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President
Board of Education

**Thursday, January 15, 2026
Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting**

Minutes are final and were approved at the February 12, 2026, board meeting.

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Location: Schodack CSD District Office Building, Room 310.

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Present: Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Tylea Gebbie, Blake Kush, Jennifer Rogowski, Angela Beber, Dr. Melissa Boles, Mary Yurista

Absent: Marion Spar

Also Present: Jason Chevrier, Ryan Palmer, Robert Santarcangelo, Angela Tommasini, James Derby, Megan Sullivan, Jacqueline Hill, Mary Sheedy 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.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption from Real Property Taxation

Ryan Palmer presented information on a proposed revision to the Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption from Real Property Taxation as outlined on the PowerPoint attached to the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN REGULAR MEETING

A. Tylea Gebbie moved to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

Angela Beber moved to approve items 4. B. through 4. C., Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.

B. Motion to approve the present agenda.

C. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting: December 18, 2025.

5. REPORTS

A. Five Year Plan

Ryan Palmer shared a multi-year plan for the District with yearly projections through the 2030-31 school year.

B. Rollover Budget for 2026-27

Ryan Palmer and Jason Chevrier presented the Goals of the budget process, the budget timeline, revenue and appropriations in the roll over budget, a preliminary tax cap projection, as well as addition and subtractions sheets proposed by buildings and departments for the 2026-27 school year.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Members of the Public May Address the Board

7. DISTRICT / BUILDING / STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE/COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Questar III - May Presentation - Topics of Interest - Jason Chevrier asked the board to think about a topic they would like to hear about.
- Capacity Study – Synthesis – Jason Chevrier stated that Synthesis do offer the service at approximately \$3800, the board was asked for a head nod if they were ok wit moving forward with the capacity study, board members were in agreement with moving forward with the study.
- School Zone Update - Jason Chevrier talked about a meeting he attended with Senator Jacob Ashby, Assembly Member, Scott Bendett, and Rensselaer County Legislator, Dan Casale at the NYS Department of Transportation office to talk about the speed zone in front of Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School and the District Office Building (former Middle School), additional work is to be done at the Town and County level to move this forward.
- YMCA - January 26 Move to CES, one less transition for elementary students, the district is excited for the move.
- Athletic Director Position Update Jason Chevrier spoke about Scott Hanrahan stepping into the position leveraging his relationships. His time is averaging 17-18 hours on a low end, high end 33 hours a week.
- Enrollment Report attached for review.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – James Derby spoke about a Conference he attended on Portrait of a Graduate and how it will impact the elementary school. James felt the Elementary School was in a good place to fulfill a lot of the needs of the Portrait of a Graduate. He also shared that there are currently 40 Kindergarten students enrolled for the new school year. Megan Sullivan expressed that grade level fun nights will be starting, starting with Grade 4-5 Fun Night next week, she expressed thanks to the PTO for their support of the grade level nights.

- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – Robert Santarcangelo shared that over break Hoopfest and the Joe McCabe wrestling Tournament took place, he thanked Booster Club for all their work in those tournaments as well as parents, board members, faculty and everyone that volunteered. Portrait of a Graduate update the academic preparedness survey results will be out tomorrow, students value the academic rigor that Maple Hill has. Angela Tommasini talked about the upcoming 7th & 8th grade dance, and Shrek the Musical performances in February.

C. Student Representative Update – None.

8. POLICY(IES)

Mary Yurista moved to approve items 8. A. through 8. B., Angela Beber seconded, all present in favor.

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

- 4311.1-R Display of the U.S. Flag Regulation
- 8112 Health and Safety Committee
- 8505 Charging School Meals

B. Motion to un-table policy 8-100 from the December 18, 2025, board meeting and refer to the policy committee for review and revision.

9. FINANCE

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve items 9. A. through 9. E., Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.

- A. Acceptance Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2025.
- B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month of November 2025.
- C. Approval of Gifts/Donation(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting				
Date: January 15, 2026				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
None.				
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (CM) at Board Meeting Date: January 15, 2026				

DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Castleton Schodack Kiwanis Club	\$250.00	Pat Wood Backpack Program		

D. Approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to transfer funds and/or move funds within the reserves as follows; transfer in the amount of \$15,064.55 from the Employee Benefit Reserve (A889) to the General Fund to cover the retirement benefit payment for a particular employee.

E. Approval of a resolution to revise the Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption from Real Property Taxation under Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a.

10. OTHER ACTION

Kurt Maier moved to approve items 10. A. through 10. B., Tylea Gebbie 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 executive content reports.

B. Approval of a resolution nominating Mary Yurista to serve as a member of the Board of Questar III – Board of Cooperative Education Services for Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties for a term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

11. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Mary Yurista moved to approve items 11. A. through 11. B., Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.

Jason Chevrier congratulated Jacqueline Hill and Courtney Lapp on their Tenure appointment, he mentioned that this is Jacqueline’s 3rd tenure appointment in the district. He also congratulated Laurel Hay on her probationary appointment and welcomed her to the District.

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: January 15, 2026				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Grace Miron	Regular Substitute Teacher	December 19, 2025	Resignation	
Allison Haertel	Registered School Nurse	January 5, 2026	Resignation	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA		EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE

Sienna Lawlor Engasser	Regular Substitute teacher for Sheila Golden		December 8, 2025	Rate set at July 10, 2025 Organizational Mtg.
Sydney Rogers	Teaching Assistant		per diem	Rate set at July 10, 2025 Organizational Mtg.
Kathryn Meyers	Registered Professional Nurse (School)		per diem	CSEA Service Rate
Joann Miller	Monitor, Teaching Assistant, Nurse (LPN)		per diem	Rate set at July 10, 2025 Organizational Mtg.
Katelyn Pike	Custodial Worker		per diem	Rate set at July 10, 2025 Organizational Mtg.
Shawn Weber	Custodial Worker		per diem	Rate set at July 10, 2025 Organizational Mtg.
Amy Beaudoin	Longterm Substitute Teacher for Tori LeClair		September 11, 2025	MA1
APPOINTMENT	AREA / TYPE		EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Jacqueline Hill	Director of Student Services - Tenure Appointment		March 1, 2026	n/a no change to current rate
Courtney Lapp	Special Education - Tenure Appointment		February 28, 2026	n/a no change to current rate
Stephen Hans	School Bus Driver - 6 month probationary appointment - 5.5 Hrs Per day		January 16, 2026	CSEA Start Rate
CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT RATE	NEW RATE	
None.				
ADVISOR / COACH	ACTIVITY	DURATION	RATE	
None.				

B. Approval of a resolution, that the Board hereby abolishes a temporary, 1.0 FTE Science 7-12 teaching position, effective December 19, 2025, said temporary position was originally set to be abolished on June 30, 2026; and further resolves, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board approves the 4-year probationary appointment of Laurel Hay, as Science Teacher, in the tenure area of Secondary Science Education, commencing on December 19, 2025 at a salary of MA2.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. END BUSINESS MEETING

A. Agenda Planning

Kurt Maier asked to hear Scott Hanrahan's feedback on the Athletic Director role, the successes and stressors detrimental on people taking the position, an update for a Cursive writing Implementation and that a copy of the Wendell EV bus study be shared with BOE members again.

Blake Kush gave a shout out to his roots, the Broncos and wished them luck on Saturday.

B. Board Member Comment

Mary Yurista spoke about Fred Wolf's passing and the different ways he contributed to the community and then school district.

Angela Beber thanked Ryan Palmer for the comprehensive report on the budget and explaining everything thoroughly.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Kurt Maier moved** to adjourn to executive session at 8:17 pm to discuss a potential revision to the Building Level Safety Plans and to discuss contract negotiations with the Superintendent, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Jennifer Rogowski moved** to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm., **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk