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

Minutes are final and were approved at the December 15, 2022, meeting.

Meeting Location: Schodack Central School District Office, 1477 South Schodack Road, Room 310

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Join by Telephone: 1-646-992-2010
Event Number: 2343 210 2622

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Mary Yurista, Tylea Gebbie, Sherri Gibson, Daniel Grandinetti, Ashley Palmer, Angela Beber, Kurt Maier and Luke Hoffman.

Absent: Shelley Palmer and Marion Spar

Also Present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Jacqueline Hill, Alyssa Sabbatino, Jason Breh, Hillary Brochu, Nicole Martin, James Derby (arrived late from Parent Teacher Conferences), and Michele Reickert

1. MEETING OPENING

- A. Vice President, Mary Yurista, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.**
- B. Vice President, Mary Yurista asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**
- C. Sherri Gibson moved for approval of the Present Agenda, Ashley Palmer seconded, all present in favor.**
- D. Sherri Gibson moved for approval of the minutes from the October 20, 2022, Board of Education Meeting and the November 3, 2022, Workshop Meeting, Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.**

2. RECOGNITION

- A. Board Recognition - SFA Book Donation**
Christine Fowler and Brittany Gonzalez-Barone presented books that are being donated to the school libraries in recognition of the Board of Education. They thanked the members for volunteering their time to the school community.

3. DISTRICT/BUILDING/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE/COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Student Representative to the Board Update**

Luke Hoffman congratulated the boys' soccer team's and the cross country team's successes and Angelina Pusateri for running states. NHS induction took place last night; one NHS member is holding a fundraiser for toys for tots. SAAD Club made a turkey, kids sign cards with thankful, positive notes and it is on display. Cards for veterans were delivered. Students are concerned about kids not learning to write or read cursive, they would like to learn to sign their name.

Jason Chevrier spoke about cursive writing and expressed that it is not in the state standards.

Alyssa Sabbatino asked Luke Hoffman to see what age kids think is appropriate, maybe have it taught as an elective class. More information to come.

Angela Beber suggested to have the class include things like check writing, balancing bills and other life skills.

B. District Updates

- Athletics
Jason Chevrier congratulated the Boys Soccer Team (made it to States two years in a row) and Cross Country Team for their successes and Angelina Pusateri the only Maple Hill runner who ran for states. Winter sports tryouts have begun, we will keep you posted on the winter sports as they proceed.
- Bus Stop Arm Camera
Mr. Chevrier reminded everyone of the program and expressed that the company will be coming out to see what equipment they need. Notification will go out to our community and installation will begin on our school buses.
- Wildcat Foundation
There are community members interested in moving forward with running the foundation.
- QIII Superintendents' Meeting at SED
Questar III organized an in-person meeting with local component school Superintendents, the Commissioner of Education and others from State Ed. There was good conversation and it was nice to meet in such a small group of 18 to talk about things that impact education.
- Community Engagement Ideas
 - Jason Chevrier shared some ideas to get the community engaged with the board. Vision and Mission statements have been around for a while, possibly look at rewriting those with community engagement to reshape them. Another idea is based on Portrait of a Learner by AASA. There was discussion about how the meetings would be facilitated.
 - Sherri Gibson shared what the original idea was for the community engagement.
 - Tylea Gebbie expressed working through the Portrait of a Learner, get an idea of what that looks like and then have that feed into the mission and vision statements.
- Summer School Data
Data answering a question about Wildcat Summer Academy student compared to students that did not attend the academy, did they trend similar, the answer was yes.
- Enrollment Report was attached for review.

C. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School
Halloween parade was a wonderful event, parent teacher conferences are underway tonight and will continue tomorrow. Author, Dan Yaccarino, visited today and kids enjoyed it. Veterans

Day questions and answers with local veterans took place, kids asked great questions. Holiday Bazar is coming up, school picture went home, and there is no school next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School
November 9 parent teacher conferences, well attended, good talks, chemical hygiene night was also held that night, quarter 1 ended, 73% of students are on principal's list, high honor roll or honor roll. HVCC instant admissions day is November 22nd, 10 students are signed up. Winter concerts are scheduled and will take place.

D. Committee Updates

- CES Building Planning Committee - **NO REPORT** - Marion Spar, Tylea Gebbie and Ashley Palmer
- MS/HS Building Planning Committee - **NO REPORT** - Marion Spar, Angela Beber, Kurt Maier, and Sherri Gibson
- Professional Development Planning Committee - Shelley Palmer and Marion Spar
Meeting took place today, meeting every month, work today was rooted in the agenda for tomorrow's professional development day. Mid-winter professional development is getting planned, working with 5th grade science teacher to plan for a lab that will be required. Looking to faculty to see what they want for professional development in the spring.
- Technology Committee - **NO REPORT** - Mary Yurista and Sherri Gibson
- NYSSBA Legislative Liaison - Angela Beber
Jason Chevrier and Angela Beber attended the NYSSBA conference last month, a lot of information was shared, it was good to hear how things work in other districts, many district are not in the good situation that we are in. Board Members should be looking for PD opportunities. Dan Grandinetti asked what that would be. Angela Beber answered that each member is in a different place with kids and it would be good to know more of what is going on in the district. NYSSBA offers many workshops.
- Health and Safety / SAVE Committee - Marion Spar, Ashley Palmer, and Tylea Gebbie
Talked about safety drills and the difference between Story Place SFA would feel safer if they could lock themselves in, speaker volume is safety suggestion sheet availability and placement for students and employees to give suggestions. Vaping was discussed as well.
- Audit Committee - **NO REPORT** - Mary Yurista, Kurt Maier, and Daniel Grandinetti
- Building Visitation Committee - **NO REPORT** - All members as a whole

4. REPORTS

A. Budget Calendar - Brian Carey

The budget development calendar was explained as a roadmap for the district to follow during budget planning.

B. Instructional Technology - Ed Finney

Alyssa Sabbatino talked about what Ed Finney does and how much he helps her with planning and supporting learning and instruction.

Ed Finney explained what a Technology Integration specialists, it is a bridge between IT and instruction, finding ways to make thing work easier and better in the classroom. He shared statistics of usage of programs available to teachers, parent use of CANVAS and explained many of the programs used in instruction. He shared about the ESports program that was started this year and its success.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP / BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Action Item Follow-up

- Community Engagement Group
Information and ideas were shared earlier in the meeting.
- SRO follow up
Not much more to report.
- Exit survey for families that leave the district
Still exploring, stay tuned.
- Option for future growth if more space is needed.
Being worked on, more information to come.
- See data from students that didn't go to summer academy and compare to students that did.
Reported earlier in the meeting.

B. Board Discussion

NYSSBA Conference was talked about again, Angela Beber said there were training sessions on collective bargaining and budgeting and good information for Board Members.

November 5th Workshop at Questar – Bill Dagget was presenter he talked about what the kids are learning now and how they are learning now. It was interesting. Questar is going to facilitate a regional conference with topics presented from Portrait of a Learner.

Impact of the future of learning on teachers, students and evolving needs that impact teaching. It brought up conversation on how do we support our teachers.

Data analysis is going to play a key role in how districts do this.

7. POLICIES

Sherri Gibson moved to approve items 7. A., Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.

There were questions about the policies that were discussed and answered. We will look to create an exhibit for policy 1400 for the second reading including the chain of command and will do the updates that were suggested by Tylea Gebbie for second reading.

A. Motion to approve the 1st reading of the following policy(ies):

0100 Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination

0100-R Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Regulation

0101 Gender-Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

0115 Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention

0115-R Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation

1230 Public Participation at Board Meetings

1230-E Public Participation at Board Meetings Exhibit

1400 Public Complaints

1405 Complaints about Certain Federally-Funded Programs

1530 Smoking, Vaping, and Other Tobacco Use on School Premises
1741 Home-Schooled Students

8. FINANCE

Daniel Grandinetti moved to approve items 8. A. through 8. D., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

- A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Reports for the month of September 2022.
- B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Reports for the month of September 2022.
- C. Acceptance of the Tax Collector's reports for the 2022 tax year and discharge of the Tax Collector for the 2022-23 school year.
- D. Acknowledgement of Gifts/Donation(s):

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date:				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
None.				
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (TA & TE) at Board Meeting Date: 011/17/22				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Castleton Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary	\$1,000	Award	CM691.SCHOLAR	Lucy Morton Graduation Award
South Schodack Volunteer Fire Co. Auxiliary	\$2,000	Pat Wood Backpack Prg.	N/A	Donation sent directly to the Regional Food Bank
East Side Quilters (Donna Hilbert)	25 handmade quilts	for SCSD families in need	N/A	valued at approximately \$1,000

9. OTHER ACTION

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve items 9. A. through 9. B. with an edit to a title in the Budget Calendar, Angela Beber seconded, all present in favor.

- A. Approval of recommendations of the District Committee on Special Education / Preschool Special Education as indicated on attached reports.
- B. Motion to approve the Budget Calendar for the 2022-2023 budget.

10. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Sherri Gibson moved to approve items 10. A. through 10. B., Angela Beber seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of Staffing Action(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: November 17, 2022				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Caitlin Colwell	HS Newspaper Advisor	2022-23 School year	No student participation	
Nicole Martin	Assistant Principal	December 23, 2022	Resignation	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE
Rhianna Franchini	Teacher and Teaching Assistant			Rate set at the July 14, 2022 meeting
APPOINTMENT	APPOINTMENT TYPE	AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Rhianna Franchini	4-hours per day	Teaching Assistant	November 15, 2022	CSEA Uncertified Teaching Assistant Rate per CSEA Contract
CHANGE IN HOURS	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT HOURS	NEW HOURS	
Kevin Tedford	School Bus Driver	4.00	4.5	
Robert Morris	School Bus Driver	4.25	5.5	
James Hines	School Bus Driver	4.25	5.5	
COACHES	SPORT	EFFECTIVE DATE		RATE

Joseph Franchini	Boys Modified Basketball	2022-23 Season		Stipend per Appendix C of SFA Contract
Rhianna Franchini	Girls Modified Basketball	2022-23 Season		Stipend per Appendix C of SFA Contract
Nicholas Morris	Modified Wrestling	2022-23 Season		Stipend per Appendix C of SFA Contract

B. Approval of a four-year probationary term, of Amy Gerhartz (Certification: School Building Leader, School District Leader, Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 and Special Education) commencing on December 1, 2022, as MTSS Data Coordinator in the tenure area of MTSS Data Coordinator, 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 section 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three of the four 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.

Jason Chevrier welcomed Amy Gerhartz and expressed that he is sad to see Nicole Martin leave and wished her well.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Angela Beber moved** to enter executive session to discuss a potential litigation matter, a matter which is exempt from open meetings law due to FERPA and discuss RFP submissions and the potential hiring of a particular law firm at 8:03 pm., **Daniel Grandinetti seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Kurt Maier moved** to reconvene to regular session and adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm., **Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.**