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Board of Education

**Thursday, August 5, 2021
Board of Education Minutes - Regular Meeting**

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

Meeting start: 6:00 pm

PUBLIC LINK:

<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/onstage/g.php?MTID=e0d61e376d8b12341ad63370f586d445f>

To join by phone: 408-418-9388

Event Id: 179 659 9194

Event password: scsd

Present: Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Tylea Gebbie, Mary Yurista, Marion Gurdineer-Spar, Charles Peter, Kyle Hurysz, and Amanda Nebral

Absent: Sherri Gibson and Daniel Grandinetti

Also present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Michael Bennet, James Derby, Nicole Martin, Hillary Brochu, and Michele Reickert

1. MEETING OPENING

A. Meeting called to order by President Shelley Palmer at 6:09 pm.

B. President Shelley Palmer asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. **Mary Yurista moved** for approval of the present agenda, **Charles Peter seconded, all present in favor.**

D. **Marion Gurdineer-Spar moved** for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting, **Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. Tax Rate Analysis – Brian Carey presented

B. Professional Development Plan – Michael Bennett and Jason Chevrier presented

C. COVID: Reopening & Stimulus Update – Jason Chevrier presented

Marion Gurdineer-Spar asked questions and expressed her concerns about kids being required to wear masks.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Seeberger asked the district to do a survey to parents, spoke against students wearing masks to school, asked how the district plans to handle discipline of students when they show up without masks.

4. DISTRICT UPDATE

A. District Updates

- Drive a Bus Day August 7th at 9:00 am, an event to recruit drivers
- Enrollment report attached for review, comment to shift the grades as the new year begins.
- Oaths of Office were filed with the District Clerk on the dates indicated:
 - Jill Filkins, as District Treasurer on July 27, 2021
 - Sandra Hall, as Claims Auditor on July 28, 2021

5. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP

A. Action Item Follow-up

- Enrollment Study – The district would like to move forward with an enrollment study to gauge change to enrollment trends with Amazon moving in.
- Debt retirement - moved to September for presentation.
- Gymnasium Roof - waiting on one roofer to give recommendation, two have said the roof should make it through the winter the way it is.
- Plot of land by CES and researching of the title. Girl scouts and their families have cleaned up the property as a Girl Scout project, the district will update the board with additional information once it is received from legal.
- Look at voting process at board meetings. Gather information for later meeting on moving all business as a consent agenda.

B. Board Discussion

- Shelley Palmer expressed she felt more information is needed from the attorney, the insurance company, the risk management company to make an informed decision.
- Charles Peter spoke of the lateness of the State's statement, expressed that he felt more conversation should have taken place over the summer for the upcoming school year, the district did a good job with the hybrid model last year, masks are one recommendation to get kids back in school, but there are many other things being recommended.
- Amanda Nebral, Student Representative to the Board of Education, expressed on behalf of students that kids would rather wear a mask than be at home. If it is recommended, a majority of the kids would happily put one on and go to school every day.
- Tylea Gebbie expressed that the board needs to move slowly, no rushed decisions, start safely and slowly. We can't bring kids back to have them out again.
- Mary Yurista expressed that the numbers need to be watched closely.
- Charles Peter expressed that there are recommendations right now, we will see cases, how will we handle it, there is pressure being put on students by other students to get vaccinated.
- Jason Chevrier spoke about what has been done over the summer to plan for the new school year, community forums, administrative planning, meetings with Questar component districts and superintendents. The announcement from the state that there

would not be guidance, blindsided districts, mitigation measures need to be decided on, but no one expected to not have direction from the state.

6. FINANCE

Mary Yurista moved to approve items 6. A. through F., Kyle Hurysz seconded, all present in favor.

A. Treasurer's Reports for the month of June 2021

B. Claims Auditor's Reports for the month of June 2021

C. Student Activity Reports for the quarter ending June 2021

D. Approval of a Serial Bond Resolution for the purchase of (2) two school buses, pursuant to a voter referendum dated May 18, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$195,500.

E. Approval of the 2021 tax warrant for the Town of Schodack in the amount of \$14,187,669.81 and for the Town of Stuyvesant in the amount of \$ 135,449.04 (Total Tax Levy \$14,323,118.85).

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

Schodack Central School District				
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: 8/5/21				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Questar III	2021-2022	Cooperative Education Service	\$1,363,514	per AS-7 Contract
Hillcrest Academy	2021-2022	Educational Svcs. for (1) student	\$123,074.56	
TENANT NAME				
None.				

7. OTHER ACTION

Kyle Hurysz moved to approve items 7. A. through D., Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and the District Committee on Special Education regarding Special Education Services for student(s) as indicated on the attached reports.

B. Approval of Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

C. Approval of the Professional Development Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

D. Approval of the appointment of James Yox as Data Privacy Officer for the 2021-2022 school year.

8. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Charles Peter moved to approve items 8. A. through E., Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date:				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Sarah Lant	CESAP Garden Club Advisor	2021-2022 School Year	To be appointed as co-advisor	
APPOINTMENTS	APPOINTMENT TYPE	AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Lisa Clevenger	Summer Transportation Personnel	School Bus Attendant	July 13, 2021	CSEA Service Rate
CHANGE IN HOURS	POSITION/APPOINTMENT TYPE	CURRENT HOURS	NEW HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE
None.				
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE		RATE
None.				
ADVISOR / COACH	ACTIVITY/SPORT	DURATION		RATE
Sarah Lant	Co-Advisor CESAP Garden Club	2021-2022 School Year		Stipend per Appendix C
Cheryl Marchese	Co-Advisor CESAP Garden Club	2021-2022 School Year		Stipend per Appendix C

B. Motion to approve a (3) three-year probationary appointment of Lucas Ashby, (certification: Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Students with Disabilities - Grades 7-12 Generalist, and

Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)), commencing on September 1, 2021, as Special Education Teacher, in the tenure area of Special Education, at a salary of MA Step 3, provided that, except to the extent required by law, in order to be granted tenure, he 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 3 of the 4 preceding years, and if he receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

C. Motion to approve a (4) four-year probationary appointment of Julie Van Sickle, (certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and Literacy (Birth-Grade 6)), commencing on September 1, 2021, as Reading Teacher, in the tenure area of Reading, at a salary of MA Step 3, 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 3 of the 4 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.

D. Motion to approve a (4) four-year probationary appointment of Nicole M. Heritage, (certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), and Literacy (Birth-Grade 6)), commencing on September 1, 2021, as Reading Teacher, in the tenure area of Reading Education, at a salary of MA Step 3, 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 3 of the 4 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.

E. Approval of a Leave of Absence for Audra Colliton as a Teaching Assistant for the period of August 23, 2021, through December 6, 2021.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Members of the Public May Address the Board

10. ACTION ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. Having no further business before the board, Charles Peter moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm.; Mary Yurista seconded the motion, all present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Reickert

District Clerk