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Michael Tuttle  
President  
Board of Education

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**  
**Board of Education Minutes - Regular Meeting**

**Minutes are final and were approved at the June 17, 2021 board meeting.**

**Meeting time: 7:00 pm**

**Meeting held virtual at this link:**

**<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/onstage/g.php?MTID=e456ec21a1286ff8453d86cfaec795497>**

**To join by telephone: 408-418-9388**

**Access Code: 173 258 3167**

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

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

**1. MEETING OPENING**

- A. President Michael Tuttle called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
- B. President Michael Tuttle asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- C. **Shelley Palmer moved** for approval of the present **Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.**
- D. **Mary Yurista moved** to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 20, 2021, and Public Hearing of May 6, 2021, **Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.**

**2. REPORTS**

- A. Code of Conduct – presented by Jason Chevrier, Jacqueline Hill, Keri Rosher, James Derby and Michael Silver
- B. Facilities Update – Presented by Jason Chevrier, discussion ensued.
- C. COVID Update – Presented by Jason Chevrier

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**4. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP**

A. Board Discussion

B. Action Item Follow-up

- Community Group (revisit in May 2021) the board agreed to push this to October 2021.
- Summer Retreat topics – dates to come soon.

- CANVAS Demonstration
- Tenure process
- Information on possible Middle School occupancy this will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Report of priorities and costs of upcoming projects and timeline – this was covered in the facilities report.
- Debt retirement information – information to come at a later meeting.
- Insurance coverage on the roof of the high school gymnasium – this is being worked on.

**5. DISTRICT / BUILDING / COMMITTEE UPDATES**

A. District Updates

- Enrollment Report attached for review.
- US News and World Report on high school rankings, Maple Hill was ranked number 6 in the Albany, Metro Capital Region, 188 in New York State and 1981 in the national rankings and Mr. Chevrier credited K-12 faculty and staff for this success, starting from Kindergarten and moving up to high school grades.
- Summer Camps – The Maple Hill sports camps will run as well as Schodack Town Camp, both will have modifications, buildings will be busy this summer.
- After School Care - After school care is being worked out, meetings are taking place with 3 different organizations to plan for after care next year.

B. Building Update – building administrators and Jenna Hoffman shared events that have taken place in the buildings as well as upcoming plans for year end.

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

**Michael Charsky moved to approve Section 6. A through E. and Section 7. A. through B.** there was discussion about the contract approval for Honeywell Law Firm **and then Michael Charsky rescinded his motion** to approve Section 6. A. through E. and Section 7 A. through B. and **then Michael Charsky moved** to remove the Honeywell Law Firm contract from the agenda and approve the remaining items in Section 6. A. through E. and section 7 A. through B. **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

**6. FINANCE**

- A. Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2021.
- B. Claims Auditor's Report for the month of March 2021.
- C. Student Activity Report for the quarter of January 2021 through March 2021.
- D. Approval of Contract(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: 5/18/21				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Top Form, Inc.	8/16/21 - 6/1/22	Athletic Trainer Svcs.	\$8,000	Payable in two installments: 9/1/21 & 1/1/22
Needham Risk Management Resource Group, LLC	2021-2022 (begins on 7/1/21)	Consulting Services	\$11,016.00 /yr	For 1st 100 hours
Needham Risk Management	2021-2022 (begins on 7/1/21)	Consulting Services	\$115/hr	For Svcs. in excess of 100 hours
East Greenbush CSD	9/8/20-6/23/21	Spec Ed Svcs. for (1) Student	\$23,077	Current Tuition Rate
East Greenbush CSD	9/14/20-6/30/21	Health Svcs.	\$6,975.60	(8) students attending non-public schools
<b>TENANT NAME</b>				

E. Acceptance of a Donation(s)

<b>Schodack Central School District</b>				
<b>Gifts &amp; Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date: 5/18/21</b>				
<b>DONOR NAME</b>	<b>DONATION AMOUNT</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>
Skyler Misiaszek	Bleachers valued at \$3,055.76	Bleachers for the track area		Girl Scout Gold Award Project "Pit Stop"
<b>Schodack Central School District</b>				
<b>Gifts &amp; Donations to be Acknowledged (TA &amp; TE) at Board Meeting Date: April 20, 2021</b>				
<b>DONOR NAME</b>	<b>DONATION AMOUNT</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>
Schodack Town Police Benevolent Association	\$250	Wellness "Fun Run" Prizes	TA38	

