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President
Board of Education

**Thursday, March 18, 2021
Board of Education - Regular Meeting**

Minutes were approved at the April 20, 2021, meeting.

Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was virtual.

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Event Number: 129 484 7787

Password: 2021

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Present: Michael Tuttle, Mary Yurista, Kyle Hurysz, Mary Yurista, Michael Hiser, Shelley Palmer, Sherri Gibson, Daniel Grandinetti, Charles Peter joined at 6:07 pm. and Michael Charsky joined at 6:22 pm.

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

1. MEETING OPENING

A. **President Michael Tuttle** called the meeting to order at 6:01 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. (not present for vote: Charles Peter and Michael Charsky)**

D. **Mary Yurista moved** to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of February 2, 2021, and February 11, 2021, **Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor. (not present for vote: Charles Peter and Michael Charsky).**

2. REPORTS

A. 2021-22 Budget Update - Jason Chevrier & Brian Carey presented.

B. Smart Schools Bond Act Update - Jim Yox presented.

C. COVID-19 Update - Jason Chevrier presented.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Ryan, president of Schodack Teacher's Union and teacher for 34 years expressed thanks to everyone for everything they are doing for the kids, support for upgrades to the Technology room upgrades and asked about the work in the CES Library.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP

A. Board Discussion

- Has the district heard of a statewide evaluation of students and the effects of the pandemic on students.
 - Remote instruction is being looked at in a regional setting
- More discussion ensued about the success of 4-6 grades being brought back.
- The granting of tenure was discussed, and asked for more detail of what goes into the years leading up to granting Tenure, to be added as an action item.
- Jenna Hoffman thanked everyone for the sports season and planning for senior events and spoke in support of bringing grades 7-12 back.

B. Action Item Follow-up

- Community Group (revisit in May 2021)
- Enrollment numbers for Kindergarten/1st Grade shared by Jason Chevrier.

5. DISTRICT / BUILDING / COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Enrollment Report for March 2021 attached or review.
- NYS has applied for a waiver to the Federal Government to reduce State Assessments, there was a blanket statement from the federal government that they will not issue waivers. The state is expected to make changes to the current requirement as well as the tests.
- Summer Camps – A meeting is scheduled next week to talk about the Town of Schodack Summer Camp and Maple Hill Sports Camps

- Pandemic Operation Plan, Jason Chevrier spoke about the plan, it is on the agenda for the board's approval, template from the state. District is required to have a 6 month supply of PPE on hand at all times, and must be maintained moving forward.

B. Building Updates – Building Principals and Assistant Principal shared events from the buildings.

6. FINANCE

Michael Hiser moved to approve items A. through D., Mary Yurista seconded, all present members voted in favor.

A. Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2021.

B. Claims Auditor's Report for the month of January 2021.

C. Approval of Contract(s)

- North Colonie CSD – Health & Welfare Services \$748.51 per pupil for approximately five (5) resident students.
- Kipper Plumbing & Heating – Replace hot water system at former Maple Hill Middle School - \$65,495.00

D. Acknowledgement of Corrected Tax Roll

- for real property located at 859 Schodack Landing Road in Schodack, NY (219.-5-6.1) for a reduction of taxes due from \$6,656.92 to \$5,990.92 (\$666.00 refund due to Jay Silkworth Rvc Living Trust) due to a clerical error.

7. OTHER ACTION

Charles Peter moved to approve items A. through C., Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education.

B. Approval of Pandemic Operation Plan.

C. Approval of a Resolution - Abolish Full-time Position and Create Part-time Position:

Be it resolved that:

One 12 month full-time Automotive Mechanic position is abolished , effective March 18, 2021; and

One 12 month part-time (4 hours per day) Automotive Mechanic Position is created effective March 19, 2021.

8. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

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

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: 3/18/21				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Joseph Garavelli	Modified (Gr. 7 & 8) Wrestling Coach	2020-21 School year	Resignation	
Sierra Parker	Teaching Assistant	March 15, 2021	Resignation	
Leo Heroux	School Bus Driver	February 22, 2021	Retirement	Driver for the district for 8 years.
Craig Hadley	Teaching Assistant and School Bus Driver	February 17, 2021	Resignation	
Brenda Kelliher	Co-Advisor CES Visual Aide	2020-2021 School Year	Resignation	
Brenda Kelliher	Co- Advisor CES Computer Specialist	2020-2021 School Year	Resignation	
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS	APPONTMENT TYPE	AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
James Hines	Probationary	School Bus Driver	March 19, 2021	CSEA Start Rate
CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT	ACTIVITY	CURRENT APPOINTMENT	NEW APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Stacey Rattner	CES Computer Specialist Advisor	Co-advisor	Advisor	2020-2021 school year
Stacey Rattner	CES Visual Aide Advisor	Co-advisor	Advisor	2020-2021 school year
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA		EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Daniel Bentley	Regular Substitute Teacher for Tracy D'Amico		February 1, 2021	Rates set at July 7, 2020 meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting

Jessica Leavitt	Regular Substitute Teacher for Erica Pincher		January 22, 2021	Rates set at July 7, 2020 meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting
Kevin Tedford	Substitute School Bus Driver		March 11, 2021	Rates set at July 7, 2020 meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting
Carli Imreh-Allegretta	Substitute Teacher			Rates set at July 7, 2020 meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting

B. Approval of Probationary appointment of Teacher

Motion to approve a (3) three-year probationary appointment of Sandra Silva, (certification: Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 and Special Education), commencing on September 1, 2019, as Elementary Education Teacher, in the tenure area of Elementary Education, at a salary of MA Step 8, 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 2 of the 3 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.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Chevrier read a comment from a person in the chat feature expressing concern about mental health of teachers and students, and about training and additional health professionals.

10. ACTION ITEMS

Demonstration of the CANVAS program for the Board of Education and tenure process for a summer retreat topic.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Mary Yurista moved** adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of particular people, contract negotiations at 8:11 pm, **Kyle Hurysz seconded, all present in favor.**

B. Mary Yurista moved to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm., **Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Reickert

District Clerk