

Jason Chevrier
Superintendent
518-732-2297



Shelley Palmer
President
Board of Education

Thursday, March 17, 2022
March 17, 2022 - Board of Education Minutes - Regular Meeting

Minutes are final and were approved at the April 12, 2022 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=ef201dadb0a748a7fa89e246b95691abb>

To join by phone:

1-408-418-9388

Access number:2341 143 9810

Present: Shelley Palmer, Sherri Gibson, Mary Yurista, Tylea Gebbie, Marion Spar, Kurt Maier, Kyle Hurysz, Daniel Grandinetti and Amanda Nebral

Also present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Alyssa Sabbatino, Jacqueline Hill, Hillary Brochu, James Derby and Nicole Martin

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 to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2022, regular meeting, Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.

2. REPORTS

A. Questar III Presentation

Gladys Cruz spoke about the P-Tech Program, a partnership with HVCC and EPICH a partnership with and a program called Learning 2025. Harry Hadjioannou talked about the Rensselaer Education Center improvements that were completed through the pandemic as well as the Questar Administrative Budget for the upcoming Questar budget vote in April.

B. 2022-2023 Budget Update

Jason Chevrier and Brian Carey updated the board of the knowns and unknowns in the budget, proposed additions and subtractions in the budget, the rank of the additions and subtractions by the board of education and administrative team, tax levy rates, use of reserve fund/restricted funds

C. Superintendent Update

Jason Chevrier gave an update on the number of positive Covid cases since February's meeting (8), a timeline of changes to the mask mandate, events that have/will take place in the buildings, NYS 3-8 Testing will resume, update on Alyssa Sabbatino, Director of Teaching and Learning, Anthony Albanese, Interim Director of Student Services and the search for a new Principal at the Jr/Sr High School. Extra-curricular update on e-Sports and Sporting Clay Trap League.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP

A. Board Discussion

- Questar III Saturday Workshop – Tylea Gebbie, Mary Yurista and Brian Carey attended. Tylea Gebbie highlighted information that was shared on graduation rates and college enrollment statistics of male students, there was conversation on how to engage students, select books that keep their interest.
- Summer Board Retreat – Doodle poll will be sent.
- July Meeting Date Change – Doodle poll will be sent.

B. Action Item Follow-up

- Discipline trends – presentation will follow at March 31 workshop
- Celebration for retirees – Will be done in June.
- RFP for Legal Services – in the process of collecting template models for the RFP.
- Stairs at the High School - Outside by Gymnasium – not covered under warranty, Architect was in district and looked at them, he will give suggestions to get them fixed.
- YMCA Waiting list update – Reached out to them but do not have an update for this meeting.

5. DISTRICT and BUILDING UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Enrollment Reports attached
 - Revised report from February 17, 2022 meeting - will be uploaded to February 17, 2022 meeting.
 - Enrollment report for March 2022
- March 31 BOE Workshop: Presentation will be given on discipline as well as the budget
- Rensselaer County Office of Mental Health Satellite Clinic – we have been approved, planning work has begun. There is a room at the HS with a semi-private entrance that will be used for the location.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – James spoke about Music in our Schools and expressed how great it was, planning has begun for getting back to normal in the building, looking into in person monthly morning assembly, revisions to the upcoming assembly will change due to State testing, Professional Development with Jeanne Tribuzzi. Nicole Martin talked about the work that was started in the Library and the new floor in the cafeteria.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – Classes have begun going on field trips, one overnight is being planned, the Senior Class Trip, grades 6 and 8 transition planning has begun, parents and students will be coming in to meet and talk about scheduling, 6th grade student and parents will be visiting the school to tour, and the all night party will be held.
- Student Representative to the Board of Education Amanda spoke about graduation, students can chose the color of their cap and gown, students will sit in front of the stage and will enter in alphabetical order and they do want to do a parade, the cabaret performance will be April 8th and 9th.

6. FINANCE

Mary Yurista moved for approval of items 6. A. through G., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

A. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month(s) of February 2022.

B. Acceptance of an RFP from The Bonadio Group for external auditing services for the fiscal years ending 6/30/2022 through 6/30/2026 for Audit, Extra Classroom, and Single Audit services at an amount not to exceed \$23,500 for the FYE 6/30/22, \$24,500 for the FYE 6/30/23, \$25,500 for FYE 6/30/24, \$26,500 for FYE 6/30/25 and \$27,500 for FYE 6/30/26.

C. Acceptance/Acknowledgement of gift(s) and donation(s):

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date: 3/17/22				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
NONE.				
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (TA & TE) at Board Meeting Date: 3/17/22				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Eileen A. Secrist	\$250	Charities Account	CM691.1	In memory of Keith Anderson
Sacred Heart Youth Ministry	\$305	Pat Wood Backpack Prg.	CM691.Backpack	Souper Bowl of Caring project for Emily Coffey & Alexis Coffey

D. Approval of an increase to the rate for Retired School Bus Drivers from \$23.68 per hour to \$24.39 per hour effective July 1, 202, in accordance with the 2021 - 2025 CSEA Contract rate.

E. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of January 2022.

F. Approval of \$40.00 per month cellular phone reimbursement or the use of a district-owned cellular telephone for the following individuals:

1. Alyssa Sabbatino

G. Approval of a resolution authorizing the transfer of \$396,228.57 from the debt service fund to the general fund.

7. OTHER ACTION

Mary Yurista moved for approval of items 7. A. through B., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the following appointments for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year:

1. Attendance Officer - Alyssa Sabbatino
2. Federal and State Grant Coordinator - Alyssa Sabbatino
3. Section 504 Compliance Officer - Anthony Albanese
4. Medicaid Compliance Officer - Anthony Albanese
5. Title 1 Coordinator - Alyssa Sabbatino
6. Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth - Anthony Albanese
7. Title IX Officer - Anthony Albanese
8. Dignity Act Coordinator - Alyssa Sabbatino
9. District-wide Dignity Act Coordinator - Alyssa Sabbatino
10. CSE Chairperson(s) - Anthony Albanese, Jacqueline Hill and Bethany Mueller
11. Lead Evaluator - Alyssa Sabbatino

B. Approval of a resolution declaring Lead Agency and Negative Declaration for 2022 Capital Improvements Program.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6, the Schodack Central School District School Board hereby declares itself the Lead Agency responsible for State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review for the capital project contemplated by this action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is an Unlisted action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.2(ak); and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Schodack Central School District School Board has carefully reviewed and completed the environmental review for this project consisting of the attached Notice of Negative Declaration and Attachment "A", as prepared by its Architect and engineering consultant, and has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact; and

NOW BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Schodack Central School District School Board has reviewed and authorizes the attached Negative Declaration notice to be issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

Sherri Gibson moved to approve item 7., C., Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

C. Approval of a resolution authorizing the District Clerk to include propositions in the notice of the annual School District meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHODACK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (the "School District") that the following propositions be presented to the voters at the annual meeting of the School District to be held on May 17, 2022:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to (1) construct, reconstruct, renovate and improve various School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$8,764,559; (2) expend such sum for such purposes, including the expenditure of \$893,795 from the 2015 Capital Reserve Fund and \$1,570,764 of unappropriated fund balance; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid, the amount expended from the Capital Reserve Fund and unappropriated fund balance; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$6,300,000 and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the be authorized to (1) purchase school buses at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$251,463; and (2) finance such purpose from the expenditure of funds in the General Fund?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include notice of such propositions in the notice of the annual School District meeting.

8. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Kyle Hurysz moved to approve item 8. A., Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.

Jason Chevrier spoke about Lisa Clevenger and Diane Duffy and wished them the best of luck.

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: March 17, 2022				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT

Lisa Clevenger	Teaching Assistant	June 30, 2022	Resignation	Retired in 2013 and came back as TA, employed for a total of 29 years.
Diane Duffy	Teaching Assistant	June 30, 2022	Retirement	Employed by district 21 years.

--	--	--	--	--

APPOINTMENTS	APPONTMENT TYPE	AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE/COMMENT
Frederick Hiller	Probationary Part-time	Automotive Mechanic	April 4, 2022	CSEA Start Rate
William Valley	Part-time 4 hours per day	Teaching Assistant	March 7, 2022	CSEA Uncertified Teaching Assistant Rate
Rachel Horgan	Part-time 4 hours per day	Teaching Assistant	March 21, 2022	CSEA Start Rate
Steven Soltys	Probationary 4.25 hours per day	School Bus Driver	March 16, 2022	CSEA Start Rate/Route 10
Amy Fink	Extended School Day Mentor	n/a	January 24, 2022	Professional Hourly Rate
Christine Fowler	Extended School Day Mentor	n/a	January 24, 2022	Professional Hourly Rate
Karen Sweet	Extended School Day Mentor	n/a	January 24, 2022	Professional Hourly Rate
Jennifer Delaney	Extended School Day Mentor	n/a	January 24, 2022	Professional Hourly Rate
Diane Duffy	Extended School Day Mentor	n/a	January 24, 2022	Professional Hourly Rate
Shauna Benoit	Extended School Day Mentor	n/a	January 24, 2022	Professional Hourly Rate
Nicole Brasie	Extended School Day Mentor	n/a	March 16, 2022	Professional Hourly Rate
Lisa Cecala	Provisional, 10 month, 6 hours per day	Secretary 1	March 21, 2022	CSEA Start Rate

--	--	--	--	--

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Jashton Gieser	Teacher and Teaching Assistant	n/a	Rate set at July 6, 2021 meeting and revised at the October 21, 2021 meeting.
Michaela Kalendek-Mosley	Teacher and Teaching Assistant	n/a	Rate set at July 6, 2021 meeting and revised at the October 21, 2021 meeting.

Brett Lauterbach	Extended School Day Mentor	n/a		Professional Hourly Rate
Andrea Meier	Teacher and Teaching Assistant	March 21, 2022		Rate set at July 6, 2021 meeting and revised at the October 21, 2021 meeting.
CHANGE IN HOURS/APPOINTMENT				
Jennifer Tedford	10 month, 6 hours per day Secretary I	12 month, 7.5 hours per day Secretary I	March 7, 2022	
ADVISOR/COACH				
Rochelle Obie	Freshman Class co-advisor	09/01/21 - 12/10/21	\$158.61	
Meghan Krug	Freshman Class co-advisor	09/01/21- 12/10/21	\$158.61	
Meghan Krug	Freshman Class Advisor	12/11/21- 06/30/22	\$589.12	
Paige Bleau	Volunteer Assistant Coach - Softball	21-22 season	Volunteer	

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. ACTION ITEMS

Doodle poll for July meeting date change and for Board Retreat Dates.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Mary Yurista moved** to adjourn to the executive session at 7:56 pm. to discuss tenure review of particular people, SFA contract negotiations and the appointment of a corporation, **Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Mary Yurista moved** to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm, **Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk