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Shelley Palmer
President
Board of Education

Thursday, October 19, 2023
Board of Education Minutes - Regular Meeting

Minutes are final and were approved at the November 16, 2023, meeting.

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

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

Members of the public wishing to listen/view remotely

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Join by telephone: 646-992-2010

Event/Access Number: 2334 077 8194

Present: Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Mary Yurista, Marion Spar, Sherri Gibson, Angela Beber, Tylea Gebbie, and Blake Kush

Absent: None.

Also Present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Alyssa Sabbatino, Hillary Brochu, Robert Santarcangelo, Kara Likar, James Derby and Michele Reickert.

1. MEETING OPENING

A. President, Shelley Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

B. President, Shelley Palmer asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Shelley Palmer stated that Daniel Grandinetti has resigned from the Board of Education, and she thanked him for his service.

C. Sherri Gibson moved for approval of the Present Agenda, **Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.**

D. Mary Yurista moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2023, meeting and the September 14, 2023, meeting, **with an amendment to** item 1. D. of the August 10, 2023, meeting to correct who seconded the motion to be Kurt Maier, **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in Favor.**

2. RECOGNITION

A. School Board Recognition – Jason Chevrier read a sentiment and thank you to the members of the board of education for their service. He referenced Daniel Grandinetti's resignation and thanked him for 10 years of service on the board of education.

3. REPORTS

A. Independent Audit Report - The Bonadio Group

Kylene Fitsik from the Bonadio Group shared the results of the district's audit for fiscal year 2022-23. There were no findings in the audit of the 2022-23 fiscal year.

B. Fall Survey Data

Jason Chevrier and Building Administrators shared the results of the Fall Survey sent to parents, faculty/staff and students asking what is going well and what needs improvement. They shared things that are underway to improve some of the areas needing improvement and ideas to implement others.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. DISTRICT / BUILDING / STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Fall Sports Weekend –Shout out for Fall Sports Weekend, kudos to April Smith, brand new Athletic Director, calling games and moving them it was a tough call. Booster club did a great job, as did Student Athletes.
- Capital work update – work will be done this weekend on the Jr/Sr HS parking lot. Audio system work in the Jr/Sr HS Gym will start over Veterans Day weekend.
- November 2nd Workshop moved to November 8th
- Board Member Resignation – the board has a couple options, we have been through this before, the board can accept applications and appoint, hold a special election or defer and wait until the May budget vote and election.
- Aidan Ahmed will be student representative to the board, he is on a college visit and will be here in November.
- SRO work continues with the Town of Schodack, once we have a draft agreement, we will send it to legal for review and then on the agenda for approval.
- Enrollment Report attached for review.

Kurt Maier asked about the steps at the HS leading up to the gymnasium and if it was part of the capital project. Jason Chevrier answered that they were not part of the current project.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – Kara Likar talked about a presentation at the first morning assembly by Tay Fisher, PTO Book Fair, Author Visit with Angela DeTerlizzi, James Derby talked about the 100 year celebration of CES.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – Rob Santarcangelo expressed appreciation for administrative team for their support and availability since he began as Principal, and expressed that it is a great team. He shared about a seal of civic readiness project where students meet with groups of student from other schools to talk about what is happening in their school and share ideas as well as a project Kate Tubbs is working on with Amy Fink bringing in a multi-year career fair to the district. Upcoming events: fill the Bus fundraiser for The Anchor at CES and the 7th/8th grade dance this weekend. Hillary Brochu talked about spirit week and thanked everyone for their hard work during spirit week.

6. POLICY(IES)

Discussion ensued about the work that has gone into the policies.

Mary Yurista moved to approve item 6. A., Angela Beber seconded, all present in favor.

A. Motion to approve the 1st reading of the following policies:

2352 Rules of Order

2700 Communications between Board Members and Employees

2710 Communication among individual Board Members

7. FINANCE

Sherri Gibson moved to approve items 7. A. through 7. F., Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Reports for the months of July 2023 and August 2023.

B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Reports for the months of July 2023 and August 2023.

C. Motion to accept and/or acknowledge donations as listed below:

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date: October 19, 2023				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (TA & TE) at Board Meeting Date:				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
AMAZON	\$368.50	Backpack Program		8 Backpack and various school supplies
CommSoft	\$1070 (\$535 each)	Hand Dryers		Xlerator XL-BW Automatic High Speed Hand Dryer with White Thermoset Plastic Cover and 1.1 Noise Reduction nozzle

D. Approval to declare items listed below as surplus and disposed of in accordance with district policy.

Schodack Central School District				
Surplus Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: October 19, 2023				
SURPLUS ITEMS	VALUE OF SURPLUS	TAG #/SERIAL- VIN #	CONDITION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CES Library Books - Weeding	n/a	n/a	used	1st Log

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E. Approval of contracts as indicated below:

Schodack Central School District				
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: October 19, 2023				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc.	July and August 2023	Educations Prg. for (1) student	\$666.06 daily rate	1 student
Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc.	2023-24 School Year	Educations Prg. for (1) student	\$666.06 daily rate	1 student
Bob Hughes	As needed 2023- 2024 School Year	Professional Development	\$500 per Professional Development Day	
TENANT NAME				

F. Acceptance of the 2022-2023 Audit Report as presented at this meeting.

Sherri Gibson moved to approve Sections 8. and 9., Angela Beber seconded, all present in favor.

8. OTHER ACTION

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

9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

A. Approval of the staffing actions as indicated below:

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: October 19, 2023				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Joseph Mastracy	Advisor - Grade 7	2023-24 school year	To co-advise with Brett Lauterbach	
Joseph Franchini	Boys Modified Basketball Coach	2023-24 school year	Resignation	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE

Joanna Wolfe	School Monitor			Rate Set at July 13, 2023, meeting.
Francis Healy	Teacher			Rate Set at July 13, 2023, meeting.
Brenda Ballou	Teaching Assistant			Rate Set at July 13, 2023, meeting.
Ainsley St. James	Teacher and Teaching Assistant			Rate Set at July 13, 2023, meeting.
Janis Clarke	Clerical Substitute			Rate Set at July 13, 2023, meeting.
Michael Allard	Teacher			Rate Set at July 13, 2023, meeting.
Diane Duffy	Regular Substitute Teacher for Courtney Lapp			Rate Set at July 13, 2023, meeting.
APPOINTMENT	AREA / TYPE		EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Jonathan Snyder	Teaching Assistant - 4 year Probationary		September 26, 2023	CSEA Start Rate
Madeline Gibney	Teaching Assistant - part-time 4 hours per day		September 18, 2023	CSEA Uncertified Rate
Kacey Feldman	Teaching Assistant - 4 year probationary		October 23, 2023	Current Employee Rate
CHANGE IN HOURS	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT HOURS	NEW HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Christopher Slingerland	School Bus Driver	4.25	4.50	October 20, 2023
CHANGE IN PAYRATE	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT PAYRATE	NEW PAYRATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Amanda Smith	Teaching Assistant	CSEA Undertified Rate	CSEA Start Rate	September 5, 2023
ADVISOR / COACH	ACTIVITY	DURATION	RATE	
Kerry Kakule - Co-Advisor	Junior Class	2023-24 school year	Stipend in accordance with Appendix C	
Joseph Mastracy - Co-Advisor	Grade 7	2023-24 school year	Stipend in accordance with Appendix C	

Brett Lauterbach - Co-Advisor	Grade 7	2023-24 school year	Stipend in accordance with Appendix C	
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10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. END BUSINESS MEETING

A. Agenda Planning

Shelley Palmer began with a conversation about the empty board member term, additional information will be collected and the board will be informed of the options.

B. Board Member Comment

Sherri Gibson mentioned that the meeting was positive and respectful and thanked the board members on board appreciation.

Kurt Maier asked why the National Anthem is not being played at all sporting events.

Kurt Maier asked about the expansion of the Hudl System, is it functioning? Jason Chevrier answered that it was used by basketball and volleyball at the request of the coaches. He did not know of any other sports using it.

Kurt Maier asked when budget talks would begin. Jason Chevrier answered that it will begin with the November 16th meeting.

Tylea Gebbie thanked Rhonda and the administrators for showing the board around on the October 5th workshop touring the buildings.

Shelley Palmer thanked everyone as well.

Jason Chevrier talked about a Donation of Prisoner of War flags for the CES and Jr/Sr High by the Veterans, Jason Thanked them for their service and donation.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Mary Yurista moved** to adjourn into executive session at 8:00 pm to discuss SAA, CSEA and SFA Negotiations and a personnel matter of a particular person, Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

B. **Sherri Gibson moved** reconvene the meeting at 8:53 pm., **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

C. **Mary Yurista moved** to adjourn the meeting, **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk