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President
Board of Education

**Thursday, December 21, 2023
Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting**

Minutes are final and were approved at the January 18, 2024, meeting.

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Location: 1477 South Schodack Road, room 310.

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Present: Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Blake Kush, Tylea Gebbie, Angela Beber, Sherri Gibson, Marion Spar (left at 7:13 pm), Mary Yurista and Aydin Ahmed

Absent: None.

Also Present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Alyssa Sabbatino, Robert Santarcangelo, James Derby and Michele Reickert

1. MEETING OPENING

A. President, Shelley Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

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

D. Tylea Gebbie moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023, board meeting, **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. Questar III - New Visions - EPICH

Dr. Gladys Cruz, District Superintendent spoke about the RWADA, Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance and the potential reasons for decline in enrollment, use of artificial intelligence in Education as well as the future additions/deletions of programs offered. Harry Hadjioannou shared the programs and services that are purchased by Schodack CSD, additional programs and services available and the cost to the district for the purchased programs and services.

Dr. James Niedermeier, Associate Superintendent talked about the CTE Program, STEM High School, and Tech Valley High School. Doctor Frazier shared about the EPICH program. Students from Schodack as well as an East Greenbush student shared their experiences in the various programs they participate in through Questar III: Mackenzie Hersko CTE/Heavy Equipment, Ailie Malone, STEM High School, Katarine Knapp, Tech Valley High School, Brody Chevrier, and Collin Kelliher (East Greenbush CSD), EPICH Program, and Ethan Maier, 2023 EPICH Program Graduate.

B. Building / Department Reports

April Smith spoke about the Athletic Department, James Derby and Robert Santarcangelo spoke about the Elementary Jr/Sr High School Buildings, they shared accomplishments and challenges as well as budget needs for the upcoming budget.

Marion Spar left at 7:13 pm during the Elementary School portion of the presentation.

C. School Resource Officer (SRO)

Jason Chevrier talked about the IMA on the agenda for approval, the work that went into the negotiations, the potential benefits and the expectations of an SRO and the timeline for implementation.

D. Five Year Plan

Brian Carey shared information on the five-year plan, a moment in time prediction for the school district looking at the past, where the district is now and what the future looks like.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marcella Junco thanked the board and parents that supported the booster club through fall sports weekend and mentioned the Hoop Fest coming up next week. April Smith has been a great asset to the booster club, she encouraged the district to use HUDL for all sports

4. DISTRICT/BUILDING/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

A. District Updates – Jason Chevrier shared information on the following topics.

- QIII Playground Shade – Questar is looking to add a shade over their playground, it would require significant footers and modifications to the contract.
- Millersville University, PA - Job Fair – the district was invited to a job fair in Lancaster, PA. Members of the administrative team would like to attend.
- National Anthem – Indoor events it is played before the JV or Varsity game, it is challenging for the outdoor events with no speakers. Options are being explored.
- Concerts – Mr. Chevrier gave a shout-out to the music departments for the concerts. Stated they were amazing.
- Enrollment Report attached for review

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – James Derby talked about the concerts and thanked Adam Streeter and Christina Gibney for their hard work. The Holiday Bazar was a success, PTO works hard all year long collecting things and setting up. Monthly Morning Assembly focused on Bus Safety.

- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – Mr. Santarcangelo expressed that winter sports in full swing. He shared a moment at the high school where students, who were moving in the hall, came to a stop in the hallway during the pledge of allegiance, it was impressive to him. Hillary Brochu shared that Honor Society Induction took place, concerts took place, music teachers and students did a great job. Talent show tomorrow, free meals have started, students are allowed to eat during advisory again this year, something that was not allowed last year.

C. Student Representative to the Board

Aydin Ahmed talked about the talent show and how students look forward to it. It is nice to have time with friends in cafeteria for breakfast, friends are not always in the same advisory, this allows them to spend time together. Sharing holiday traditions, students enjoyed it, like learning about other traditions and holidays, the basketball team that shaved their heads in honor of a mother going through cancer treatments, and Movie night at the high school tonight.

5. POLICY(IES)

A. **Kurt Maier moved** to un-table 1st reading of policy 2700 Board Member Communication with Employees, which was tabled at the November 16, 2023, Board of Education Meeting, **Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.**

Kurt Maier moved to approve items 5. B. through 5. C., Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.

B. Motion to approve the 1st reading 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

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

- 0115 Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- 5151 Homeless Children
- 5710 School Safety and Educational Climate (SSEC) Reporting

6. FINANCE

Angela Beber moved to approve items 6. A. through 6. D., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of October 2023.

B. Approval of the Claims Auditor report for the month of October 2023.

C. Approval of Contract(s)

| Schodack Central School District | | | | |
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| Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: Date: | | | | |
| CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME | TERM OF CONTRACT | PURPOSE | RATE/RETAINER | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION |
| Maureen Gokey | 12/22/2023 - 06/30/2024 | Writers' Lab | \$75/hr | |
| Town of Schodack | 1/1/2024 - 06/30/2025 (remainder of 23/24 school year and entire 24/25 school year) | Intermunicipal Agreement | | School Resource Officer (SRO) |
| Wendel Energy Services, LLC | See attachment "A1" | Electric Bus Consulting Agreement | | |
| TENANT NAME | | | | |
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D. Acknowledgement of Gifts/Donation(s)

| Schodack Central School District | | | | |
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| Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date: | | | | |
| DONOR NAME | DONATION AMOUNT | PURPOSE | CODE | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION |
| Peter Andrews Castleton Memorial VFW Post | \$39.90 | POW Flags | | 2 Flags @ \$19.95 each |
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| Schodack Central School District | | | | |
| Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (TA & TE) at Board Meeting Date: | | | | |
| DONOR NAME | DONATION AMOUNT | PURPOSE | CODE | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION |
| Richard and Donna Beebe | \$1,500.00 | Pat Wood Backpack Program | | |
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Mary Yurista moved to approve all of sections 7. & 8., Tylea Gebbie seconded all present in favor.

The board added a sentiment to Christine Fowler's retirement stating they accept with regrets that she is leaving and thanks for her long service.

7. OTHER ACTION

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

B. Approve of a resolution authorizing a merger with the Ichabod Crane Central School District for the formation of a Boys' Lacrosse Team in Section II for Spring 2024 season.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District hereby authorizes Schodack Central School District to enter into a merger with Ichabod Crane Central School District for the formation of a Boys' Lacrosse Team in Section II for the Spring 2024 season.

C. Approval of an overnight trip for the International Club to Spain from March 29, 2024, through April 7, 2024.

8. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

| Schodack Central School District | | | | |
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| Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: | | | | |
| RESIGNATIONS | POSITION | EFFECTIVE DATE | REASON | COMMENT |
| Christine Fowler | English Teacher | June 30, 2024 | Retirement | Will complete 30 years with the district. |
| Jonathan Snyder | Teaching Assistant | December 3, 2023 | Resignation | |
| SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS | SUBSTITUTE AREA | EFFECTIVE DATE | | RATE |
| Judith Hadley | School Bus Attendant | | | Rate set at the July Organizational Meeting. |
| Jonathan Snyder | Extended Term Substitute for Meghan Krug | December 4, 2023 | | Rate set at the July Organizational Meeting. |
| APPOINTMENT | AREA / TYPE | | EFFECTIVE DATE | RATE |
| Jennifer McIntosh | Senior School Monitor - Part-time 4 hours per day | | November 27, 2023 | CSEA Start Rate |
| CORRECTION TO APPOINTMENT | AREA / POSITION | INCORRECT HOURS | CORRECTED HOURS | |
| None | | | | |

| ADVISOR / COACH | ACTIVITY | DURATION | RATE | |
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| None | | | | |
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9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. END OF MEETING

A. Agenda Planning

- Historical lookback
- SRO
- Number of students enrolled in Questar programs in the past.

B. Board Member Comment

- Shelley Palmer expressed that the concerts were great, and she appreciates the music department.
- Kurt Maier asked about the time of the Variety Show.
- Jason Chevrier stated that the students that presented tonight did a great job.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Sherri Gibson moved** to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation, **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Mary Yurista moved** to reconvene to Open Session and Adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm., **Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Michele A. Reickert

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