening plan to bring 4th, 5th, and 6th grades back full time. The district is looking at a target date of December 7 for this to take place. He expressed that he recognizes change is hard and change can bring stress to faculty, staff and parents. The plan would be to keep grades 4 and 5 at CES and move grade 6 to the Jr/Sr High School. He talked about the uptick in COVID cases, schools around us going full remote because of positive cases, and concerns around bringing more students back full time. Parent meetings are scheduled for Monday, November 23rd at 6:00 pm for grades 4 and 5 and 7:00 pm for grade 6 to discuss the changes and answer questions. The estimated cost to bring these students back is approximately \$93,000.00. He talked about class sizes and a room use plan, and start and end times at the Jr/Sr High School.

Mary Yurista asked if the district had candidates for the anticipated staffing needs? Mr. Chevrier answered that they had not posted for the positions and cannot until they know the plan and how many are needed.

Mary Yurista asked about the use of the Auditorium for classes. Mr. Chevrier expressed that the stage could be used as well as the seating.

Daniel Grandinetti expressed that the importance of showing the number of additional students in being added daily of 23 and 28 was important, and asked about certification needs of Teaching Assistants.

Michael Hiser commented that the year was started the district is doing a great job, the team is working hard and the risk is a qualified risk and well thought through, he supports the plan.

Michael Tuttle expressed having kids in front of teachers is important, if safety is taken seriously, it is a risk worth taking.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Ryan expressed that everyone is working to come up with a plan. Safety and Special Education is always a concern, details still need to be worked out and everyone is working the best they can and asked for patience from parents as the details are worked through.

Maureen Gokey a parent of a 5th grader and 8th grader and appreciates the work being done. The model at the HS is working well, she was grateful to see on the survey that there was effort to get the 4-6 students back. She thanked everyone for the time and energy that has gone into the planning

Sarah Lant thanked Mr. Peter for talking with her class about Citizenship.

Nicole Henderson a parent of two 5th grade students. She supports the move to 5 days a week. Her only hang up is the timing. Things are going to peak after Thanksgiving and cases are rising now, 10 days

after a break with another break coming after that is concerning. She asked for more understanding on the rotation of teachers of core classes with 4 sections of a grade.

4. DISTRICT/BUILDING/COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Enrollment Report attached
- SFA Book Donation
Chris Fowler spoke about an annual book donation made by the Schodack Faculty Association to the two school libraries in recognition of School Related Professionals Day (Nov. 7th) and National School Boards Recognition Week (Oct. 18th-21st) on behalf of the Board of Education, she shared the titles of the books donated this year.
- Thank you from The Anchor
An email was received from the Anchor thanking the advisors of the National Honor Society Bridget Archer and Caitlin Colwell and Jennifer Sober and the staff at CES for food drives benefitting the Anchor.
- Micro-clusters
Mr. Chevrier talked about a series of metrics used to determine zones based on COVID infection rates which would classify a school in a yellow, orange or red zone. The different zones were shared and what the district would need to do to continue with in person schooling if the district was placed in one of the zones. Local schools are working with our BOCES, the potential is that BOCES would be a testing facility for component districts if districts were required to test a percentage of their school population if placed in one of the zones.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School
Mr. Derby thanked teachers, the Faculty Association and the high school folks for the work on getting grades 4-6 back in person 5 days a week. Walking through the buildings, you see kids are engaged, smiling and working together. PTO is working on plans for Holiday Bazar and other events for students. K-Kids is still active with the community and giving to the Anchor.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School
Ms. Hill shared that Band lessons have begun remotely, she thanked Mr. Hanrahan for his creative planning for that. Senior class representatives will be meeting with administrators to discuss plans for class celebrations that stay within the guidelines set by the State. Sprit week will be spread out over weeks and plans are underway.

5. ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP / BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Action Item Follow-up

- Committee Advisory Group (Revisit in December 2020)
- Create a more detailed breakdown of survey spreadsheet – work is underway on this and will be presented at a later meeting.

B. Board Discussion

- Reminder that there are documents to be signed after the meeting, for those not in person, Brian Carey will work to get signatures.

6. POLICIES

Shelley Palmer moved to approve item A., Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of 2nd reading of policy(ies):

4765 Online, Remote and Distance Learning

5151 Homeless Children

5151-R Homeless Children Regulation

5420 Student Health Services

5420-R Student Health Services Regulation

8131 Pandemic Planning

Mary Yurista moved to approve item B., Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.

B. Rescind Policy(ies):

0110-R Sexual Harassment Regulation

0110-E Sexual Harassment Exhibit

7-110 Employees with AIDS and HIV-Related Illness

7-300 Leave Under the Family Medical Leave Act

7. FINANCE

Michael Charsky moved for approval of items A. through K., Kyle Hurysz seconded, all present were in favor.

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2020.

B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor Report for the month of September 2020.

C. Acceptance of the Student Activities Report for the quarter ending September 2020.

D. Acknowledgement of Decision - Small Claims Assessment Review

Acknowledgment of receipt of the Decision of Hearing Officer for a Small Claims Assessment Review for Robert and Amanda Heath for real property located at 1515 Carney Road, Castleton NY (209.-2-8) for a reduction of taxes due from \$7,796.60 to \$6,829.50 and approval of a payment of \$967.10 to Robert and Amanda Heath for refund of taxes paid.

E. Acknowledgement of Decision - Small Claims Assessment Review

Acknowledgment of receipt of the Decision of Hearing Officer for a Small Claims Assessment Review for Allen and Lisa Rarick for real property located at 1331 Brookview Station Road, Castleton NY (199.-3-32) for a reduction of taxes due from \$6,920.35 to \$6,250.73 and approval of a payment of \$669.62 to Allen and Lisa Rarick for refund of taxes paid.

F. Approval of change in rates as attached.

G. Acceptance of Tax Collectors Report and discharge of the Tax Collector.

H. Approval of Contract(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: 11/19/20				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Compass Group, USA, Inc. through Chartwells Division	9/10/20-6/30/21	Emergency SFSP Contract	*See Schedule D	Summer Food Service Program

- I. Approval to Declare Surplus - CES library weeding log as attached.
- J. Approval of a Resolution - Cooperative Energy Purchasing (Gas and Electric) documents attached.
- K. Acknowledgement of Gifts/Donation(s)

Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged at Board Meeting: November 19, 2020				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
South Schodack Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary	\$2,000	To benefit The Pat Wood Backpack Program	n/a	Donation made directly to Northeast Regional Food Bank

8. OTHER ACTION

Mary Yurista moved for approval of items A. through B., Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.

- A. Approval of recommendations of the District Committee on Special Education / Preschool Special Education
- B. Approval of Budget Calendar

9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Mary Yurista moved for approval of item A., Michael Hiser seconded, after discussion as indicated below, all present voted in favor.

Michael Tuttle recognized Matt LaClair for his time and effort that he has put into the district and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Chevrier talked about the work he has done with Matt LaClair and stated that his dedication has been outstanding, he does great work, is great at customer service and is a great friend. He has always

been connected to the district, at one time Matt LaClair took a leave of absence and hiked the Appalachian trail engaging with students in the district throughout his hike. He will be missed.

He also shared that Lisa Cramer will be replacing Eric Nusbaum who will be retiring at the end of December.

A. Approval of Staffing Action(s)

Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: November 19, 2020				
RESIGNATIONS/LEAVE OF ABSENCE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	ACTION	COMMENT
Matthew LaClair	Director of Facilities II	June 30, 2021	Retirement	With appreciation for his service (15 years) and regrets that he is leaving.
Carley Bowe	Teaching Assistant	November 9, 2020	Resignation	
Logan Samarija	Teaching Assistant	November 11, 2020	Resignation	
Denise Prinzo	School Monitor	November 2, 2020	Temporary Leave of Absence to fill Temporary Position	Temporary leave to fill a temporary 6 hour School Monitor Position
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS				
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS	APPONTMENT TYPE	AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Denise Prinzo	Temporary 6-hour per day	School Monitor	November 2, 2020	Rate set per CSEA contract
Lisa Cramer	Provisional	Head Automotive Mechanic	December 1, 2020	Rate set per CSEA contract
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS				
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE
Kelsey Hall	Teacher and Teaching Assistant			Rate Set at July 7, 2020 Board Meeting
Mary Abbott	Teacher			Rate Set at July 7, 2020 Board Meeting
Makaila Maier	Teaching Assistant			Rate Set at July 7, 2020 Board Meeting

Jennifer Andres	Teacher			Rate Set at July 7, 2020 Board Meeting
Anne Smith	Teacher			Rate Set at July 7, 2020 Board Meeting
Ashley Houser	Teacher			Rate Set at July 7, 2020 Board Meeting
Ryan McTarnaghan	Teaching Assistant			Rate Set at July 7, 2020 Board Meeting

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ACTION ITEMS: Look into the public's appetite for increase in tax levy over the cap.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. Having no further business before the board, President Michael Tuttle adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert
District Clerk