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President
Board of Education

**Thursday, January 18, 2024
Board of Education Minutes - Regular Meeting**

Minutes are final and were approved at the February 15, 2024, board meeting with revision below.

Minutes were revised and approved at the February 15, 2024, board meeting, revised Staffing action section to reflect Meghan Krug instead of Meghan Hughes for Walter Voss' extended term leave position.

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Location: Schodack CSD District Office Building, Room 310.

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Public Event Password: 2024

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

Absent: None

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

C. **Mary Yurista moved** to approve the Present Agenda, **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

D. **Tylea Gebbie moved** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting: December 21, 2023, **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. District - Program Presentations

Alyssa Sabbatino and Jason Chevrier shared highlights and accomplishments as well as Challenges and Opportunities based on the district goals in Academic Improvement, Health, Wellness and Safety, Climate and Culture, and Communication. Also, shared was what is being done through professional development sessions to address concerns and needs of the faculty and staff.

B. Rollover Budget for 2024-25

Brian Carey and Jason Chevrier presented the 2024-2025 rollover budget, Mr. Carey expressed that a recently released report from the Governor shows the a decrease in Foundation Aid of roughly \$50,000 in the State Budget for the district. There was discussion about the addition and subtraction sheets that the building and departments are asking for in the current budget, kindergarten enrollment and potential grant applications to gain revenue.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ashley Palmer - Rob and Hillary are an amazing team at the HS. Easy to access, kids are happier. Could the DEI policy process be sped up, there are kids in the main stream being left on the wayside, not just the ones we need to look out for that need focus. Grant funded reading teacher is important, Michelle Stilson is filling her role amazing.

4. DISTRICT / BUILDING / STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE/COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- SRO Update – waiting on word from the Town that language has been added into the collective bargaining agreement of the police department. Ready to go on our end. Grateful that things are still moving, hopeful the SRO will be in place soon.
- Athletic Events/Booster Club -
- Wildcat Foundation Update – new board is up and running with three members, they are looking for more interested people to help run the foundation.
- Enrollment Report attached for review.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – James Derby the arrival/dismissal plan has shifted at the elementary school, drop off and pickup changes are going smooth, buses back at the bus loop is working out well.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – planning has begun for the transition of 6th grade students into 7th grade and 8th into 9th grade. Jr. High student council has been talked to about the code of conduct discussions, looking at schedules to get new courses into curriculum. Nate Bivins will be going to South Korea for Luge competitions. CBT Simulation for 7th and 8th grade students taking place soon, Science 8 test will be computer based this year, 8th grade will be taking a simulation of that as well. Cabaret will be coming up, February 9th & 10th at 7:00 pm.

C. Student Representative Update – Aydin Ahmed talked about the wrestling tournament, mentioned a student (Aiyana Santana) will be going to states for wrestling this year, the student leadership team met with other school's leadership teams coordinated by Questar III, it was nice to see different perspectives on DEI and use those ideas in the DEI policy being developed here.

5. POLICY(IES)

Kurt Maier moved to approve items 5. A. & 5. B., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

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

2325 Videoconferencing of Board Meetings

6700 Purchasing

6700-R Purchasing Regulation

6710 Purchasing Authority

8414.5 Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers

8414.5-R Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers Regulation

9520.6 Rights of Employees to Express Breast Milk in the Workplace

B. Motion to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policy(ies):

2700 Board Member Communication

4321 Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA and New York's Education Law Article 89

4321.5 Confidentiality and Access to Individualized Education Programs

4321.12 Timeout and Physical Restraint (All Students)

4321-12-R Timeout and Physical Restraint (All Students) Regulation

4321.12-E Timeout and Physical Restraint (All Students) Exhibit

4772 Graduation Ceremonies

6830 Expense Reimbursement

8130.2 Workplace Violence Prevention

6. FINANCE

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve items 6. A. through 6. G., Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.

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

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

C. Approval of Donation(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date: 01/18/2024				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Justin and Andrea Nisbet	\$50.00	CES Library	A2610.450.10.3100	
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (TA & TE) at Board Meeting Date:				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

None.				
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D. Approval to Declare Surplus

SURPLUS ITEM	VALUE OF SURPLUS	TAG #/SERIAL-VIN#	CO UNT	Schodack Asset Number	Schodack Asset Number	CONDI TION
Philips Heartstart defibrillator w/hard plastic shell case	\$100	Serial# 502062687	1	8010	000301 (case)	Used
Philips Heartstart defibrillator w/fabric shell case	\$100	Serial# 502062642	1	8007		Used
Philips Heartstart defibrillator w/fabric shell case	\$100	Serial# 502062707	1	8008	000245 (case)	Used
Philips Heartstart defibrillator w/fabric shell case	\$100	Serial# 502062546	1	8011		Used
Smith System Manufacturing Company metal rolling bookshelf (gray)			1	1064		Used
Union Steel Products Co. metal bread rack			1	1081		Used
McCall metal freezer w/ racks			1	000668		Broken
Powers Equipment Company rolling cooler (white)		Model# 681 Serial# C073314	1	005139		Broken
MovinCool PC7 white portable air conditioner		Serial# 01080700464	1	005879/ 001650		Broken
U.S. Products HHP-300 carpet extractor (white)			1	001380		Broken
Green plastic/leather & wood chair			1	0666		Used
Metal porcupine chair rack			1	1266		Used
Metal Stool (gray)			1	8085		Broken
Metal Stool (gray)			1	8087		Broken
Large metal Victory double door freezer			1	005835		Broken
CrownX red & silver metal vertical food warmer		Serial# BIJK8168 Model# 1301836	1	005195		Used
8-seat gray rectangular cafeteria table			1	001606		Used
Round gray cafeteria table w/seats			1	005730 / 001600		Used

Round gray cafeteria table w/seats			1	001601		Heavily Used
Brown wooden desk extender w/ 4 drawers & center console			1	5926 / 000641		Heavily Used
Atlas/Soundolier sound system		Model# WA200-42B-962 EN	1	000355	SET, PART 1	Used
Strand 200 Lighting keyboard		Model# 64320 Serial# A05643101240	1	000355	SET, PART 2	Used
Foozball table			1	001713		Broken
Standing drill press		Series# I5-017 Serial# 1550850	1	0005034		Dangerous

E. Approval of change order #EC-01 with Hewitt Young Electric, LLC, decreasing the contract for Maple Hill High School Gym Alterations Phase 2 by \$3,357.51 for a revised contract total of \$58,042.49.F. Approval of Contract(s)

G. Motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Schodack Central School District and CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Schodack Central School District Unit 8263-00 of Rensselaer County Education Local 871

Mary Yurista moved to approve items 7. A. and 8. A., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor. The Board added a sentiment to the retiring employees of appreciation for their long service and regrets that they are leaving.

7. OTHER ACTION

A. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and/or Special Education.

8. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: 1/18/24				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Lisa Bryda	Account Clerk Typist	June 30, 2024	Retirement	Has worked for the district for 21 years.

Jeffrey Smith	Secondary Science Teacher	June 30, 2024	Retirement	Will complete 30 years with the District.
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA		Effective	RATE
Kayla Henriquez	Teacher			Rate set at the July 2023 Organizational Meeting
Alyssa Martin	Teaching Assistant and School Monitor			Rate set at the July 2023 Organizational Meeting
Elijah Ford	Teaching Assistant			Rate set at the July 2023 Organizational Meeting
Laurel Hay	Regular Substitute Teacher for Meghan Krug		January 4, 2024	Rate set at the July 2023 Organizational Meeting
Walter Voss	Extended Term Substitute Teacher for Meghan Hughes-Krug		January 29, 2024	Rate set at the July 2023 Organizational Meeting
Joseph Boyle	Teacher		January 22, 2024	Rate Set at the July 2023 Organizational Meeting
APPOINTMENT	AREA / TYPE		EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
None.				
CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT RATE	NEW RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Martin Finney	Teaching Assistant	CSEA Uncertified Rate	CSEA Start Rate	September 5, 2023
Kristen Scott	Teaching Assistant	CSEA Uncertified Rate	CSEA Start Rate	September 5, 2023
ADVISOR / COACH	ACTIVITY	DURATION	RATE	
None.				

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Chevrier expressed thanks to Jeff Smith for his long service and wish him the best of luck, and spoke about Lisa Bryda, her time with the district, she brings fun to the office and will be missed,

10. END BUSINESS MEETING

A. Agenda Planning

Kurt Maier asked Alyssa Sabbatino about cursive writing and where it stands at the elementary and high school level.

Blake Kush asked for information on The Science of Reading.

B. Board Member Comment

Tylea Gebbie liked the conversation around the addition and subtraction sheets.

Kurt Maier praised custodial and support staff that help at sporting events but expressed concern about the lack of community support. It is a strain on those that continually step up to help.

Mary Yurista talked about the sewer line and water line that have been brought into the community and the impact they may have on the future.

Jason Chevrier expressed that the Village of Castleton was holding a hearing tonight on safe rail crossing for access to safe waterfront, and has asked the district to write a letter of support.

Blake Kush talked about a CYO basketball game during a recent snow storm, shout-out to the facilities team for the work they did on keeping the walkways clear.

Kurt Maier thanked Robert Santarcangelo for coming to the Senior Night for Wrestling.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Marion Gurdineer-Spar moved** to adjourn to executive session to discuss contract negotiations with SAA, **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Mary Yurista moved to reconvene** to open session and adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk