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President
Board of Education

Thursday, March 20, 2025
March 20, 2025 - Board of Education Minutes - Regular Meeting

Minutes are final and were approved at the April 22, 2025, board meeting.

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Location open to public: 1477 South Schodack Road, Room 310

Live Stream Link for viewing or listening:

<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/j.php?MTID=m45ddf8666b561ced6fdca979c9db848a>

Join by phone

1-646-992-2010

Access number: 2348 293 8683

Present: Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Tylea Gebbie, Jennifer Rogowski, Angela Beber, Sherri Gibson, Marion Spar, Mary Yurista, and Olivia Eaton

Absent: Blake Kush

Also present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Alyssa Sabbatino, James Derby, Megan Sullivan, Robert Santarcangelo, Angela Tommasini, Jacqueline Hill, and Michele Reickert

1. MEETING OPENING

- A. **President, Shelley Palmer** called the meeting to order at
- B. **President, Shelley Palmer** asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- C. Approval of the Present Agenda
- D. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2025, regular meeting.

2. REPORTS

A. Capital Work Update

James Graham from Synthesis Architects presented on the outcome of the recent bid for capital work at the high school, bids came in too high over \$200,000, and will be rejected. Work is being done to come up with an alternative option.

The proposed Capital work (\$100,000.00 transfer to capital) that will be included in the 2025-26 budget was explained, work will be done at CES for security upgrades, new door hardware and security film upgrades on portions of the elementary school, potentially additional cameras or safety items.

James Graham also spoke about potential future work in the district that would be presented as a \$100,000.00 transfer to capital projects.

Brian Carey expressed that there is some discussion at the state level to increase the annual transfer to capital cap from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

Jim Graham and Jason Chevrier shared information on the electrical service at the District Office Building, there has been discussion in the past, and the equipment has exceeded its expected life and could go at any time. The proposal is to replace the panel and the transformer/feeder lines from National Grid. Discussion ensued.

Mary Yurista moved to amend the agenda adding in a SEQRA resolution and Resolution to add a proposition to the May ballot. Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor. Will be read into the minutes later in the meeting.

B.2025-2026 Budget Draft 2

39:23 on the recording

Brian Carey shared changes to the budget via the known changes, unknowns that still exist, Final aid runs in April, Discussion ensued.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. DISTRICT/BUILDING/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

A. District Updates

- Hoops Against Hunger – Annual Hoops Against Hunger took place, great event, Pat Austin does a great job organizing that event. Publicly thanked him for that and thanked all the volunteers that helped make that a success.
- QIII Annual Meeting - April 2, 2025 - RSVP due March 21, 2025 – Let Shelli Reickert know if you will be attending.
- NYSSBA Annual Conference - October 23-25 in New York City – reminder registration opens in August, if anyone wants to attend, we will need to know.
- IT Department – Restructuring with Matt Purificato's resignation. Moving away from a district employee to utilize the Questar program fully moving from 3 days a week to 5 and adding additional 2.5 days a week. The downside, the district does not get full control over hiring, there is some say. Evaluation will be done annually to be sure it is working for the District. The person coming in will be the same person currently working 3 days a week. If the board is ok with the plan, we could move forward quickly. Unanimous head nod from the board to move forward.
- Enrollment Report

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – Music in our schools 6th grade students performed from CES, great job by the music teachers, congratulations to the employees getting tenure tonight, those in attendance were introduced, PTO continues to do good things for the kids upcoming skate day fundraiser at Guptills, and the science fair is coming up.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – March 7th snowball dance rescheduled from February, everyone seemed to have a great time. Mr. Frese's History of Baseball had a guest speaker Graig

Kreindler, an artist from Brooklyn who recreates historical events in baseball through art. NHS students Sophia Germaine held a concert fundraiser for Sarcoma, nice job, students performed, a group of 7th graders got on stage and did a great job. Cabaret will take place April 4th & 5th.

C. Student Representative to the Board of Education

Hoops Against Hunger raised over \$5,500 shout out to the Blue team for the win; Winter Sports have wrapped up, Indoor Track sectional champions, Boys 4 X 800 relay team and Francesca Pusaterie for Race Walk both went to states, both basketball teams had good runs in sectionals, for wrestling Will Colvin, Gunnar Gibbons and Aiyana Santana all received 3rd place at sectionals, Spring Sports are starting, numbers were good enough to bring JV Softball is back this year.

5. POLICY(IES) / OTHER ACTION

Kurt Maier moved to approve item 5. A., Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.

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

4329 Career and Technical Education (CTE)

4332 Universal Prekindergarten

8113 Extreme Heat Condition Days

6. FINANCE

Mary Yurista moved to approve items 6. A. through 6. E., Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of January 2025.

B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month(s) of January 2025.

C. Approval to Declare Surplus

Schodack Central School District Surplus Approvals for Board Meeting, Date: 3/20/25							
SURPLUS ITEM	VALUE OF SURPLUS	TAG #/SERIAL-VIN#	COUNT	Schodack Asset Number	Schodack Asset Number	Schodack Asset Number	CONDITION
Wenger Rollaway Acoustical Shell			1	5789			Poor
Singer Elegance sewing machine			1	0958			Used
New Home - My Lock 334 Electronic Controlled sewing machine			1	0978			Used
Four drawer metal upright filing cabinet			1	1400			Well Used
Four drawer metal upright filing cabinet			1	0321			Well Used
Maytag black side-by-side refrigerator			1	005882	01643		Used
Fabric office rolling chair			1	0732			Used
Fabric office rolling chair			1	923			Used
Kitchen sink & counter with drawers and metal overhead pots & pans holder			1	001143			Well Used
TRANE Roper 10th Anniversary Special Edition oven/stovetop - cream & black		Serial# S91G 41808 Type & Size: RB12A003 Service Literature Manual: CAB-IM-1 C1-Q569A Item C	1	000020			Well Used
Victory stainless steel double door refrigerator			1	100075			Used
Large stainless steel deli refrigerator - six door		Serial# 62 726 Model#: GMR70 TM78 N.S.F. Model: MR70	1	000689			Used
Manitowoc ice maker (top only) - no basin				100215			Not working
Alumagoal Athletic volleyball poles & net				1621	1622		Used
Alumagoal Athletic volleyball poles & net				1125	1126		Used

Round 45 Below - CLOSED 2025-03-06, Multiple Sources, Shred Only.											
1	Z - shred	Schodack	2024-11-07	INV-100117		MP1TWKNE	Lenovo	100e	Laptop	y	y
2	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-07	NA	NA	NXGM8AA00173307CFA7600	Acer	c731	Laptop	y	y
3	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-07	INV 100048		P202QASFP29YB8702005	Lenovo	100e	Laptop	y	y
4	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-07	INV 100052		P202U816P29YB8702005	Lenovo	100e	Laptop	y	y
5	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-07	INV 100039		P202T18VP29YB8702005	Lenovo	100e	Laptop	y	y
6	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-07	INV-100018		P202B427P29YB8503001	Lenovo	100e	Laptop	y	y
7	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-07	INV-100215		p203d6wrp29yb8a06001	Lenovo	100e	Laptop	y	y
8	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-07			DYTLVF9HDKPH	Apple	iPad	Other	y	y
9	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-08	INV-100222		p203dlz4p29yb8a06001	Lenovo	100e	Laptop	y	y
10	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-08			P202ATHSP29YB8503001	Lenovo	100e	Laptop	y	y
11	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-08	INV-100179		P203064FP29YB880200D	Lenovo	100e	Laptop	y	y
12	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-08			P202S2GMP29YB8702005	Lenovo	100e	Laptop		y
13	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-08			p204n1z5p2n0b9508004	Lenovo	300e	Laptop		y
14	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-08			unknown - won't boot	Dell	p22t	Laptop		y
15	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-08			dhgxxw1	Dell	Vostro	Laptop		y
16	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-13	inv-100251		p207gs3sp2n0b9c2302p	Lenovo	300e	Laptop		
17	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-11-13	INV 100034		P202PPZSP29YB8702005	Lenovo	300e	Laptop		
18	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-12-16	NA	NA	NA	Lenovo	300e	Laptop		
19	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-12-16	INV-100031		P202T6P2P29YB8702005	Lenovo	100e	Laptop		
20	Z - shred	Schodack Shred	2024-12-16	INV 100049		P202ST0WP29YB8702005	Lenovo	100e	Laptop		
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D. Approval of a Resolution accepting Insurance Proceeds and Increasing the General Fund in the amount of \$101,237.29.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 1718 of the Education Law, the Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District hereby authorizes and directs that the 2024-2025 budget be increased by \$101,237.29 to be used towards the replacement of bus number 141, to be offset by insurance proceeds in the amount of \$101,237.29 from Utica National Insurance Group.

E. Approval/Acknowledgement of Gift(s)/Donation(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting				
Date: March 20, 2025				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
NONE				
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (CM) at Board Meeting Date: March 20, 2025				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Aron J Morgan	\$1,000.00	Award - Humanity & Environmental Awareness Award		In Memory of Shirley E Morgan
Class of 2020	\$2,457.47	Backpack Program		
Daniel O'Neill	\$2,000.00	Scholarship - Lisa O'Neill Memorial Scholarship		

7. OTHER ACTION

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

A. Approval of a resolution authorizing the District Clerk to include a proposition in the notice of the annual School District meeting.

B. Approval of a resolution designating Universal Prekindergarten as a "grade" in which non-resident students will not be accepted.

C. Motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Schodack Central School District, Schodack Faculty Association, and Jennifer Kosinski regarding the retirement of Jennifer Kosinski.

D. Motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Schodack Central School District, Schodack Faculty Association, and Scott Hanrahan regarding the retirement of Scott Hanrahan.

E. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and the District Committee on Special Education regarding Special Education Services for student(s) as indicated on the attached report(s).

F. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar.

