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Shelley Palmer
President
Board of Education

Thursday, November 21, 2024
Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting

Minutes are final and were approved at the December 19, 2024, meeting.

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

LIVE STREAM LINK:

<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/j.php?MTID=m119607c001461fe264fb34aa8204aba7>

Join by Telephone: 1-646-992-2010

Event Number: 2345 341 8775

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Blake Kush, Jennifer Rogowski, Angela Beber, Marion Spar, Tylea Gebbie, Sherri Gibson, and Mary Yurista joined via videoconference.

Also Present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Alyssa Sabbatino, Robert Santarcangelo, James Derby, Megan Sullivan, 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. Sherri Gibson moved to approve the Present Agenda, **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

D. Tylea Gebbie moved for approval of the minutes from the October 17, 2024, Regular Meeting, and the November 7, 2024, Workshop, **Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.**

2. RECOGNITION

A. Board Recognition - SFA Book Donation

Karen Sweet, SFA President and Sara Lant, SFA Member read a sentiment to the Board of Education on behalf of the Schodack Faculty Association and presented books that will be donated to the school libraries in recognition of the Board of Education.

3. REPORTS

A. Budget Calendar / Departmental Budget Presentations - Transportation, Facilities and IT

Rhonda Greenway, Transportation Supervisor, Kristopher Gardner, Director of Facilities, II, and Jim Yox, Network System Manager presented their department's highlights and accomplishments, as well as challenges and opportunities for the future.

B. Graduation Measures

Jason Chevrier shared that NYS's Blue Ribbon Commission formed in 2019 to look at graduation measures, meetings took place to gather information from stakeholders and recommendations were made to the Board of Regents. NY Inspires: A Plan to Transform Education in New York State by adopting a NYS Portrait of a Graduate, redefine credits and learning experiences, sunset diploma assessment requirements and move to one NYS High School Diploma. Timelines were also shared.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. DISTRICT/BUILDING/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Fall Sports - kudos to our girls cross country team and to Kaden Leonidas who ran in states this year.
- Assistant Principal Search – Angela Tommasini is here tonight and will be appointed at tonight's meeting, thank you to everyone who participated in the process.
- Communication Audit – Update on the sessions that have taken place with the faculty, community members, students and staff
- Enrollment Report attached for review.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – IReady planning has been an big undertaking, shout out to Ed Finney and Alyssa Sabbatino, kids have collected socks for Socktober, and toiletry donations are currently being collected.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – Robert Santarcangelo congratulated Angela Tommasini and welcomed her to the district and gave a shout out to Rachael Kerner for an Equine Program she has brought to the District.

C. Student Representative to the Board Update was unable to attend the meeting, she did sent an update with Mr. Santarcangelo, regarding a cereal drive for the Anchor.

6. POLICIES

Sherri Gibson moved to approve items 6. A. through 6. B., Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.

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

- 1120 School District Records
- 1120-R School District Records - Regulation
- 1740 Relations with Nonpublic schools
- 2120.1 Candidates and Campaigning
- 2210 Board Organizational Meeting
- 2382 Broadcasting and Recording of Board Meetings

B. Motion to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policies:

- 5500 Student Records
- 5500-R Student Records Regulation
- 8121.1 Opioid Overdose Prevention
- 8121.1-R Opioid Overdose Prevention Regulation
- 8636 Artificial Intelligence

7. FINANCE

Kurt Maier moved to approve items 7. A. through 7. M., Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Reports for the month of September 2024.

B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Reports for the month of September 2024.

C. Acceptance of the Tax Collector's reports for the 2024 tax year and discharge of the Tax Collector for the 2024-25 school year.

D. Acknowledgement of Gifts/Donation(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date: November 21, 2024				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Maple Hill Music Parents Association	\$650.00	6th Grade Field Trip to Russell Sage College Theater Institute at Sage		
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (TA & TE) at Board Meeting Date: November 21, 2024				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
South Schodack Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Kitchen	\$2,000.00	Back Pack Program		Donation made directly to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY

E. Approval of change order #GC-CO-01 with Bast Hatfield Construction, LLC, increasing the contract for Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School Kitchen MAU Skylight Removal by \$6,347.00 for a revised contract total of \$1,413,347.00.

F. Approval of change order #GC-CO-02 with Bast Hatfield Construction, LLC, increasing the General contract by \$1,831.31 for a revised contract total of \$1,415,178.31.

G. Approval of change order #PC-CO-02 with Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc., increasing the contract for Plumbing by \$7,441.35 for a revised contract total of \$132,247.35.

H. Approval of change order #PC-CO-03 with Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc., decreasing the contract for Plumbing by \$3,487.50 for a revised contract total of \$128,759.85.

I. Approval of change order #PC-CO-04 with Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc., increasing the contract for Plumbing by \$14,344.02 for a revised contract total of \$143,103.87.

J. Approval of change order #PC-CO-05 with Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc., increasing the contract for Plumbing by \$10,814.17 for a revised contract total of \$153,918.04.

K. Approval of change order #PC-CO-06 with Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc., increasing the contract for Plumbing by \$4,540.36 for a revised contract total of \$158,458.40.

L. Approval of change order #MC-CO-01 with RMB Mechanical, Inc., decreasing the contract for Mechanical by \$51,679.58 for a revised contract total of \$2,180,190.42.

M. Approval of change order #CC-CO-01 with Johnson Controls, Inc., decreasing the contract for Controls by \$5,000.00 for a revised contract total of \$178,000.00.

8. OTHER ACTION

Sherri Gibson moved to approve items 8. A. through 8. C., Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.

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.

B. Motion to approve the Budget Calendar for the 2025-2026 budget.

C. Approval of an overnight trip for the International Club to Italy to take place over Spring Break 2026.

9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Sherri Gibson moved to approve item 9. A., Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.

Jason Chevrier thanked Kristopher Gardner, he has done great work and we wish him well and Lisa Cecala for a great job and wished her all the best.

A. Approval of Staffing Action(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: November 21, 2024				
JoAnna Wolfe	School Monitor	November 11, 2024	Resignation	
Kristopher Gardner	Director of Facilities II	December 6, 2024	Resignation	
Lisa Cecala	Secretary I	November 13, 2024	Resignation	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS				
	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE
Susan Hines	Teaching Assistant, School Nurse and Non-instructional Sub			Rate Set at the July Organizational meeting.
Lisa Clevenger	Teaching Assistant, Teacher and Non-instructional Sub			Rate Set at the July Organizational meeting.

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Amy Froelich	School Nurse			
Amy Beaudoin	Extended Term Substitute for Erica Pincher		November 1, 2024	Rate set at the July Organizational meeting.
APPOINTMENT	AREA / TYPE		EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Michele Kayser	Teaching Assistant - Part-time - 4 hours per day		November 12, 2024	CSEA Start Rate
Maria Huerta	Teaching Assistant - Part-time - 4 hours per day		November 12, 2024	CSEA Uncertified Rate
Kathleen Kalendek	Teaching Assistant - Part-time - 4 hours per day		November 20, 2024	CSEA Uncertified Rate
Diana Lynn Connelly	School Monitor - Part-time - 2.75 hours per day		November 5, 2024	CSEA Start Rate
Kathryn Meyers	Registered Professional Nurse (School) - Probationary - November 14, 2024 - May 14, 2024		November 14, 2024	CSEA Service Rate
Angela Tommasini	Assistant Principal - 4 year Probationary Term		January 2, 2025	Annual Salary
CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT	NEW	
Kandee Goodall	School Bus Driver	7.00 hours per day	7.25 hours per day	
April Petuske	Teaching Assistant	4.00 hours per day	4 year Probationary (6 hours per day) effective October 21, 2024 through October 20, 2028	
ADVISOR / COACH	ACTIVITY	DURATION	RATE	
Brandon Bear	Coach - Indoor Track	2024-25 Season	Stipend per Appendix C	
Daniel Gillespie	Volunteer Assistant Coach - Boys Basketball	2024-25 Season	N/A - Volunteer	
Sarah Lant	Ski Club Assistant Advisor	2024-25 Season	Stipend per Appendix C	
Amy Fink	Newspaper Technical (HS) Advisor	2024-25 School Year	Stipend per Appendix C	

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. END BUSINESS MEETING

A. Agenda Planning and Board Member Comment

Tylea Gebbie talked about the NYSSBA Convention, well organized and good topics, AI was popular with a live robot. SRO was another big topic, we are in a good place with our SRO, Officer Eckel is doing a great job. Does the cell phone policy need additional work? The district may want to work on mission and vision statement

Shelley Palmer mirrored Tylea Gebbie's statements and talked about using AI to rework the Mission and Vision Statement.

Angela Beber stated it is interesting to work with schools across the state, the conference was good and encouraged others to attend.

Blake Kush shout out to Ava Noel for flying a plane solo.

Mary Yurista asked for an update about Daniel Gillespie and of naming a field. Jason Chevrier stated that he has shared various policies with the policy committee to look at and make suggestions. There is a lot to consider.

Kurt Maier asked about a budget book showing expenses and FTE by building and gave a shout out about the Boy Scout Celebration that was held in the cafeteria at the District Office Building, thanked Jen Tedford and Phil Meppen for helping with the set up and coordination of the event.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Kurt Maier moved** to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations with SFA, a potential litigation matter and the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent at 8:09 pm., **Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Marion Spar** moved to reconvene and adjourn the meeting at 9:52 pm., **Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk