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Board of Education

Thursday, February 17, 2022
February 17, 2022 - Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting

Minutes are final and were approved at the March 17, 2022, board meeting.

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Location open to public: 1477 South Schodack Road, Room 310

Live Stream Link for viewing or listening:

<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/onstage/g.php?MTID=e73d92a28e76d5c8c242b194dd1b1a51d> or click on the video button on the agenda.

To join by phone:

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Access number: 2334 703 3987

Present: Shelley Palmer, Mary Yurista, Tylea Gebbie, Sherri Gibson arrived at 5:, Marion Spar, Kurt Maier, Daniel Grandinetti, Kyle Hurysz and Student Representative, Amanda Nebral.

Absent: None

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

1. MEETING OPENING

- A. President Shelley Palmer called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.
- B. Mary Yurista moved to enter executive Session to discuss the potential appointment of particular persons and discuss CSEA Contract Negotiations. Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.
- C. Mary Yurista moved to close executive session and open the public meeting at 5:55 pm., Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.
- D. President Shelley Palmer asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- E. Mary Yurista moved to approve of the present agenda, Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.
- F. Mary Yurista moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 20, 2022, Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

2. REPORTS

- A. 2022-2023 Budget Update – Brian Carey gave an update on the budget and shared updates since the last meeting.

B. Superintendent Update – Jason Chevrier spoke to the accomplishments of the winter sports teams, two potential extracurricular opportunities, information on the proposed capital project, the outcome of the search to fill the two Director positions, and a COVID update:

Sports information:

Indoor Track Boys - 2nd Place Independent League Champions

Indoor Track Girls – 4th place Independent League Champions

Wrestling – 4th place Class D Sections and State Qualifier Tournament last Saturday

Bowling – Placed 6th out of 20 Teams in Class C Sectionals Bowling Tournament

Girls Basketball – 2nd seed in Patroon Conference, Patroon Conference Championship (2/14/22), and Sectional play begins next week

Boys Basketball – 5th place in Patroon Conference and Sectional play begins next week.

Mary Yurista talked about a walkthrough she recently took to look at capital project items, she stated that the Technology Ed. Room needs attention and discussion ensued.

Marion Spar also talked about the stairs at the entrance of the gymnasium at the high school as asked if it was something covered under warranty from the last Capital Project.

Jim Graham answered that it was not covered under warranty.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Theresa Julian looking for a sunset & answers, restrictions need to be lifted children are feeling the brunt. We are responding to dictations, we need to stand up for our kids.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP

A. Board Discussion

Mary Yurista talked about a presentation Future Learning 2025 she saw on how kids learn now and will learn in the future compared to how we learned in the past and she mentioned that Questar is looking for nominations for board members.

Daniel Grandinetti asked about an RFPs for legal counsel.

The board gave a head nod to look for an RFP for a law firm.

The board gave a head nod to pursue the Capital Project.

Marion Spar asked if some things could change in the buildings like in person morning programs, kids sitting with who they want to for lunch, getting back to a more normal?

Mary Yurista wished Mike Bennett well in his new position.

B. Action Item Follow-up

- Discipline trends – presentation will follow at a later date.
- Celebration for retirees – will be talked through for the end of the year.
- HUDL Software – additional teams can be added, there is a fee for each sport that wants to use it.
- Capital Project questions

- Switch information – talked about in capital project
- Doors – frames of the doors are rusted and weathered.

5. DISTRICT and BUILDING UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Questar workshop on March 5th. If you plan to attend, let Shelli Reickert know.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – James Derby talked about the Transfer to Capital Project CES, tile in the cafeteria will go in over break and some new furniture will be coming, and during the month of March the work in the library will begin and in April work on 4 rooms on the first level. Nicole Martin - February is a short month but it is a busy one. Valentine’s Day, 100th day of school, parades with 100 day of school capes, monthly morning assemblies, reading for Ronald McDonald House fundraiser.
- Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School – spirit week is underway planned by junior high students. Two unfunded clubs have begun, Chess club was started by the 7th grade it is one of the most popular clubs, and upper classmen have brought in guitars and are playing guitars together. Game carts with different games for kids to play together after they are done with lunch have been introduced. There was talk about the new pass program that will begin at the high school.

C. Student Representative to the Board of Education – Amanda talked about a survey she sent out to students on the various capital project items and what students felt as to the importance of the items.

Bathrooms are a concern to students, some stall doors do not close, and some toilets do not flush, and the student parking lot was neglected during the last storm.

6. FINANCE

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

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of December 2021.

B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month(s) of December 2021.

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

Schodack Central School District				
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: 2/17/22				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
East Greenbush CSD	7/5/21 - 8/13/21	Instruction for students with disabilities	\$2,993/per student	ESY for (1) student
North Greenbush Common SD	9/8/21- 6/24/22	Health Svcs. for students attending LaSalle Institute	\$274.77/per student	(8) students

TENANT NAME				

D. Approval to Declare Surplus

Schodack Central School District				
Surplus Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: 2/17/22				
SURPLUS ITEMS	VALUE OF SURPLUS	TAG #/SERIAL-VIN #	CONDITION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
IT - Round 36 Lot Z	Shred ONLY	Various - see spreadsheet	For Shred only	79 Laptops
IT - Round 36 Lots A-E	Starting Bid @ Auction = \$10 per lot	Various - see spreadsheet	Used	May be in non-working/damaged condition
Facilities - Round 1 Lots A-J	Starting Bid @ Auction = \$5 per lot	Various - see spreadsheet	Used	Student Desks; File Cabinets

E. Approval of Resolution - Capital Reserve Use and Establishment of New Capital Reserve:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Section 1. The District shall replace the Maple Hill High School gymnasium roof, at a maximum estimated cost of not to exceed \$350,000, and expend an amount of not to exceed \$350,000 from the existing Capital Reserve Fund to pay the cost thereof.

Section 2. The District shall establish a new Capital Reserve Fund (the "2021-2022 Capital Reserve Fund") in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000, with a probable term of ten (10) years, for the purpose of financing the construction of additions to and reconstruction of various District buildings, facilities and sites, and acquisition of furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus. The 2021-2022 Capital Reserve Fund shall be funded from unappropriated fund balance and/or future budget surpluses as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Education.

Section 3. The Business Administrator is hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the transactions authorized pursuant to Section 1 and Section 2 hereof.

Section 4. This Resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

F. Approval of a Resolution - Cooperative Bidding

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District of New York State (the "School District") desires to enter into a contract with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties ("Questar III"), entitled the "Contract for Cooperative Educational Services", a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services, Questar III will, on behalf of the School District, facilitate the provision of lease/purchase financing for the capital equipment described in Schedule A of the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services (the "Capital Equipment");

WHEREAS, the School District believes that the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services will facilitate the provision of technology improvement under the model schools program;

WHEREAS, the School District believes that the Cooperative Bidding Program provides a cost effective means of facilitating the Contract for Educational Services and that it is in the best interests of the School District to execute and deliver the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, or such other individuals as the Board of Education may appoint, be, and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver such documents and papers in the name of the School District as he or she deems necessary, advisable or appropriate to carry into effect the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services.

7. OTHER ACTION

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

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

B. Motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Schodack Central School District and CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Schodack Central School District Unit 8263-00 of Rensselaer County Education Local 871 setting forth the parties' agreement relating to their successor collective bargaining agreement.

C. Approval of a contract between Schodack Central School District and the Director of Student Services and Director of Teaching and Learning from date of hire through June 30, 2024

D. Approval of a Resolution - Abolish Position

RESOLVED, that the position of Assistant Superintendent of School Administration, in the tenure area of Administrator, is hereby abolished, effective March 7, 2022.

E. Approval of a Resolution - Abolish and Create Positions

BE IT RESOLVED, that the position of Director of Student Services in the tenure area of Director created on January 11, 2022, is hereby abolished, effective February 17, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the position of Director of Teaching and Learning in the tenure area of Director created on January 11, 2022, is hereby abolished, effective February 17, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the position of Director of Student Services, in the tenure area of Director of Student Services, is hereby created, effective February 17, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the position of Director of Teaching and Learning, in the tenure area of Director of Teaching and Learning, is hereby created, effective February 17, 2022

8. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Mary Yurista moved for approval of items 8. A. through D., Tylea Gebbie seconded, a comment was added to the retirements of Lauren MacDonald “with regret and appreciation of long service”, all present voted in favor.

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: February 17, 2022				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Lauren MacDonald	Occupational Therapist	June 30, 2022	Retirement	Retiring after 24 years at Schodack.
Lynn Donnelly	Teaching Assistant	January 28, 2022	Resignation	
Angela Beber	Secretary I	February 11, 2022	Resignation	
Leanna O'Grady	Teaching Assistant	February 18, 2022	Resignation	
APPOINTMENTS	APPONTMENT TYPE	AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Kristopher Gardner	Permanent	Director of Facilities II	June 7, 2021	no change to current rate.
Fredrick Hiller	Non Instructional Hourly	School Bus Driver Trainee	February 8, 2022	Rate set at July 6, 2021 meeting and revised at the October 21, 2022 meeting
LEAVE OF ABSENCE	POSITION	DURATION	EFFECTIVE	COMMENT
Kelly Halpin	Occupational Therapy Assistant	Remainder of School Year	January 31, 2022	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE		RATE
Connor McCagg	Teacher and Teaching Assistant	n/a		Rate set at July 6, 2021 meeting and revised at the October 21, 2022 meeting

Alexis Tedford	Teaching Assistant	n/a	Rate set at July 6, 2021 meeting and revised at the October 21, 2022 meeting
Jason Lyons	School Bus Driver	February 10, 2022	Rate set at July 6, 2021 meeting and revised at the October 21, 2022 meeting
Matthew Martin	Regular Substitute Teacher for Kelly Halpin	September 24, 2021	Rate set at July 6, 2021 meeting.

B. Motion to approve a (4) four-year probationary appointment of Courtney Lapp, (certification: Students with Disabilities - Grades 7-12 - Generalist, Students with Disabilities (Birth-Grade 2), Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) , commencing on February 28, 2022, as Special Education Teacher, in the tenure area of Special Education, at a salary of MA Step 1, 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.

C. Motion to approve a 4-year probationary term of Alyssa Sabbatino, (Certification: School District Leader, School Building Leader, and English Language Arts 7-12), commencing on March 2, 2022, as Director of Teaching and Learning in the tenure area of Director of Teaching and Learning.

D. Motion to approve a 4-year probationary term of Jacqueline Hill, (Certification: School District Leader, School Building Leader, Literacy (Birth-Grade 6, Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Students with Disabilities (Grades 5-9) Generalist, Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)), commencing on July 1, 2022, as Director of Student Services in the tenure area of Director of Student Services.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Melissa Seeberger commented on the student parking lot, it needs more attention during storms, her daughter almost fell, handicap parking in the high school was not cleared, no place for handicap people to park, snow was pushed into the handicap parking spots.

10. ACTION ITEMS

RFP for Legal Services, February enrollment report correction, stairs at the HS and YMCA waiting list.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. Sherri Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reichert
District Clerk