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Board of Education

**Thursday, November 4, 2021  
Board of Education - Workshop Meeting**

**Minutes are draft until approved at the December 16 , 2021, board meeting.**

**Meeting time: 6:00 PM**

**Meeting Location: Schodack Central School District Office Building, 1477 South Schodack Road, Room 308-310**

**Members of the public could join by copying and pasting the following link in their web browser:  
<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7a205e1e5d6e43976231842686a2adac>**

**Also by phone:**

**1-408-418-9388**

**Event number: 2331 996 3412**

**Present: Shelley Palmer, Daniel Grandinetti, Tylea Gebbie, Mary Yurista, Sherri Gibson, Marion Spar, Kurt Maier, and Charles Peter.**

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

## **1. MEETING OPENING**

- A. President Shelley Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 the Minutes of the October 21, 2021, regular meeting, **Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.**

## **2. REPORTS**

A. Capital Project - Synthesis Architects, LLP: Jim Graham and Beth DiBattista; Schodack CSD: Jason Chevrier and Brian Carey

The board was given a presentation for a proposed capital project. Work is being proposed at each of the three district buildings based on two priority groups. Conversation will continue into the new year, decisions will be made at a later board meeting of the work that will be included in a capital project.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 4. BOARD DISCUSSION

Daniel Grandinetti wanted to know the board's appetite to go for a higher capital project amount to include more items.

Brian Carey will look into the cost to taxpayers for a higher capital project amount.

Jason Chevrier explained the background for a possible revision to the resolution on the agenda for athletic testing of athletes of high-risk sports. There was question and concern from some of the public at the last meeting of only testing unvaccinated athletes. He recommended amending the resolution to include all athletes in the testing in order to play a winter high-risk sport.

Marion Spar expressed concern that kids may not be able to play if their parent objects to them testing. It is not fair to the child.

Sherri Gibson expressed that she is supportive of the resolution as presented at the October 21, 2021, meeting that was tabled.

Charles Peter suggested pool testing instead of every athlete each week when the school district is in a high transmission rate zone.

Daniel Grandinetti asked if masks were needed to play the sport. Jason Chevrier answered yes, for both basketball and wrestling, masks are required while participating.

Mary Yurista that we should all be on a level playing field. Jason Chevrier explained that local schools are requiring vaccinations to participate, others are requiring testing to participate.

Kurt Maier talked about last year's high-risk sports season and that there were no positive cases. This year we have vaccinations, the risk is lower than it was. We have to treat both vaccinated and unvaccinated the same.

Discussion ensued about the resolution and varying opinions were discussed.

Jason Chevrier, congratulated Charles Peter on his election to Town Supervisor.

### 5. OTHER ACTION

A. **Sherri Gibson moved** to un-table the resolution tabled at the October 21, 2021, meeting, authorizing the district to participate in Winter High-Risk Sports, **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Kurt Maier moved to amend** the un-tabled resolution to read:

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 winter season:

Varsity Girls Basketball	Junior Varsity Girls Basketball	Modified Girls Basketball
Varsity Boys Basketball	Junior Varsity Boys Basketball	Modified Boys Basketball
Varsity Wrestling		Modified Wrestling, and

It is further declared, that any athlete wishing to participate in high risk winter sports must submit to weekly COVID-19 screening tests. Any athlete that refuses to be tested weekly will not be allowed to participate in any high-risk winter sport. Testing will continue throughout the season as long as testing supplies remain available.”

**Charles Peter seconded, voting is as follows: 5 Nay, 4 Aye, motion does not pass**

Aye:

Mary Yurista  
Kurt Maier  
Charles Peter  
Daniel Grandinetti

Nay:

Tylea Gebbie  
Sherri Gibson  
Kyle Hurysz  
Shelley Palmer  
Marion Gurdineer-Spar

C. **Sherri Gibson moved** to approve a resolution:

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be it further declared that, any athlete wishing to participate in high risk winter sports must be vaccinated against COVID-19 or submit to weekly COVID-19 screening tests. Anyone unvaccinated that refuses to be tested weekly will not be allowed to participate in any high-risk winter sport.

**Tylea Gebbie seconded, voting is as follows: 5 Nay, 4 Aye, motion does not pass**

Aye:

Mary Yurista  
Tylea Gebbie  
Sherri Gibson  
Shelley Palmer

Nay:

Kurt Maier  
Charles Peter  
Daniel Grandinetti  
Kyle Hurysz  
Marion Gurdineer-Spar

**6. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

**Sherri Gibson moved for approval of item 6. A., Charles Peter seconded,** President Shelley Palmer expressed the board accepts with regret and appreciation for Tim Ryan’s long service. **All present in favor.**

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

<b>Schodack Central School District</b>				
<b>Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: November 4, 2021</b>				
<b>RESIGNATIONS</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Timothy Ryan	Tenured Mathematics Teacher	June 30, 2022	Retirement	Has been a teacher here for 35 years.
Douglas Earle	School Bus Driver	November 5, 2021	Resignation	
Jabari Holder	Girls Varsity Basketball Coach	November 2, 2021	Resignation	
<b>APPOINTMENTS</b>	<b>APPONTMENT TYPE</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	<b>RATE</b>
Gina Parisse	Provisional - 6 hours per day	Health Office Assistant	November 4, 2021	CSEA Start Rate
<b>SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS</b>	<b>SUBSTITUTE AREA</b>			
James D'Annibale	Teacher and Teaching Assistant			

Jason Chevrier wished Tim Ryan luck and thanked him for his service as a teacher, coach, and SFA leader. He has gone above and beyond.

Sherri Gibson congratulated Tim Ryan, and spoke about her experiences with him as a teacher and a tour he recently gave to the Alums from her graduating class of the HS renovations.

Kyle Hurysz also spoke to his experience with Tim Ryan as a student in the district and expressed appreciation for him.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

A. **Sherri Gibson moved** to adjourn to executive session to discuss potential disciplinary matters of two particular people, **Marion Gurdineer-Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

**B. Kurt Maier moved to reconvene to regular session and adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm., Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Michele A. Reickert*  
District Clerk

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