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President
Board of Education

Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Board of Education Minutes - Regular Meeting

Minutes are final and were approved at the June 18, 2025, meeting.

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Meeting open for the public: 1477 South Schodack Road, Room 310, Castleton, NY 12033

Live Stream Link for viewing or listening:

<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/j.php?MTID=mfc63a18a0d4dfdaf92d24db4ae081837>

To join by telephone: 646-992-2010

Access Code: 2349 203 7595

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

Absent: None.

Also present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Robert Santarcangelo, Angela Tomassini, James Derby, Meghan Sullivan, Jacqueline Hill and Michele Reickert

1. MEETING OPENING

A. President, Shelley Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

C. Kurt Maier moved for approval of the Present Agenda, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

D. Kurt Maier moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 22, 2025, and the Public Hearing Meeting of May 8, 2025, **Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. Code of Conduct Review

Jason Chevrier talked about the importance of a Code of Conduct, the different parts of the Code of Conduct and shared proposed changes to be brought before the Policy Committee in June.

B. Communications Audit Update

Jason Chevrier talked about the communication audit previously presented to the board of education by Capital Region BOCES Engagement and Development Service, briefly reviewed the findings and recommendations that were presented. He shared a proposed action plan for the next 3 years as well as information on a program that the district would like to use to improve communication.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. DISTRICT / BUILDING / STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOE

A. District Updates

- Director of Teaching and Learning Search Update – Jason gave an overview of what has taken place in the search for a new Director of Teaching and Learning, interviews with stakeholders will take place on June 2, 2025, board members are invited to attend and view the candidates.
- Superintendent's Evaluation – SuperEval will be used again this year.
- Cell Phone Forums – Update – two cell phone forums took place one in person and one virtual, news media signed on to the virtual meeting and one featured it in their crisis in the classroom.
- NYSSBA - Board Excellence Recognition Program – two board members were recognized with certificates for participating in professional development opportunities through NYSSBA.
- COPS Grant – actively involved in writing a grant again. Focus will be on safety upgrades across the district, such as signage and cameras.
- Rockefeller Study – Identifies warning signs of mass shooters also performs Leakage studies to identify potential threats. They will be working with students in Schodack at the secondary level in Spring of 2026.
- Spring Concerts – Mrs. Gibney has had some health challenges, she is in our thoughts daily, some performance may not take place. Keep her in your thoughts.
- Enrollment Report attached for review.

B. Building Update

- Castleton Elementary School – Kindergarten screening started today, looking at 58 fully enrolled and three in process. Read In took place, PTO did a great job organizing, and kids had a great time.
- Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School –Officer Eckel organized a DWI presentation and simulation. Prom was well attended and kids had fun. Teacher appreciation week presented treats for the teachers in the Faculty Room, and 9-12 awards night May 8th.

5. FINANCE

Mary Yurista moved to approve items 5. A. through 5. G., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2025.

B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month of March 2025.

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

Schodack Central School District
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Stewart's Holiday Match Program	\$500.00	Books to Support English Language Learners at Jr/Sr High School		Please see attached list of books
Charities Aid Foundation America c/o CyberGrants LLC	\$200.00	Castleton Elementary School		Donation was recommended by Progressive Insurance Foundation to support one or more of the programs at Castleton Elementary School

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Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (CM) at Board Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Ryan Niver - The Clove Hollow Landscape Company Inc.	\$950.00	Arbor Day Planting		Arbor Day Planting including labor, equipment, Picea abies, Norway Spruce, B&B 6-7", mulch, topsoil, watering system
ALB1 Amazon Schodack	\$3,748.86	5 sets of wooden cubbies/compartments with casters		
Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc.	\$2,000.00	Award		The Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Service Award Scholarship
Castleton Schodack Kiwanis Club	\$1,000.00	Award		Key Club Distinguished Service Award (2 @ \$250 each)
Castleton Schodack Kiwanis Club		Award		Kiwanis Club Social Studies 9 Award
Castleton Schodack Kiwanis Club		Award		The Harry E. Hallenbeck Memorial Computer Award (1 @ \$200)
Castleton Schodack Kiwanis Club		Award		Kiwanis Citizenship Award (2 @ \$50 each)
Castleton Schodack Kiwanis Club		Award		Builders Club Distinguished Service Award (2 @ \$50 each)
Deborah Metzger	\$250.00	Award		The Metzger Family Memorial Service Award

D. Approval of a Contracts

Schodack Central School District				
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting:				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
North Greenbush Common School District	2024-2025 School Year	Health & Welfare Services	\$261.88 per student (14.605 students)	
South Colonie CSD	2024-2025 School Year	Health & Welfare Services	\$949.56 per student (3 students)	
Rensselaer City School District	2024-2025 School Year	Health & Welfare Services	\$763.29 per student (3 students)	
TENANT NAME				
Story Place Preschool, Inc.	August 2025 - August 2026 and August 2026 - August 2027	Lease Extension	2% increase based on rental increase methodology	

E. Approval to declare the items on the attached spreadsheets as surplus and dispose of in accordance with district policy.

Schodack Central School District				
Surplus Approvals for Board Meeting Date: May 20, 2025				
SURPLUS ITEMS	VALUE OF SURPLUS	TAG #/SERIAL-VIN #	CONDITION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Toro Grounds master 328-D with Guardian recycler 72 mowing deck, operating hours: 1,049.5			Used	
John Deere LA175 riding lawn tractor		Model# 13AN772G029475-728 Serial# 1E058B40178	Used	

F. Motion to approve a resolution directing the District Treasurer to close the Debt Service Fund and move the balance of V884 Reserve for Debt in the amount of \$226,998.72 to the General Fund Reserve for Debt A884.

G. Motion to approve a contract with Questar III for Cooperative Education Services for IT Installment Purchases as attached.

6. OTHER ACTION

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve items 6. A. through 6. C., Sherri Gibson second, 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. Motion to approve a resolution authorizing RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (ROC) to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations.

C. Motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Schodack Central School District and The Schodack Faculty Association setting forth the parties' agreement relating to their successor collective bargaining agreement.

7. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Sherri Gibson moved to approve items 7. A., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: May 20, 2025				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Kelsey Hall	Elementary Education Teacher	June 30, 2025	Resignation	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE
Samantha Manning	Teacher and Teaching Assistant			Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Joseph J. Attendorn	Custodial Worker			Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.
Stephanie Randall	Teacher			Rate set at the July 11, 2024, Organizational Meeting.

APPOINTMENT	AREA / TYPE		EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
None.				
CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT RATE	NEW RATE	COMMENT
Taylor Thomas	Teaching Assistant	CSEA Uncertified Rate	CSEA Start Rate	Adjustment is retroactive to September 6, 2024
Jacklyn Kinney	Teaching Assistant	CSEA Uncertified Rate	CSEA Start Rate	Adjustment is retroactive to January 2, 2025.
COACH/ADVISOR	CLUB/SPORT/ACTIVITY	YEAR	STIPEND	COMMENT
Patricia Racz	Yearbook Photography	2024-25	\$1,017.18	Unused 2024-25 Extracurricular Funds
Kerry Kakule	Yearbook Photography	2024-25	\$1,017.18	Unused 2024-25 Extracurricular Funds
Bridget Gray	AP Language and Literature Mock Exams	2024-25	\$133.40	Unused 2024-25 Extracurricular Funds
Amy Fink - Advisor	Textile Arts Club	2024-25	\$933.80	Unused 2024-25 Extracurricular Funds
Michael Silver	Fitness Center Staffing	2024-25	\$748.44	Unused 2024-25 Extracurricular Funds
Kolby Flach	Fitness Center Staffing	2024-25	\$748.44	Unused 2024-25 Extracurricular Funds
Micaela Madigan	Fitness Center Staffing	2024-25	\$748.44	Unused 2024-25 Extracurricular Funds
Rachael Kerner	Equine Program	2024-25	\$2,101.05	Unused 2024-25 Extracurricular Funds
Daniel Bentley	Volunteer Assistant Coach - Boys Tennis	2024-25	n/a	Volunteer Assistant Coach, no stipend.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9. END BUSINESS MEETING

A. Agenda Planning

Tylea Gebbie asked if the committee updates could be brought back?

Kurt Maier – additional information on the electric buses, SAVE and Officer Eckel presenting in June.

Mary Yurista asked about the music position.

B. Board Member Comment

Mary Yurista – artwork in the gym for the budget meeting was nice.

Shelley Palmer – today was a good day highlighted some of the booths at the Strawberry Festival.

Angela Beber – Kiwanis 1st annual bike rodeo May 31st at Castleton Elementary School.

Brian Carey – Stuff the bus June 7th starting at 9:00 am.

Jason Chevrier – Thanked Shelli and Brian for hard work, total team effort with Business office and many other folks, Steve Hilton, Jay Beber and Joe Beber for the appearance of the grounds and everyone who helped with the setup of games. He was proud to be the Superintendent on Budget night, seeing kids and families, members of the community, emergency response vehicles.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. **Kurt Maier moved** to adjourn to executive session at 8:29 pm. to discuss contract negotiations with CSEA, the Superintendent's evaluation, and matters which are exempt from open meetings law due to FERPA, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

B. Kurt Maier moved to Reconvene to Regular Session at 9:36 pm., **Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.**

11. OTHER ACTION

A. Approval of a Resolution - Accepting Budget / Vote Results

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Board of Education accepts the results of the May 20, 2025 district budget vote and election as follows:

(Number of ballots cast 547)

Proposition 1 (Budget)	Yes	401	No	143
Proposition 2 (Bus Purchase)	Yes	409	No	134
Proposition 3 (Capital Reserve Use)	Yes	430	No	111

School Board Members:

Name	Number of votes
Angela Beber	420
Marion Spar	416
Melissa Boles	413

12. ADJOURN

A. **Mary Yurista moved** to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:38 pm., **Marion Spar seconded, all present in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk