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Board of Education

**Thursday, September 16, 2021
Board of Education Minutes - Regular Meeting**

Minutes are final and were approved at the October 21, 2022, Board of Education meeting.

Meeting Location:

Members of the public wishing to participate can attend in person in Room 308 of the District Office Building (former Middle School) 1477 South Schodack Road, Castleton, NY 12033.

The public can listen and view by using the following information:

<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/onstage/g.php?MTID=e262762379921fdd229a3f20c8e081130>

To join by telephone:

1-408-418-9388

Access Code: 2349 876 8887

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Shelley Palmer, Tylea Gebbie, Kurt Maier, Sherri Gibson, Mary Yurista, Kyle Hurysz, Marion Gurdineer-Spar, Daniel Grandinetti, Amanda Nebral, and Charles Peter (arrived 6:24 pm)

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

1. MEETING OPENING

- A. President Shelley Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:03 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, **Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.**
- D. **Mary Yurista moved** for approval of approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021, and September 1, 2021 meetings, **Marion Gurdineer-Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. Capital Project Consideration:

Fiscal Advisors: Jeanine Caruso and Andrew Watkins presented on the District's debt schedule, debt service, capital reserve funds, and building aid projections.

Synthesis Architects – James Graham, Turner Construction – Beth DiBattista, and Schodack CSD – Kristopher Gardner presented on the potential of a capital project, the priorities and how much money is available for the project.

B. Reserve Fund Plan- Brian Carey presented

C. Superintendent Report: Opening days of school – Jason Chevrier and building administration presented on the start of school.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Laurel Stolsteimer – talked about mask requirements for Band and Chorus. Is not in agreement with students wearing special masks while playing instruments.

Chris Fowler asked for fans to be turned off for better hearing.

4. DISTRICT / BUILDING / COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Enrollment report attached to agenda for review.
- QIII Paul Puccio School at Maple Hill Ribbon Cutting date is being pushed later in the school year.
- QIII P-Tech Ribbon Cutting at HVCC – 4 students from Maple Hill attending the STEM pathway program for high school students.
- Rensselaer County:
 - Stop Arm Cameras – some schools in the county will receive cameras for their school buses through a grant.
 - Satellite Clinic – Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health will staff a satellite clinic on campus to help students and families.
 - DOH Grant - COVID Testing Coordinator – a posting will be going out looking to fill the position.
- Back to School Survey – Aaron Bogart, Communication Specialist is working on gathering questions for the survey
- Winter High-Risk Sports – Vaccinations – Some schools within Questar III BOCES and in the Capital Region may require vaccinations for athletes to participate in high-risk sports.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – James Derby spoke about virtual back to school getting everyone back in the building feels right, drop off and pick up will improve, kids are happy to be back in the cafeteria and Community Fair this Saturday at CES, but no inside access to the building. Nicole Martin talked about Monthly Morning Assembly is being brought back but in the afternoon. Fishing Derby will be brought back, Halloween, things that didn't take place last year.
- Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School – Jacqueline Hill talked about the start to school and how students are settling in, and back to school night will be virtual, Hillary Brouchu talked about the events that are being brought back, such as bonfire, an event for 7/8 grade during pep rally and a 7/8 grade dance.

5. ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP / BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Action Item Follow-up

- Enrollment Study
- Debt retirement spoke about in presentations, will come off from action item follow-up.
- Gymnasium Roof spoke about in presentations, will come off from action item follow-up.
- The plot of land by CES and researching of the title – title has been done, meeting will take place tomorrow to talk about it and the board will be updated.

B. Board Discussion

Sherri Gibson asked about the capital project and deciding on what to include in the capital project.

Marion Gurdineer-Spar asked about the different items that were talked about in the presentation and if they would all be addressed in the capital project.

Mary Yurista asked about the creation of a new capital reserve, use of the old capital reserve and funding the new reserve.

Daniel Grandinetti asked about the aid on the tennis court.

6. FINANCE.

Daniel Grandinetti moved for approval of items 6. A. through 6. C., **Tylea Gebbie** seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of Donation(s): (Brian Carey made note that Mary VanVliet, a retired teacher for the district, help to coordinate the donation.)

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date: 9/16/21				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (TA & TE) at Board Meeting Date: 9/16/21				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Staples Connect	\$1,250	District Supplies	n/a	PPE & School Supplies

B. Approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to transfer funds in the amount of \$159,176 from the General Fund to the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund (TRS) Reserve Funds.

C. Approval of Reserve Fund Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

7. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Mary Yurista moved for approval of item 7. A., **Sherri Gibson** seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of Staffing Actions:

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: September 16, 2021				
RESIGNATIONS/LEAVE OF ABSENCES	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE/PERIOD	REASON	COMMENT
Cecilia Anderson	Account Clerk/Typist	November 30, 2021	Resignation	
Everett Finney	Advisor: Wildcat News and MS Student Council	September 1, 2021	Resignation	
APPOINTMENTS	APPONTMENT TYPE	AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
RATE CORRECTION	POSITION/APPOINTMENT TYPE	INCORRECT RATE	CORRECT RATE	COMMENT
Alison Lattimore	Library Media Specialist	MA 1	MA 3	Incorrect rate used in initial appointment 9/1/2021 BOE meeting
William Murray	Technology Teacher	BA 1	MA 3	Incorrect rate used in initial appointment 9/1/2021 BOE meeting
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE		RATE
Leigh Stevens	School Bus Driver	September 1, 2021		Rate set at July Organizational Meeting.
Jennifer Gieser	Regular substitute teacher for Spanish 7-12	September 1, 2021		Rate set at July Organizational Meeting.
Emily VanKempen	Regular substitute teacher for Reading Specialist	September 1, 2021		Rate set at July Organizational Meeting.
ADVISOR/COACH	ACTIVITY	DURATION	RATE	

Joseph Mastracy	Co-Advisor - MS Student Council	2021-2022 School Year	Stipend in accordance with Apendix C	
Timothy Ryan	Wildcat Video News	2021-2022 School Year	Stipend in accordance with Apendix C	
Penny Blendell	Volunteer Assistant Coach - Girls Tennis	2021-2022 School Year	N/A - Volunteer	

8. OTHER ACTION

Mary Yurista moved for approval of item 8. A., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and/or Special Education for district students for the 2021-22 school year.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ashley palmer appreciates the district and what has been done. Asked Jason Chevrier to advocate for the district with other districts to allow us to play with Virtual parent's night, how does the district reach the kids of parents that wont log in.

Chris Nebral spoke about the vaccine conversation and the new variant that was not there in the spring, pediatric cases have risen, testing tells when you need to shut down.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

Student athletes vaccinated vs. un-vaccinated, will schools play us, tennis court resurfacing vs. replacement

11. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the board, Shelley Palmer closed the meeting at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Reickert

District Clerk