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President
Board of Education

Tuesday, April 20, 2021
April 20, 2021 - Board of Education Minutes

Minutes are final and were approved at the May 18, 2021 meeting.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will be virtual via the following link:

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408-418-9388

Event number (access code): 129 978 8232

Password if asked: 2021

Present: Michael Tuttle, Mary Yurista, Michael Charsky, Sherri Gibson, Shelley Palmer, Kyle Hurysz, Michael Hiser, Charles Peter and Jenna Hoffman (joined at 7:51 pm)

Absent: Daniel Grandinetti

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

1. MEETING OPENING

A. President Michael Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

D. **Michael Hiser moved** for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2021 and Workshop of April 13, 2021, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. The Board of Education recognized and congratulated Ed Finney for being selected as a Gilder Lehrman Institute NY History Teacher of the Year.

3. REPORTS

A. 2021-2022 Superintendent's Recommended Budget – Jason Chevrier and Brian Carey presented.

B. Facilities Update - Matthew LaClair presented.

C. COVID Update - Jason Chevrier presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Fowler a teacher for the District and co-president of the Teachers Union congratulated Ed Finney and asked if the windows in the Jr/Sr High School were going to be looked at again.

5. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP

A. Board Discussion

There was discussion about the community forum groups expressing concern about unruly kids at the elementary school playground after hours, and the upcoming vacancies on the board of education.

B. Action Item Follow-up

- Community Group (revisit in May 2021)
- Summer Retreat topics
 - CANVAS Demonstration
 - Tenure process

6. DISTRICT UPDATE

A. District Updates

- Enrollment Report for April 2021 attached during the meeting.
- March Madness Food Drive

Mr. Chevrier thanked members of the community for their generous support of the Anchor as well as Pat Austin for his efforts in the food drive.

- Hannaford Warehouse gave a donation of cases of food
- Brad Rose Landscaping donated \$1,000 to the Anchor
- Many community members and families donated food

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School
- Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School

Building principal talked about events that have taken place in the buildings as well as upcoming events. Mr. Derby updated the board on the current enrollment of upcoming Kindergarten, currently 51 students.

7. QUESTAR III ELECTION & ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

A vote was taken as follows:

A. Approval of the 2021-2022 Administrative Budget of the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene BOCES in the amount of \$6,710,997.00.

8 board members in favor 0 board members against

B. Election of Candidates to Board of Cooperative Education Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties:

Mr. Mark Mann (District of Residence: East Greenbush Central School District)

8 board members in favor 0 board members against

Ms. Mary Marro-Giroux (District of Residence: The Enlarged City School District of Troy)

8 board members in favor 0 board members against

Mr. Frank Zwack (District of Residence: Berlin Central School District)

8 board members in favor 0 board members against

8. FINANCE

Michael Charsky moved to separate items A. through C. and vote on them separately, Charles Peter seconded, all present in favor.

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

A. Approval of a resolution adopting the 2021-2022 school district budget in the amount of \$26,159,094 to be presented to voters on May 18, 2021.

B. Approval of a resolution adopting a 2021-22 School Bus Proposition in an amount not to exceed \$195,500.00 for the purchase of two (2) school buses, to be presented to voters on May 18, 2021.

C. Approval of the 2021-2022 Real Property Tax Report Card.

Mary Yurista moved to approve items D. through G., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

D. Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2021.

E. Claims Auditor's Report for the month of February 2021.

F. Approval of Contract(s) / Lease(s):

Schodack Central School District				
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: 4/20/21				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Rensselaer City School District	Sept. 2020 - June 2021	Health & Welfare Svcs.	2,904	for approx. 4 resident students
cdb Connections	2021-2022	Educational Svcs.	see contract for rates	for approx. 1 student in a Wildwood Program

TENANT NAME				

G. Approval to declare items on attached CES Library Weeding Log as surplus and dispose of in accordance with district policy.

9. OTHER ACTION

A. Approval of a resolution adopting a 2021-22 Proposition to allow a Student Representative to the Board of Education, to be presented to voters on May 18, 2021.

B. Approval of School Days Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

C. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and/or Committee on Special Education regarding Special Education Services for students for the 2021-2022 school year.

D. Approval of a Resolution - Spring High-Risk Sports

RESOLUTION of the Board of Education of Schodack Central School District *to approve Spring 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 Spring season:

Varsity Lacrosse

E. Approval of a Resolution - Election Inspectors

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,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Schodack Central School District, Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, New York, has scheduled an Annual Meeting, Budget Vote and Board Elections of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the **18th day of May, 2021** and;

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of Permanent Chairperson, Chief Election Inspector, and Inspectors of Election for said annual district meeting to be held on the third Tuesday in May, at the Maple Hill Jr/Sr HS Gymnasium polling place from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Schodack Central School District, Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, New York, as follows:

Section 1: The following named duly qualified voter of said School District is hereby appointed as the Permanent Chairperson of the annual district meeting referred to in the preambles hereof:

Michele Reickert

Section 2: The following named duly qualified voter of said School District is hereby appointed as Chief Election Inspector:

Regina Maier

Section 3: The attached list of named duly qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed to act as Inspectors of Election at said annual district meeting:

Denise Kurdt	Barbara Taft	Janice Dikant	Linda Essenter
Linda Meinhart	Jill Filkins	Jill Hanrahan	Sandra Hall
Angela Beber	Jennifer Tedford	Janis Clarke	Joyce Davids
Cecilia Anderson			

Section 4: The District Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as Permanent Chairperson and Inspectors of Election for said annual district meeting.

Section 5: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

10. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

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

There was discussion of the 11 Tenure Appointments on the agenda for approval, and the amount evaluation they undergo before this recommendation and that they should be congratulated.

A. Approval of Staffing Action(s):

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date:				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Lisa Smith-Auer	Secretary I and Clerk	April 13, 2021	Resignation	Facilities Secretary 14 years
Sierra Courtright	Teaching Assistant	April 2, 2021	Resignation	Teaching Assistant at CES
Sierra Parker	Teaching Assistant	March 15, 2021	Resignation	Teaching Assistant at CES
Katherine E. Matrese	Head Bus Driver	June 25, 2021	Retirement	Has held many position in the Transportation Dept. for the last 19 years.
Megan Novak	Teaching Assistant	April 30, 2021	Resignation	Teaching Assistant at HS (6th Grade)
NON- INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS	APPONTMENT TYPE	AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Amanda Finelli	part-time (4 hours per day)	Teaching Assistant	April 12, 2021	Non-instructional substitute rate until certified, CSEA Start Rate retroactively once certified.
Christopher Slingerland	probationary part- time (4 hours per day)	Automotive Mechanic	March 29, 2021	CSEA Start Rate
Emilia Matacchiero	part-time (4 hours per day)	Teaching Assistant	April 26, 2021	CSEA Start Rate
TENURE APPOINTMENTS	TENURE AREA		EFFECTIVE DATE	
Eric Biehler	Physical Education		September 1, 2021	
Nichole Brasie	Secondary Mathematics Education		September 1, 2021	
Danielle Griner	Business Teacher		September 1, 2021	
Rachael Kerner	Art Education		September 1, 2021	
Kerry Mullahy	Elementary Education		September 1, 2021	
April Smith	Physical Education		September 1, 2021	

Michelle Stilson	School Social Worker		September 1, 2021	
Shana Feinberg	Special Education		December 4, 2021	
Lisa Clevenger	Teaching Assistant		September 4, 2021	
Patricia Mead	Teaching Assistant		September 5, 2021	
Dawn Renslow	Teaching Assistant		September 5, 2021	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE		RATE
Meagan Bonesteel	Teacher and Teaching Assistant	n/a		Rate set at July Organizational meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting.
Benjamin Pelton	Teacher and Teaching Assistant	n/a		Rate set at July Organizational meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting.
Patrick Doran	Custodial Worker	n/a		Rate set at July Organizational meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting.
Christopher Slingerland	School Bus Driver	n/a		Rate set at July Organizational meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting.
James O'Brien	Regular Substitute Teacher for Renee Seymour	February 25, 2021		Rate set at July Organizational meeting.
COACH/ADVISOR(S)	ACTIVITY	DURATION	RATE	
Brittany Gonzalez-Barone	7th/8th Grade Softball	2020-2021 School Year	Stipend - Appendix C - SFA Contract	
Amy Hirschhoff	7th/8th Grade Girls Track and Field	2020-2021 School Year	Stipend - Appendix C - SFA Contract	
Timothy Ryan	Volunteer Assistant Coach - Boys JV Baseball	2020-2021 School Year	N/A - Volunteer	

Austin Kendrick	Volunteer Assistant Coach - Baseball all levels	2020-2021 School Year	N/A - Volunteer	
Meagan Bonesteel	Volunteer Assistant Coach - Softball all levels	2020-2021 School Year	N/A - Volunteer	

B. Approval of a one-year leave of absence for Bridget Archer as 1.0 FTE Mathematics Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year and approval of the appointment of Bridget Archer as .6FTE Mathematics Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

C. Approval of an unpaid leave of absence for Augustine M. Greco for the period of May 17, 2021, through May 31, 2021.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

12. ACTION ITEMS

Information on possible Middle School occupancy, report of priorities and costs of upcoming projects and timeline, debt retirement information, insurance coverage on the roof of the high school gymnasium.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Mary Yurista moved** to adjourn to executive session at 8:45 pm. to discuss contract negotiations with CSEA, SAA and Michael Bennett, **Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Michael Charksy moved** to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 9:28 pm., **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert
District Clerk