**7. OTHER ACTION**

A. Approval to Declare Surplus items from the IT Department and dispose of in accordance with district policy.

<b>Schodack Central School District</b>				
<b>Surplus Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: 5/18/21</b>				
<b>SURPLUS ITEMS</b>	<b>VALUE OF SURPLUS</b>	<b>TAG #/SERIAL-VIN #</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>

Round 27 - IT Dept. Surplus	4 Lots valued at \$5/each lot	See Spreadsheet	Not tested/may be in non-working condition/hard drives removed & not included	
Round 28 - IT Dept. Surplus	n/a	See Spreadsheet		31 Items to be shredded

B. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education for students listed on attached spreadsheets for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years.

## 8. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

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

Mr. Chevrier spoke about retiring teacher, Cathy Reed and Keri Rosher, CES Assistant Principal who has resigned to take a principal position in Averill Park School District.

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: May 18, 2021				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Keri Rosher	Assistant Principal - CES	June 30, 2021	Resignation	Accepted a principal position.
Connie Zobre	Teaching Assistant	June 25, 2021	Retirement	Teaching Assistant for the last 21 years.
Cathy Reed	Reading Teacher	June 30, 2021	Retirement	Teacher for the last 17 years.
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS	APPOINTMENT TYPE	AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Kristopher Gardner	6-month Probationary	Director of Facilities II	June 7, 2021	\$78,500 annual salary
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGE IN HOURS	POSITION/APPOINTMENT TYPE	CURRENT HOURS	NEW HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jamie Pulver	School Bus Driver	6	6.5	March 15, 2021

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE		RATE
Shane DeCanio	Teacher	May 10, 2021		Rates set at July 7, 2020 meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting
Kathy Trefiletti	Teacher and Teaching Assistant	n/a		Rates set at July 7, 2020 meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting
Tenniel Hansen	Teacher and Teaching Assistant	n/a		Rates set at July 7, 2020 meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting
Marisa Seres	Teaching Assistant	n/a		Rates set at July 7, 2020 meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting
Alexandra DelVecchio	Teacher and Teaching Assistant	n/a		Rates set at July 7, 2020 meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting
Michaela Marotta	Teacher and Teaching Assistant	n/a		Rates set at July 7, 2020 meeting and revised at the November 19, 2020 meeting

**Mr. Chevrier welcomed Kristopher Gardner as the new Director of Facilities, II. Kristopher spoke about the district and that he was excited to be a part of the district.**

**Keri Rosher spoke about her time here and how grateful she was to everyone that she has worked with here.**

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

Daniel Grandinetti thanked the “three” Mikes for their commitment to the Board of Education and the community.

**10. ACTION ITEMS:** None.

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Mary Yurista moved** to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of particular employees and contract negotiations with CSEA, SAA and Michael Bennett. **Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor, Michael Hiser had left the meeting before voting, but there was a quorum and the motion passed.**

B. Mary Yurista moved to reconvene the open meeting at 10:10 pm. Michael Charsky seconded, all present in favor.

## 12. OTHER ACTION

### A. Approval of a Resolution - Accepting Budget / Vote Results

**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:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE Board of Education accepts the results of the May 18, 2021 district budget vote and election as follows:

Proposition 1 (Budget)	Yes 355	No 123
Proposition 2 (Bus Purchase)	Yes 378	No 102
Proposition 3 (Student Rep. to BOE)	Yes 385	No 85

#### School Board Members:

Name	Number of votes
Marion Gurdineer-Spar	350
<b>Write-in (Top 5)</b>	
Tylea Gebbie	85
Kurt Maier	51
Eric Leonard	49
Tom McKeown	41
Michael Hiser	19

## 13. ADJOURN

A. Having no further business before the board, President Michael Tuttle adjourned the meeting at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michele A. Reichert*  
District Clerk