President, Shelley Palmer read into the minutes items G. & H., each read individually and voted on separately in accordance with a revision to the agenda moved and voted on at the beginning of the meeting adding these resolutions.

Kurt Maier moved to approve item G., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

G. Motion to accept the SEQRA Determination:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the School District, based upon the record before it, including the general, specific and detailed knowledge of the Board of the Proposed Action, and under the applicable standards of New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(10), hereby determines that the Proposed Action is a Type II Action and that no further action is required to satisfy the requirements of SEQRA.

Kurt Maier moved to approve item H. Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

H. Approval of a resolution authorizing the District Clerk to include a proposition in the notice of the annual School District meeting.

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to (1) replace and install an electric transformer at the District Office Building, and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$557,500.00; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; and (3) finance the same by the expenditure of \$557,500.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund?

8. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: March 20, 2025				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Kevin Tedford	School Bus Driver	February 14, 2025	Resignation	
Daniel Gildart	Special Education Teacher	June 27, 2025	Resignation	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE
Michael Sano	Custodial Worker			Rate set at July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Shelby Kline	Teacher			Rate set at July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Abigail Szlenka	Teaching Assistant			Rate set at July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
APPOINTMENT	AREA / TYPE	TENURE AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Nicholas Servidone	School Bus Driver	n/a	March 21, 2025	CSEA Start Rate
Erica Casey	Reading Teacher - 4 year Probationary Appointment	Reading Education	March 17, 2025	MA Step 4
Amanda Escaravage	Special Education Teacher - 4 year Probationary Appointment	Special Education	September 1, 2024	MA Step 1
Kelsey Hall	Elementary Education Teacher	Elementary Education	September 1, 2025	No change to rate/salary.

	- Tenure Appointment			
Nicole Heritage	Reading Teacher - Tenure Appointment	Reading Education	September 1, 2025	No change to rate/salary.
Julie Van Sickle	Reading Teacher - Tenure Appointment	Reading Education	September 1, 2025	No change to rate/salary.
Christopher Schichtl	Elementary Education Teacher - Tenure Appointment	Elementary Education	September 1, 2025	No change to rate/salary.
April Smith	Health Teacher - Tenure Appointment	Health	September 1, 2025	No change to rate/salary.
William Murray	Technology Teacher - Tenure Appointment	Technology Education	September 1, 2025	No change to rate/salary.
Jennifer Gieser	Spanish Education Teacher - Tenure Appointment	Language Other Than English	September 1, 2025	No change to rate/salary.
Hannah Martin	Teaching Assistant - Tenure Appointment	Teaching Assistant	September 1, 2025	No change to rate/salary.
Sandra Benoit	Teaching Assistant - Tenure Appointment	Teaching Assistant	September 1, 2025	No change to rate/salary.
CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT APPOINTMENT TYPE	NEW APPOINTMENT TYPE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Meghan Hughes	Account Clerk Typist	Provisional	Permanent	March 21, 2025
Michelle Dellavechia	Account Clerk Typist	Provisional	Permanent	March 21, 2025
Rebecca Zerrahn	Account Clerk Typist	Provisional	Permanent	March 21, 2025
CHANGE TO PAYRATE	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT RATE	NEW RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Maria Huerta	Teaching Assistant	CSEA Uncertified Rate	CSEA Start Rate	November 12, 2025
Kathleen Kalendek	Teaching Assistant	CSEA Uncertified Rate	CSEA Start Rate	November 20, 2025
CHANGE TO HOURS	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT HOURS	NEW HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE

David Vannederynen	School Bus Driver	4 hours per day (plus late bus 1 hour per day Tues-Thurs. as needed)	5 hours per day (plus late bus 1 hour per day Tues-Thurs. as needed)	March 21, 2025
ADVISOR / COACH	ACTIVITY	DURATION	RATE	
Micaela Madigan - Coach	Girls JV Softball	2024-25 Season	Stipend per Appendix C	
Daniel Bentley - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Girls Modified Softball	2024-25 Season	n/a - Volunteer	
James Canonica - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Boys Varsity Baseball	2024-25 Season	n/a - Volunteer	
Scott Monuteaux - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Boys Varsity Baseball	2024-25 Season	n/a - Volunteer	
Peyton Mosher - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Boys JV Baseball	2024-25 Season	n/a - Volunteer	

9. END BUSINESS MEETING

A. Agenda Planning

Kurt Maier asked for a report on how Restorative Practices are going since initial engagement including any additional discipline that took place in addition, and that it be broken out by building.

B. Board Member Comment

Kurt Maier asked that the High School add things to the hallway by the auditorium showing more student work.

Kurt Maier gave a shout out to the recent Soup/Chili cook off, well attended.

Mary Yurista talked about the digital displays in the lobby vs actual student work.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alyssa Sabbatino spoke about the recent regional PD day and was impressed with how many Schodack employees presented at it.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Sherri Gibson moved** to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations with SFA and CSEA, to discuss the employment history of a particular person and to discuss potential litigation at 7:37 pm., **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Jennifer Rogowski** moved to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm., **Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk