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Michael Tuttle
President
Board of Education

December 17, 2020

Board of Education Meeting

Final minutes approved at the January 21, 2021 board meeting.

Meeting Location: Virtual meeting due to Snow Storm

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By telephone: 408-418-9388

Present: Michael Tuttle, Mary Yurista, Michael Hiser, Kyle Hurysz, Shelley Palmer, Sherri Gibson, Charles Peter, and Daniel Grandinetti (logged in at 6:21 pm)

1. MEETING OPENING

- A. President Michael Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
- B. President Michael Tuttle asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- C. Mary Yurista moved for approval of the Present Agenda, Michel Hiser seconded, all present in favor Daniel Grandinetti not present for this vote.
- D. Mary Yurista moved for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2020, Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor, Daniel Grandinetti not present for this vote.

2. REPORTS

A. Program Reports

Mr. Carey expressed that the Governor has stated that there will be no cuts to schools until after the State's budget in April. Aid over the summer was cut, but not for the 2020-21 school year. Transportation aid will be allowed on costs to deliver meals using school buses. High Cost aid for 1.1 aids who were not able to do 1.1 services in the spring. The Federal Government will be reimbursing 50% of unemployment costs.

Mr. Chevrier talked about challenges reopening a school during a pandemic, collaboration that has taken place with the SFA throughout the planning and changes that have taken place, contact tracing is being worked through, micro zone testing, the burden it places on employees, employee fatigue is a concern, constant changes and many unknowns as well as the budget, the budget is a concern.

Building and department leaders shared accomplishments and challenges of the 2020-2021 school year and in looking to the future.

Mrs. Roshier shared that the new reading and writing curriculum continues to be introduced and used through the challenges teacher are facing. There will be challenges with students in the next school year from the lack of in person teaching, there will be gaps to fill moving forward. Mental Health and

Social Emotional wellness are always a concern. There was discussion about full remote students and how they are doing.

Ms. Hill expressed that remote students are able to participate with hybrid students in some classes keeping them part of the classroom experience. CANVAS is going to be launched with the second semester, some are using it now. Time is always a challenge and this year curriculum planning is challenging.

Fall athletics were a success, COVID protocols were tough to follow, athletes, coaches, and parents all did a great job, bowling has started as a low risk sport for the winter season. Girl's soccer was selected as Fall 2020 winners of the NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge for Fall 2020 for their efforts in Operation Gratitude, writing letters and thanking military personnel and first responder for their efforts during the pandemic. They were selected out of 58 applicants through the state. Accomplishments of the section champs. The Girl's soccer team won the Patroon Conference Tournament, and Jenna Hoffman and Shaylyn Rossetti won the Girl's tennis doubles championship. Winter season has been delayed for high-risk sports, basketball and wrestling are waiting word from the State if they will be approved for competition, Indoor Track is approved but colleges are not letting schools use their facilities for competitions.

Ms. Greenway talked about challenges managing safe ridership with COVID precautions, the share with Rensselaer City School, recruiting new drivers during a pandemic, training a new Head Mechanic at Schodack and a Dispatcher in Rensselaer.

Mr. LaClair praised the facilities team for their hard work and pointed to the storm today to further show their commitment and dedication to the community. The painting, cleaning and maintaining the facilities with the added responsibilities of COVID has been challenging.

Mr. Chevrier spoke to Mr. LaClair contributions to the district, working through two major capital projects, his leadership is greatly appreciated and he will be missed upon his retirement at the end of the school year.

Mr. Yox expressed that the technology department was successful in the implementation of the one-to-one devices for students in grades 4-6, constant repairs of devices being recycled that were marked for disposal, devices are hard to get, Ed Law 2-d is time consuming to manage. There was discussion about the requirements and difficulties that it puts on the district.

Mr. Bennett talked about Pupil Personnel Services and Curriculum and thanked the other department and building leaders for their cooperative teamwork. Special Education needs are being met even with two retirements not being replaced, virtual instruction takes a lot of coordinating to meet the needs of students with IEPs.

Mr. Tuttle expressed how pleased he was to hear the praise amongst the department towards each other. It shows the great teams and leadership we have in the district. He thanked everyone on behalf of the board for the great job that is being done. He introduced Jenna Hoffman and the Student Representative to the Board of Education and apologized for not introducing her at the beginning of the meeting. She met with Mr. Chevrier and Mr. Tuttle earlier today for an orientation to the board.

B. Grades 4 - 6 Update

Mr. Chevrier updates the board regarding the delays and challenges the district has faced in bringing back grades 4-6 for full in person instruction. The district constantly reviews and monitors where we

are and makes changes as necessary. He spoke to the guidance he received on November 30th from Craig Hansen at Questar III, Mike Needham our Health and Safety consultant as well as the Rensselaer County Department of Health, each one had concerns with the timing of the transition for bringing the three grades back. Mr. Chevrier made the decision to postpone the start date until January 11, 2021. Numbers continue to rise; the district will continue to monitor the numbers and what is going on in our community. The district just had its second positive case and has 80 people in quarantine. If it gets into our transportation department and cannot transport students, we may have to go into a remote instruction only model. The district continues to prep for community testing in micro zones; the proposed process was shared as well as concerns. The start and end times will be moved back to a more traditional schedule Monday through Friday. There was discussion about the current schedule and how it differs.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. DISTRICT/BUILDING/COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Mr. Derby Update

Mr. Derby came home Sunday, he is doing well, and is in good spirits. It is time for him to heal, he is happy to be home with his family.

- Anchor thank you – a letter from the Anchor was attached thanking Mr. Carey for his help and professionalism.
- Enrollment Report attached

B. Building Updates

- CES – is working on culture building with 12 days of December games and kindness days engaging students and staff in some fun activities.
- Jr/Sr High School – Ms. Hill welcomed Jenna Hoffman, great representative of the student body, has demonstrated leadership since middle school and had great perspective. Jenna Hoffman introduced herself and thanked the board for the experience. She spoke about mental health of students and the different activities the student body has participated in as well as spirit week activities coming up.

5. ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP/BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Action Item Follow-up

- Community Advisory Group (Revisit in December 2020) – more time is needed, the board will revisit in May.
- Create a more detailed breakdown of the survey spreadsheet, needs more time.
- Public's appetite for an increase in the tax levy over the tax cap, needs more time

6. POLICIES

Michel Hiser moved for approval of the 1st reading and adoption of the policy, regulation and exhibit listed in item A., Kyle Hurysz seconded, all present in favor. Daniel Grandinetti was not able to vote on this item.

A. Approval of 1st Reading and Adoption of policies:

8635 Information and Data Privacy Security, Breach and Notification

8635-R Information and Data Privacy Security, Breach and Notification Regulations

8635-E Parent Bill of Rights for Student Privacy and Security - Third Party Contractor Supplement

7. FINANCE

Mary Yurista moved for approval of items 7 A. through C. Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

A. Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2020.

B. Claims Auditor Report for the month of October 2020.

C. Acknowledgement of Gifts/Donation:

- RedShift Recruiting, LLC in support of the District Holiday Giving Program in the amount of \$1,000.00

8. OTHER ACTION

Shelley Palmer moved for approval of items A. through E., a question was asked about the merger cost breakdown, (Answer: a breakdown will not be available until we know how many participants there are from each district), Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and Special Education for students as indicated on attached reports.

B. Approval of a Resolution - Lacrosse Merger with Ichabod Crane

C. Approval of a Resolution - Adopting Retention and Disposition Schedule (LGS-1)

D. Approval to Declare Surplus

- CES Library Books - Weeding Log attached for obsolete/damaged, etc. removal from circulation.

E. Approval of Student Representative to the Board of Education, Jenna Hoffman, Senior at Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School.

9. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

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

A. Approval of Staffing Actions:

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: 12/17/2020				
RESIGNATIONS/LEAVE OF ABSENCE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Sean Connors	Teaching Assistant	December 3, 2020	Resignation	None
Sharon Bourdeau	AIS Math	February 1, 2021	To fill leave of absence in	

			Grade 5 Math	
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS	APPONTMENT TYPE	AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Christine Zimmerman	Part-time 4 hours per day	Teaching Assistant	December 8, 2020	CSEA Start Rate
David Andrew Lee	Part-time 4 hours per day	Teaching Assistant	December 17, 2020	Non-instructional substitute rate until certified, CSEA Start Rate retroactively once certified.
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGE IN HOURS	POSITION/APPOINTMENT TYPE	CURRENT HOURS	NEW HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Robert Morris	School Bus Driver	3.50	4.00	December 18, 2020
Edward Kraus	School Bus Driver	4.25	4.75	December 18, 2020
Bruce Smith	School Bus Driver	6.50	6.00	December 18, 2020
Jamie Pulver	School Bus Driver	6.50	6.00	December 18, 2020
Tina Martino	School Bus Driver	7.25	6.75	December 18, 2020
Seth Hendrick	School Bus Driver	4.5	3.5	December 18, 2020
SUBSTITUTE / EXTENDED TERM SUBSTITUTE	POSITION		EFFECTIVE	RATE
Kevin Tedford	School Bus Driver - Trainee		December 18, 2020	\$18.00 per hour
Sharon Bourdeau	As extended term Substitute teacher for Brenda Kelliher		February 1, 2021	Rate in accordance with SFA Contract

Tari Civerolo	Substitute Teaching Assistant		December 18,2020	Set at July Organizational Meeting
COACH				
Austin Kendrick	Boys Modified Basketball Coach		2020-2021 Season	Stipend - Appendix C of SFA contract

B. Approval of Appointment of Cecilia Anderson as Deputy Claims Auditor - Accounts Payable

C. Appointment of James Yox as Data Privacy Officer for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. ACTION ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. Michael Hiser moved to enter executive session to discuss a potential disciplinary matter of particular people, Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

B. Daniel Grandinetti moved to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm, Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk