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Board of Education

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025**  
**April 22, 2025 - Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting**

**Minutes are final and were approved at the May 20, 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=m0b2072de03a07bd4b64d13e2cd4132e81-646-992-2010>**

**Access number: 2340 699 1774**

**Present: Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Tylea Gebbie, Jennifer Rogowski, Angela Beber, Marion Spar, Blake Kush, Mary Yurista and Sherri Gibson (arrived at 6:15 pm)**

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

### **1. MEETING OPENING**

**A. President, Shelley Palmer** called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm.

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

**C. Mary Yurista moved** for approval of the present agenda, **Tylea Gebbie seconded**, all present in favor

**D. Mary Yurista moved** to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2025, regular meeting, and April 10, 2025, workshop meeting, **Angela Beber seconded**, all present in favor.

### **2. QUESTAR III ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AND ELECTION**

**A. Mary Yurista moved** to approve a resolution electing four (4) candidates to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties, to fill four (4) expiring terms, **Jennifer Rogowski seconded**, each of the below candidates received 8 votes in favor and 0 votes against (Sherri Gibson was absent from the vote).

- Edmund Brooks (District of Residence: Ichabod Crane Central School District)
- David Finch (District of Residence: Greenville Central School District)
- Nadine Gazzola (District of Residence: Taconic Hills Central School District)
- Melony Spock (District of Residence: Chatham Central School District)

**B. Mary Yurista moved** for approval of the 2025-2026 Administrative Budget of the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene BOCES in the amount of \$7,461,009, **Angela Beber seconded**, all present in favor.

### **3. REPORTS**

#### A. Superintendent's Recommended 2025-2026 Budget

Jason Chevrier presented the Superintendent's Recommended Budget for the 2025-2026 school year. Questions were asked about the purchase of buses and the future of Electronic Vehicles and the Tax Cap. Discussion ensued.

**Sherri Gibson arrived during the presentation at 6:15 pm.**

#### B. Restorative Practices Presentation

Alyssa Sabbatino shared information on the district's use of restorative practices, and the various successes of it. Questions were asked and discussion ensued throughout the presentation.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 5. POLICY(IES)

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

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

4329 Career and Technical Education (CTE)

4332 Universal Prekindergarten

8113 Extreme Heat Condition Days

### 6. DISTRICT/BUILDING/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

#### A. District Updates

- Security Camera access for law enforcement for use during an emergency situation. An agreement has been drafted and would need board approval as well as a revision to our policy.
- Cell Phone Use Forums – Jason Chevrier invited the board to attend the public meetings.
  - April 29 - In Person @ MHHS Auditorium 6:00
  - May 13 - Virtual @ 6:00
- Enrollment Report - attached for review.

#### B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – Upcoming on Friday, CES Spectacular formerly known as Lip Sync, a revamped program from singing and dancing to one where students to showcase a talent.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – Olivia is at a track meet and couldn't be here, she wanted Spirt week highlighted, good end to a long 7 weeks.

### 7. FINANCE

**Kurt Maier moved to approve items 7. A., Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.**

A. Approval of a resolution adopting the 2025-2026 school district budget in the amount of \$29,473,860.00 to be presented to voters on May 20, 2025.

**Tylea Gebbie moved to approve items 7. B. through 7. G., Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

B. Approval of the 2025-2026 Real Property Tax Report Card.

C. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of February 2025.

D. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month(s) of February 2025.

E. Approval of Contracts

Schodack Central School District				
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: April 22, 2025				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Hudson Valley Community College	2024-2025 School Year	Cooperative Agreement	No cost to district	Provides opportunities for high school students to earn college credit by taking college courses in the classroom.
TENANT NAME				

F. Acceptance/Acknowledgement of Gift(s)/Donation(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date: April 22, 2025				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
None.				
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (CM) at Board Meeting Date: April 22, 2025				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Teresa & Paul Hebert	\$100.00	Award - Michael Hanlon Award		
Kathleen Tanner	\$250.00	Award - C. Eleanor Tanner Business Education Award		

Joseph DiMura - Prins Agency Inc.	\$100.00	Award - Geometry Award		
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G. Approval of a resolution to transfer an amount of \$1,573.39 from the 2024-25 General Fund Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to the 2024-25 General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance; pursuant to the From House to Home, LLC. tax certiorari Judgement of Settlement under Rensselaer County Court Index No. EF2024-277457.

## 8. OTHER ACTION

**Tylea Gebbie moved to approve items 8. A. through 8. C., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.**

A. 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).

B. Approval of a Resolution - Election Inspectors

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the following named duly qualified voter of the District is hereby appointed as the Permanent Chairperson of the Annual Meeting:

**Regina Maier**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, in the event District Clerk, Michele Reickert is present and able to serve as the Permanent Chairperson at the Annual Meeting, Ms. Reickert may assume the role and duties of the Permanent Chairperson of the Annual Meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following named duly qualified voter of the District is hereby appointed as Chief Election Inspector of the Annual Meeting:

**Regina Maier**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following list of named duly qualified voters of the District are hereby appointed to act as Inspectors of Election at the Annual Meeting:

<b>Patricia Wood</b>	<b>Kyle Wood</b>	<b>Sally Sober</b>	<b>John Sober</b>
<b>Joyce Davids</b>	<b>Denise Kurdt</b>	<b>Barbara Taft</b>	<b>Janice Dikant</b>
<b>Linda Meinhart</b>	<b>Jill Filkins</b>	<b>Jill Hanrahan</b>	<b>Sandra Hall</b>
<b>Jennifer Tedford</b>	<b>Michelle Dellavechia</b>		

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk of the District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as Permanent Chairperson and Inspectors of Election for the Annual Meeting.

C. Motion to approve that a particular student, name withheld due to FERPA, is allowed to remain enrolled in the school district through the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

## 9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

**Sherri Gibson moved to approve item 9. A., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

### A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: April 22, 2025				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
None.				
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE
Maryann C. Wachtel	Custodial Worker			Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Peyton Mosher	Teacher			Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Hanna Kondracki	Teacher and Teaching Assistant and non-instructional substitute			Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Gabriel Morris	Teacher			Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Sharon Bourdeau	Teacher			Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Chelsy Palmer	Custodial Worker			Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Paula Harroun	Teaching Assistant			Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.

Lindsay Sutton	Teaching Assistant			Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Isaiah-Eli J. Van Buren	Teacher	April 28, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>AREA / TYPE</b>		<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	<b>RATE</b>
Theresa Burl	School Monitor - Part Time 2.75 hours per day		April 21, 2025	CSEA Start Rate
<b>CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>AREA / POSITION</b>	<b>CURRENT RATE</b>	<b>NEW RATE</b>	
None.				
<b>SUMMER EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR</b>	<b>AREA/POSITION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>		<b>RATE</b>
Faith Skibbee	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Emily Hennessey	Occupational Therapist	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Jamie Colloton	Physical Therapist	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Jennifer Sober	School Social Worker	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Kathy Meyers	Registered School Nurse	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Heather Brewer	Registered School Nurse	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024,

				Organizational Meeting.
Amanda Escaravage	Teacher	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Shannon Faulkner	Teacher	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Kelly Chaney	Teacher	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Jackie Megna	Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Julia Michel	Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Kathi Ricc- ardi	Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Kathleen Radley	Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Judy Fredericks	Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Kylie Denny	Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Michael Iwanos	Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Brenda Nixon	Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.

Michelle Keyser	Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Christin Zimmerman	Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - August 15, 2025		Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.

## 10. END BUSINESS MEETING

### A. Agenda Planning

Angela Beber asked for an update on communications.

### B. Board Member Comment

Tylea Gebbie - Happy National bus drivers day and thank you to the staff.,

Mary Yurista - tomorrow is secretaries day we have a lot of Administrative Assistants we need to recognize.

Blake Kush - Congratulation to the tenure granted to teachers last month. Shout out to teachers that continue to attend little league sports events cheering current and past students on.

Jennifer Rogowski - Congratulations to varsity baseball and softball for winning the tournaments and JV team that were co-champions of their tournament.

Mary Yurista asked about Canonica field and Jim Canonica's history with the baseball program that continues today, which led to a question about naming the soccer field after Coach Gillespie. Mr. Chevrier answered that the policy committee is looking at developing a policy and bringing it forward to the board.

## 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

A. Marion Spar moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm., Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michele A. Reickert*

District Clerk