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Shelley Palmer
President
Board of Education

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting

Minutes are final and were approved at the June 15, 2023, board meeting.

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Meeting open for the public: 1477 South Schodack Road, Room 310, Castleton, NY 12033

Meeting streaming live at this link:

<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/j.php?MTID=md3a980cb2f8afb9ecf1c1da41c4ef884>

To join by telephone: 646-992-2010

Access Code: 2346 110 4452

Present: Shelley Palmer, Mary Yurista, Tylea Gebbie, Sherri Gibson, Angela Beber, Ashley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Daniel Grandinetti (arrived at 7:03), and Marion Spar (arrived at 7:11)

Also present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Hillary Brochu, Alyssa Sabbatino, James Derby, Kara Likar, Jacqueline Hill, and Michele Reickert

1. MEETING OPENING

A. President Shelley Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

D. Ashley Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 25, 2023, and the Public Hearing/Workshop Meeting of May 4, 2023, **Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.**

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Daniel Grandinetti arrived at the beginning of the public hearing.

A. Public Hearing - Volunteer Firefighter/EMT Property Tax Exemption

Brian Carey presented about the exemption and the different options that the board has to decide on if they chose to adopt the exemption.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN REGULAR MEETING

A. **Mary Yurista moved** to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting, **Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.**

5. REPORTS

Marion Arrived at the beginning of the presentation.

A. Innovative Learning Lab

Sarah Lant shared the different projects that students have worked on in the lab, the number of hours that teachers and students utilized the lab.

There was lengthy discussion about the Innovative Learning Lab and use of it in the future, the gap in learning in reading and math and what could be done to close the gap.

Data will be collected on students through IReady and shared with the board.

6. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP

A. Board Discussion

- Tylea Gebbie asked for data and trends on BIMAS assessments, Jason Chevrier answered that a presentation will take place in July or August.
- Angela Beber asked about the stop arm cameras, Jason Chevrier answered that the cameras have been installed and they are in use. Data has not been shared as of now, but as it comes in it will be shared with the board.
- Kurt Maier asked about MTSS Data Coordinator, Jason Chevrier shared some of the work that has been done this year by Amy Gerhartz and the districtwide group looking at our data systems. This data will be shared when the BIMAS data is shared.
- Daniel Grandinetti talked about the gap in learning, the Independent Learning Lab and cost that has gone into the Lab over the last three years. He asked to look into redirecting the funds for the ILL resources to focus on the gap. Discussion ensued by members of the board about the Independent Learning Lab, the gap in learning and requesting more data.

B. Action Item Follow-up

- Community Service Requirement for Graduation – discussions have taken place with teachers on how they could incorporate community service into their curriculum, passport for good will help students grow a resume and
- Additional dual enrollment college courses – Currently there are 3 courses offered right now. To teach a course like this, a teacher is required to become an adjunct professor through the college, we can highlight and promote that, the syllabus would have to go to the college. WE are looking at opportunities through Distance Learning.
- Building Visits by Board as a whole – will continue to plan.
- Community Forum – Dr. Cruz has not executed a contract with the group, Battelle for Kids working on Portrait of a Graduate. Jason Chevrier is working with them on this. He will keep the board informed.
- Letter for Clay Trap Team has been signed and submitted.

7. DISTRICT / BUILDING / STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOE

A. District Updates

- Capital Project Update – noticed some nuisances with gym floor, we are working with contractor to come out over Memorial Day Weekend to fix. The DelSignore contract will be approved tonight to begin site work. Work will begin on the tennis courts shortly.
- Principal Search – interviews tomorrow board is welcome to come and listen to the candidates.
- Enrollment Report attached for review.

B. Building Update

- Castleton Elementary School – The CES Gala is returning with Shawn Amos to spend time with student during the day. (Famous Amos, the cookie, it's his son) Baby chicks were hatched at CES.
- Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School – National Jr. Honor Society induction, 8th grade science testing coming up, Prom, Cooperstown Field Trip took place. Prom was May 5th a lot of students attended, walkthrough was nice. Thanked class advisors. Fieldtrips coming up: 7th grade to Boston, 8th grade to the Adirondacks, Cabaret, June 2nd and 3rd, 9-12 grade concert, Monday June 5th, awards night for Juniors and Seniors June 7th, 7th & 8th Grade concert, senior walkthrough and picnic coming up.

Mary Yurista motioned to move EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM ITEM 14 TO HERE, and enter executive session at 8:39 pm., Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.

Mary Yurista moved to exit executive session at 10:30 pm., and return to regular session, Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.

8. POLICY

Marion Spar moved to table item 8. A., Ashley Palmer seconded, all present in favor.

A. Motion to approve the 1st reading of the following policy(ies): 4810.1 Guest Speakers

9. FINANCE

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve items 9. A. through E., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2023.

B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month of March 2023.

C. Approval of contract(s) as indicated on attached spreadsheet:

Schodack Central School District				
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: May 16, 2023				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Top Form, Inc.	8/22/23 - 6/1/24	Athletic Trainer Services	\$8,000	
North Colonie CSD	2022-2023 SY	Health Services Contract	\$2,869	\$956.24/student x 3

Coxsackie-Athens CSD	4/1/23 - 6/30/24	Labor Relations Services	\$8,000	Specialists: Robert Zordan & Kevin Harren
DelSignore Blacktop Paving, Inc.	Substantial completion on or before August 25, 2023	Capital Improvement Project – Phase 1 Site Construction	\$2,249,401	Rate is base contract plus add alternate 03
TENANT NAME				

D. Approval of change order CG-01 with Forth Sport Floors, Inc. decreasing the contract by \$5,000.00 for a revised contract sum of \$41,997.00.

E. Acknowledgment of Donation(s) as indicated on the attached spreadsheet:

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date:				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (TA & TE) at Board Meeting Date: May 16, 2023				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Deborah M. Metzger	\$250	Award	CM691.SCHOLAR	Metzger Family Memorial Svc. Award
Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc.	\$2,000	Award	CM691.SCHOLAR	Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Community Svc. Award

10. OTHER ACTION

Daniel Grandinetti moved to approve item 10. A., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of a resolution to adopt the Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption from Real Property Taxes.

11. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Daniel Grandinetti moved to approve items 11. A

A. Approval of staffing actions as indicated on the attached document.

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: May 16, 2023				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT

Deborah Hammond	School Bus Attendant	June 24, 2023	Retirement	Will complete 25 years with the district at the time of retirement.
Daniel Bentley	Athletic Director .5 FTE	June 30, 2023	Resignation	Contingent upon appointment as a 1.0 FTE Physical Education Teacher.
Scott Hanrahan	Advisor - Gr. 7-8 Memorial Day Parade Supervision	2022-2023 School Year	Resignation	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE
Kathy Keyser	School Nurse			Rate was set at the July 14, 2022 Organizational Meeting.
Christopher Slingerland	School Bus Driver			Rate was set at the July 14, 2022 Organizational Meeting.
Diane Duffy	Regular Substitute Teacher for Amanda Hadden	April 19, 2023		Rate was set at the July 14, 2022 Organizational Meeting.
ADVISOR / COACH	ACTIVITY	DURATION	Stipend	
Kaitlin Mahota	Senior Class Advisor	9/1/2022 - 5/1/2023	\$576.70	Pro-rated amount based on end date of May 1, 2023
Jennifer Delaney	Senior Class Advisor	9/1/2022 - 6/30/2023	\$906.25	Pro-rated amount based on 8 months @ .5 FTE, 2 months @ 1.0 FTE

B. Approval of a resolution increasing the FTE of Daniel Bentley from a .5 Physical Education Teacher to a 1.0 FTE Physical Education Teacher effective June 30, 2023.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. ACTION ITEMS

None.

14. OTHER ACTION

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve item 14. A., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of a resolution accepting the results of the 2023-2024 School Budget Vote and Election.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Board of Education accepts the results of the May 16, 2023 district budget vote and election as follows:

(Number of ballots cast 739)

Proposition 1 (Budget)	Yes 501	No 229
Proposition 2 (Bus Purchase)	Yes 557	No 170
Proposition 3 (Student Representative)	Yes 597	No 133
Proposition 4 (Castleton Public Library)	Yes 444	No 288

School Board Members:

Name	Number of votes
Shelley Palmer	507
Mary Yurista	466
Blake Kush	443
Ashley Palmer	417

16. ADJOURN

A. Marion Spar moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 pm., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk