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Shelley Palmer
President
Board of Education

Thursday, October 20, 2022
Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting

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

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

In-Person Meeting Location: 1477 South Schodack Road, Room 308

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Present: Shelley Palmer, Mary Yurista, Tylea Gebbie, Sherri Gibson, Daniel Grandinetti, Marion Spar, Angela Beber, Angela Palmer, Kurt Maier and Luke Hoffman, student representative to the board.

Also present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Alyssa Sabbatino, Hillary Brochu, Jason Breh, James Derby, Nicole Martin, Jacqueline Hill 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. **Sherri Gibson moved** for approval of the Present Agenda, **Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**
- D. **Kurt Maier moved** to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022, meeting, **Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.**

2. RECOGNITION

A. School Board Recognition

Jason Chevrier expressed that it is school board recognition week and invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments provided.

3. REPORTS

- A. Independent Audit Report - The Bonadio Group – unmodified opinion was given for both 2021-22

fiscal year audit and extra-classroom audit, highest level an auditor can give, no significant findings, and thanked the business office for their cooperation and assistance in the audit.

B. Enrollment Study - Paul Seversky

Paul Seversky presented the findings of an enrollment study prepared for the district.

C. Summer Academy / Professional Development Update

Alyssa Sabbatino, Nicole Martin and Hillary Brouchu shared data from the Summer Academy program. Results of a surveys to students and parents showed what students enjoyed and their suggestions for future academies and what parents felt were benefits of the program and suggestions for future programs.

Alyssa Sabbatino presented professional development information, data from the July and August PD Sessions, data from Superintendent Conference Days 8/31, 9/1 & 9/6, feedback from faculty and staff and the next steps and future sessions.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. DISTRICT / BUILDING / COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Fall Sports Weekend
Awesome weekend, well planned, shout out to booster club who put on a great concession and support all sports.
- Check-in Survey (Faculty/Staff, Students and Families) Update
Results from the check-in survey were shared.
- Capital work update
Meetings are taking place to begin planning, to get timelines and submit to the state for approval.
- November 3rd BOE workshop
MTSS will be presented on as well as DEI
- November 5th Saturday workshop – Questar
Some have expressed interest already let Shelli know if you want to attend.
- Legal RFP
RFPs were handed out to board members for review. Meeting need to take place in the next few weeks to plan for interviews. November 3rd one hour early to discuss who we want to interview and then interviews the week of November 17th to approve a contract at the December board meeting.
- Enrollment Report attached for review.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School
CES has had a great start to the school year, coming up Senior Citizen Dessert Hour, Monthly Morning Assembly will be done different this year divided by grade level and whole school assemblies. School pictures, scholastic book fair today and tomorrow, Halloween parade is coming up.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School
Spirit week was fun to plan, the pep rally, musical chairs, pies in the face, varsity volley ball team won against Troy that week starting off our fall sports weekend, homecoming dance, sectionals have started, Boys and Girls Varsity soccer both have made it to sectionals, the blood drive, and a tour of the building for the Class of 1972. Upcoming events, middle school flag football tournament,
- Overall student moral is up other than the beginning of the school year, spirit week, pep rally, and fall sports weekend have helped with that. Expressed how important it was to have pep rally and bon fire, some kids haven't experienced that. Thanked everyone who helped with fall sports weekend, field trips are back, helping homeless with donations from Windy Hill Orchards, red cross blood drive with many 1st time donors, upperclassmen will be refereeing the flag football tournament, they look up to us.

C. Committee Updates

- CES Building Planning Committee- **NO REPORT** – Marion Spar and Ashley Palmer
- MS/HS Building Planning Committee – Marion Spar, Angela Beber, Kurt Maier and Sherri Gibson
Committee need to be expanded possibly include students, parents and community members, potentially a survey for where the committee should go.
- Professional Development Planning Committee – Shelley Palmer and Marion Spar
Met today, good things happening, November looks exciting.
- Technology Committee – **NO REPORT** - Mary Yurista
- NYSSBA Legislative Liaison – Angela Beber
Attended NYSSBA yearly business meeting, information of what NYSSBA wants to advocate for and information is shared with board members and then voted on. More information will be shared with the board. Will be attending NYSSBA Conference at the end of the month and will share more information.
- Health and Safety / SAVE Committee – **NO REPORT** - Marion Spar, Ashley Palmer and Tylea Gebbie
- Audit Committee – Mary Yurista, Kurt Maier and Daniel Grandinetti
Audit committee met to review the results of the audit which was presented to the board at this meeting.
- Policy Committee – **NO REPORT** - Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Tylea Gebbie and Angela Beber
- Building Visitation Committee – **NO REPORT** - All members as a whole

6. ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP / BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Action Item Follow-up

- Community Engagement Group

Two ideas will be drafted and shared with the board to plan a timeline.

- SRO follow up

Captain Pyle of Rensselaer County Sheriff, staffing is low but waiting until next year has potential, cost is approximately \$97,000, county is an option if that is the direction we want to go. Conversation with the Town of Schodack has continued as well. There is an initiative to get retired officers in to be SROs, Jason will be pursuing that avenue as well.

- ILL Room presentation – will be removed from this list and will be incorporated into the schedule of presentations throughout the year.

- Exit survey for families that leave the district

The district consulted with legal counsel and will draft communication to send to families that are homeschooling or out of district.

- Update on the YMCA aftercare program

35 full time and 7 part time students, there is an opportunity to have 50 enrolled, there was a wait list but families have found other childcare, there is currently no waiting list.

- Follow up on concerns addressed about rule changes

Will be removed, follow-up will continue.

- Follow up with Kurt Maier for clay traps

Jason Chevrier will need to follow up with Kurt. Potential faculty advisor has indicated they will not be moving forward with being the advisor, work needs to be done with our SFA.

- BOE building visits

Looking at options to get the board in the buildings.

B. Board Discussion

- Kurt Maier asked Brian Carey about the Clean School Bus Grant – have we started exploring?

Brian Carey answered, that we know we currently do not have the electrical grid, we will need to do feasibility studies.

- Kurt Maier asked about Safer Schools Together Program

Jason Chevrier answered it will be about \$1,000 per district through BOCES, will get about 60% aid back the following year, will social searches be tied to specific names and words.

Kurt Maier asked How do they identify top users? They will look for tags and posts using key words typically tied to the school Maple Hill, MHHS, CES and things like that, and then look at users through open source media and provide who was active in the conversation.

7. POLICY(IES)

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

A. Motion to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policies:
4851 Therapy and Emotional Support Animals in Schools

8. FINANCE

Mary Yurista moved to approve items 8. A. through 8. F., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Reports for the months of June 2022, July 2022 and August 2022.

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C. Approval of a Contracts

Schodack Central School District				
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: 10/20/22				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Adirondack Education Associates, LLC	2022-23 School Year	Consulting Svcs. for Medicaid Claims	\$600 per diem for 10 days	Total cost = \$6,000 (Code: F5532 400 23 A611)
Northern Rivers Family of Services	Summer 2023	Summer Tuition for (1) Student attending Neil Hellman	\$6,992	Current NYS Education Dept. Rate
"	SY 2022-2023	SY Tuition for (1) Student attending Neil Hellman	\$41,954	Current NYS Education Dept. Rate
Synthesis Architects, LLP	As of 7/12/22	Synthesis Owner- Architect Agreement		For Projects: CES 019; DO 016; HS 026; BG 011
TENANT NAME				

D. Acceptance/Acknowledgement of Donation(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date: 10/20/22				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Castleton Schodack Kiwanis Club	\$300	Awards	A2855 450 80 0000	To sponsor X Country Awards
Jonathan Catlett	\$150	Glover Invitational	A2855 450 80 0000	Glover Invitational
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (TA & TE) at Board Meeting Date:				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Staples	\$2,340	student supply kits	N/A	468 Student Supply Kits valued at \$5 each

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E. Approval to Declare Surplus

Schodack Central School District				
Surplus Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: 10/20/22				
SURPLUS ITEMS	VALUE OF SURPLUS	TAG #/SERIAL-VIN #	CONDITION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CES Library Books - Weeding	n/a	n/a	used	1st log
CES Library Books - Weeding	n/a	n/a	used	2nd log
CES Library Books - Weeding	n/a	n/a	used	3rd log
IT Surplus	n/a	various	used	Lot Z for SHRED ONLY
IT Surplus	Starting surplus bid @ \$10	Various	used	Lots A - H

F. Approval of a Resolution - Transfer of Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Treasurer to transfer funds and/or move funds within the reserves as follows; transfer in the amount of \$56,335.00 from the General Fund to the Capital 2022 Reserve (A878-22).

Mary Yurista moved to approve item 8. G., Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.

G. Acceptance of the 2021-2022 Audit Report as presented.

9. OTHER ACTION

Sherri Gibson moved to approve item 9. A., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the Board of Education Priorities for the 2022-2023 school year.

Board of Education Priorities 2022-2023

BOE Priority #1: Academic Improvement

The Schodack Central School District is committed to our Mission and Vision. We believe that a high-quality academic program that is designed to successfully prepare all learners to meet the increasing demands of a competitive, technologically advancing, and culturally diverse global society will allow every student to meet their full potential and become productive members of their community.

BOE Priority #2: Health, Wellness, & Safety

The Schodack Central School District believes that a physically safe and healthy environment supports academic success for all students, optimizes conditions for teaching and learning, and supports the

development of the whole child. We are committed to promoting overall wellness for students, faculty, staff, and their families which encourages self-care, healthy habits, and active lifestyles.

BOE Priority #3: Climate & Culture

The Schodack Central School District is committed to establishing a positive and trusting school climate and culture that celebrates our resilience, shared priorities, and core values of all students, faculty, and staff while fostering a strong sense of inclusion and connection to our school and the greater community.

BOE Priority #4: Communication

The Schodack Central School District believes that communication and engagement with all members of the school community through transparent, respectful discourse will allow us to stay connected, learn how we can improve, and ensure that we are reinforcing our core values.

10. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Sherri Gibson moved to approve items 10. A., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

A. Appointment of Staffing Action(s):

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: October 20, 2022				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Angela Narzynski	School Monitor	June 24, 2022	Resignation	
Patrick Ryan	Teaching Assistant	October 4, 2022	Resignation	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE
Larissa Johnson	Extended term substitute teacher for Erica Pincher from 10/3/2022 through 6/30/2023			Rate set at July 14, 2022 meeting.
Maria Lauzon	Regular Substitute Teacher for Erica Pincher from 9/6/2022 through 10/4/2022			Rate set at July 14, 2022 meeting.
Jennifer McIntosh	Teacher and Teaching Assistant			Rate set at July 14, 2022 meeting.
Andrew Makowski	Teacher			Rate set at July 14, 2022 meeting.
Maiya Dorak	Teacher and Teaching Assistant			Rate set at July 14, 2022 meeting.

Lauren Therrien	Teaching Assistant and School Bus Attendant			Rate set at July 14, 2022 meeting.
APPOINTMENT	AREA / POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMMENT	RATE
April Petuske	Teaching Assistant (4 hours per day)	October 3, 2022		CSEA Uncertified Teaching Assistant Rate
Jacqueline Megna	Teaching Assistant (4 hours per day)	October 11, 2022		CSEA Start Rate
Taylor Bowman	Teaching Assistant (4 hours per day)	October 11, 2022		CSEA Uncertified Teaching Assistant Rate
Sara More	Teaching Assistant (4 hours per day)	September 6, 2022	Certification obtained 10/14/22	CSEA Start Rate retroactive to September 6, 2022.
Caitlin Mann	Teaching Assistant (4 hours per day)	September 6, 2022	Original appointment was emergency conditional.	CSEA Uncertified Teaching Assistant Rate
CHANGE IN HOURS	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT HOURS	NEW HOURS	
Kandee Goodall	School Bus Driver	5.00	5.25	

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ACTION ITEMS

Option for future growth, look for grants to fund a summer program, look to colleges for students to teach over the summer, see data from students that didn't go to summer academy and compare to students that did, Doodle poll for a date to hold interviews,

13. ADJOURNMENT

A. Mary Yurista moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:46 pm. to discuss contract negotiations with the Superintendent, Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

B. Mary Yurista moved to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting, Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk