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Michael Tuttle
President
Board of Education

Thursday, February 11, 2021

**Minutes were approved at the March 18, 2021, meeting
Board of Education - Regular Meeting**

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Location: Virtual

Public Link:

<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef78e1a3e43216022b03a0641ace6f446> or click on the video button on the agenda.

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Present: Michael Tuttle, Mary Yurista, Kyle Hurysz, Michael Hiser, Shelley Palmer, Daniel Grandinetti, Sherri Gibson, Charles Peter, Michael Charsky and Jenna Hoffman

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

1. MEETING OPENING

A. President Michael Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:06.

B. President Michael Tuttle asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. **Michael Hiser moved** for approval of the Present Agenda, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

D. **Michael Hiser moved** for approval of the minutes of the January 21, 2021, regular meeting, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. 2021-2022 Budget Update

Brian Carey shared the following:

A recent report from the Governor reported there will be a restoration of the 20% withholding for 2019-2020 and 2020-21. Transportation Aid is unknown, Federal aid projected for 2021-22 creates issue in 2022-23 and beyond, Transportation Share restructuring, and approved unemployment claims from last year have begun to be rejected for people claiming against second jobs, refunds will be credits not refunds to us. Uncertainty still stands in Transportation Aid, Current State Aid

COVID and Grades 4-6 transition costs were shared, 4-6 transition and move 6th grade to the Jr/Sr High School \$86,222.79 and COVID Costs of 2019-20 for \$69,078.05 and 2020-21 for \$222,210.79 totaling \$377,511.60.

Mrs. Yurista asked about the TRS increase, Mr. Charsky asked about the costs of substitutes for teachers who moved to remote teaching, Mr. Hiser asked about the difference between the previous budget and rollover budget.

Preliminary Tax Cap projected increase of 1.969% or \$276,493 increase from last year.

The plan to deal with current uncertainties and budget placeholders: CES 10 Month Secretary, Jr/SR HS Assistant Principal, Jr/Sr Hs Senior School Monitor, Jr/Sr HS Special Education Teachers (1.5 FTE) and Permanent Sub position for the Transportation Department.

B. COVID-19 Update

Jason Chevrier shared the new positive cases reported between January 16 and February 5th and talked about the recent positive cases at the elementary school and how the contact tracing is handled. He gave an update on Athletics, the start of practices, the work being done on scheduling games hopefully between 8 and 12 games for the teams, Districts are starting off without allowing spectators at games so the districts will be livestreaming games and matches through twitch, COVID testing of athletes, coaches and scorekeepers began today testing 25 students, a plan is on the website.

Michael Bennett talked about the rollout of the learning management system, CANVAS. The district started using it for the 2nd semester.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Rogowski asked how the budget might affect staffing. Mr. Carey answered that staffing is not expected to be effected but it is difficult to tell. Mr. Chevrier expressed that there are still wildcards and not knowing what will come out of the State.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP

A. Board Discussion

None.

B. Action Item Follow-up

- Community Group (Revisit in May 2021)
- Grades 4-6 Costs – covered in the Budget presentation.
- COVID Costs – covered in the Budget presentation.

5. DISTRICT and BUILDING UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Enrollment Report attached – Shelley Palmer asked about the numbers for Kindergarten and 1st Grade
- Kaur Family Update – Mr. Chevrier, Ms. Hill and a few others were able to attend the services and show support from the district. The time made it difficult for folks to go show their support.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – Mr. Derby expressed how awesome it is to be back, his first week back was spirit week. Mrs. Rosher expressed how happy they were to welcome him back and hear him on morning announcements. Fun things going on with spirit week, PTO is working hard to do a lot of virtual things, like science fair, and grade level events in the evenings. Sarah Lant has contributed a great amount of time in these events.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – Ms. Hill talked about sports starting, teachers and staff decorating the halls to raise spirits, a drive has been started raising awareness of domestic violence, Jenna Hoffman shared that NJHS and NHS filled 600 candy grams for every student and staff member at the high school including 6th everyone received a candy gram.

Charles Peter moved to approve Section 6. Items A. through D., Section 7. Items A. and B., **Kyle Hurysz seconded, all present in favor**

6. FINANCE

- A. Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2020
- B. Claims Auditor's Report for the month of December 2020.
- C. Student Activity Report for the quarter October 2020 through December 2020.
- D. Gifts and Donations:

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date:				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
None.				
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (TA & TE) at Board Meeting Date: February 11, 2021				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Castleton Schodack Kiwanis Club	\$150	Backpack Program	TA85.Backpack	to be put towards the cost of Uline Bags
Tracey Rex	\$100	Backpack Program	TA85.Backpack	to be put towards the cost of Uline Bags
Pat Wood	\$100	Backpack Program	TA85.Backpack	to be put towards the cost of Uline Bags
Frances Motta Rickert & Chris J. Rickert	\$250	Backpack Program	TA85.Backpack	

7. OTHER ACTION

- A. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and/or Committee on Special Education Services.
- B. Approval of Fall II High-Risk Sports

RESOLUTION of the Board of Education of Schodack Central School District to approve Fall II Higher Risk Sports in accordance with New York State Department of Health Regulations and Guidelines and as permitted by the Rensselaer County Health Department.

Whereas on January 22, 2021, the Governor and the New York State Health Department authorized schools to operate certain higher-risk sports effective February 1, 2021 and only as permitted by local county health departments and,

Whereas, the New York State Department of Health subsequently issued updated guidelines for the operation of Sports and Recreation related to higher-risk sports and,

Whereas the NYSPHSAA association issued revised guidelines for Return to Interscholastic Athletics for the 2020-21 season and,

Whereas, on January 28, 2021 the Rensselaer County Executive Steven F. McLaughlin and Public Health Director Mary Fran Wachunas approved schools within Rensselaer County to operate higher risk sports, and

Whereas, the Superintendent has indicated that all New York State, Rensselaer County and league health and safety requirements will be implemented during all practices and games.

Now therefore be it declared that, based on the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District is hereby approving the operations of the following interscholastic sports for the 2021 Fall II season:

Girls Varsity Volleyball

Girls JV Volleyball

8. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Michael Hiser moved to approve Item A., **Charles Peter seconded, all present in favor.**

A. Approval of Staffing Actions:

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: February 11, 2021				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Nathan Porter	Coach-Modified Boys Basketball	November 2, 2020	Resignation	
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS	APPONTMENT TYPE	AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Mariah Leahey	Part-time 4 hours per day	Teaching Assistant	January 25, 2021	Non-instructional Substitute Rate until certified, then CSEA start rate retroactive to start date.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RATE CORRECTION	REASON	RATE CORRECTION		
Christine Zimmerman	Original rate 1/21/2021 was incorrect	Rate should be: Non-instructional substitute rate until certified, then CSEA Start Rate retroactive to start date.		
Sierra Parker	Original rate 1/21/2021 was incorrect	Rate should be: Non-instructional substitute rate until certified, then CSEA Start Rate retroactive to start date.		
Megan Novak	Original rate 1/21/2021 was incorrect	Rate should be: Non-instructional substitute rate until certified, then CSEA Start Rate retroactive to start date.		
Sierra Courtright	Original rate 1/21/2021 was incorrect	Rate should be: Non-instructional substitute rate until certified, then CSEA Start Rate retroactive to start date.		
Kylie Denny	Original rate 1/21/2021 was incorrect	Rate should be: Non-instructional substitute rate until certified, then CSEA Start Rate retroactive to start date.		
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE
Daniel Bentley	Teacher			Rate set at July organizational meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting.
Jessica Leavitt	Teacher			Rate set at July organizational meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting.
COACH	ACTIVITY	DURATION	RATE	
Daniel Gillespie	Volunteer Assistant Coach - Boys JV Basketball	2020-2021 School year	n/a	

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Lant thanked Jason and the administration for passing on the information for vaccines and making sure teachers have everything they need. Mr. Carey thanked the community and people who have donated to the backpack program.

10. ACTION ITEMS

First Grade enrollment numbers and numbers for next year.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Mary Yurista moved** to enter Executive Session at 7:48 pm. to discuss a disciplinary matter of a particular person, **Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.**

B. Mary Yurista moved to reconvene to Open Session at 8:55 pm., **Charles Peter seconded, all present in favor.**

C. Daniel Grandinetti moved to approve a resolution as read by President Michael Tuttle (in text below) **Kyle Hurysz seconded, all present in favor of the following motion:**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District No. 1, Towns of Schodack and Stuyvesant, Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, State of New York:

Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to issue a notice of proposed termination to Employee #589; based on specified charges of misconduct, which have been reviewed by the Board; and it is further

Resolved that, the Board hereby finds probable cause that Employee #589's continued presence at work represents a potential danger to students; and it is further

RESOLVED that, pending the final outcome of the disciplinary process, Employee #589 is hereby suspended without pay, effective Monday, February 15, 2021.

C. Having no further business before the board, President Michael Tuttle adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Reickert
District Clerk