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President
Board of Education

**Thursday, February 12, 2026
February 12, 2026 - Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting**

Minutes are final and were approved at the March 19, 2026, board meeting.

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

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

Live Stream Link for viewing or listening:

<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/j.php?MTID=m8ff7e92956fe1cd9e3bb327dc17ecb4b>

To join by phone: 1-646-992-2010

Access number: 2330 670 4319

Present: Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Tylea Gebbie, Angela Beber, Jennifer Rogowski, Marion Spar, Blake Kush, Dr. Melissa Boles and Mary Yurista (arrived at 7:46 pm)

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.

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

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

D. **Angela Beber moved** to approve the minutes of January 15, 2026, regular meeting, **Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. HVCC Partnership and Pathways

Mary Sheedy and Robert Santarcangelo shared information on the different offerings for college credit in the high school and AP Courses. Mr. Santarcangelo made mention of the other people that are involved with the work on the program, Teresa Hebert and Lisa O'Leary from the guidance office are very knowledgeable and have the history, Angela Tommasini, teachers and the community. They shared the priorities, current offerings and future plans of the program.

B. 2026-2027 Budget Draft #1

Ryan Palmer and Jason Chevrier shared Draft #1 of the 2026-2027 Budget. Ryan Palmer expressed that the presentation will look slightly different than in years past and shared the revenue sources, projected revenues, appropriations, UPK costs and a Capital Outlay project. Mr. Chevrier talked about the UPK program and what could be done to expand the program if the Governor's proposal becomes a reality, the budget priority survey results and end of year fund balance considerations.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Christa Valentine, parent, expressed concern about racism in the district and requested information on what the district is doing in the school to combat racism.

4. DISTRICT/BUILDING/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

A. District Updates

- DO Switchgear Update – notification for bids will be in the paper tomorrow and Monday a little ahead of schedule.
- QIII - Annual Meeting (April 1/RSVP by March 20)
- QIII - Presentation Topic – Mr. Chevrier stated that a survey was shared to gain interest from the board.
- YMCA – Update - the YMCA is looking to potentially operate over the break weeks, an agreement is being worked on for board approval, more information will follow.
- Shout out to Drama Club for the recent performance
- Enrollment Report attached for review

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – collaboration between 1st grade and Mrs. Gregware’s art class and Mrs. Kerner’s high school art class, elementary students drew pictures from a story, the high school students did sculptures of the drawing and gave the sculptures to elementary students. The “Souper” bowl drive was successful, spirit week was fun. Grades 4 & 5 had their fun night with karaoke and a bounce house. Super Bowl of the library which was done remotely due to the storm.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – Shrek the Musical was a success great job by the participating 6th grade, 7th & 8th grade and high school students. Portrait of a Graduate update: This week was critical thinker. There was a career fair in January, the truck driving simulator was a hit, snowball dance coming up, a lot of senior nights have taken place in athletics, and an upcoming hang up and drive speaker coming to talk to students, organized with the help of Officer Eckel.

C. Student Representative to the Board of Education Update

None.

5. POLICY

Kurt Maier asked questions about policy 5225 and 9240 and asked the policy committee to revisit the language in 5225 under heading Student Demonstrations and Protests and language in 9240 regarding recruiting.

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve item 5.A., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

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

4526.1-R Internet Safety Regulation

4765 Online and Remote Learning

5225 Student Personal Expression

6680 Internal Audit Function

8131 Pandemic Planning

9240 Recruiting and Hiring

9520.6 Rights of Employees to Express Breast Milk in the Workplace

6. FINANCE

Kurt Maier moved to approve items 6. A. through 6. G., Angela Beber seconded, all present in favor.

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

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date: February 12, 2026				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (CM) at Board Meeting Date: February 12, 2026				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Richard Beebe	\$1,000.00	Pat Wood Backpack Program		
Richard & Donna Beebe	\$1,000.00	Pat Wood Backpack Program		

- D. Approval of Contract(s)/Leases(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: February 12, 2026				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CSEA Employee Benefit Fund	7/1/2025 - 6/30/2028	Sunrise Dental Plan and Gold 12 Vision Plan	Rate set per schedule in agreement	Extending agreement dated June 23, 2022. Original agreement dated December 17, 1998, extended October 31, 2019
TENANT NAME				

- E. Motion to approve a contract with Questar III for Cooperative Education Services for Capital Equipment as attached.
- F. Acceptance of the results of the independent single audit of Bonadio & Co, LLC, Certified Public Accountants for the 2024-2025 Single Audit report as provided at the February 12, 2026, meeting.
- G. Approval of Engagement Letter with Bonadio Group for auditing services related to GASB 87 & GASB 96 for the Fiscal Year 2026 Audit, as attached

7. OTHER ACTION

Kurt Maier moved to approve items 7. A. through 7. B, 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 executive content reports.

B. Approval of the 2026 Senior Class Overnight Field Trip to take place June 5, 2026, through June 7, 2026, to Ocean City, NJ.

Mary Yurista arrived (7:46 pm)

8. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Jennifer Rogowski moved to approve item 8. A., Angela Beber seconded, all present in favor.

Shelley Palmer added that the acceptance of James Derby’s resignation was with regrets, begrudgingly, and with best wishes.

Jason Chevrier stated that James has served the district incredibly well for the last 13 years, he is a long time colleague and he is very happy to call him his friend. It has been a pleasure working with James here, consummate leader, very professional with families, great with kids, he has done a great job, couldn’t have asked for a better person to take over after he left there as principal 10 years ago.

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: February 12, 2026				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Christina Gibney	All County Music - Fall Advisor	2025-26 School Year	Resignation	
Christina Gibney	All County Music - Fall Advisor	2025-26 School Year	Resignation	
Christina Gibney	All County Music - Winter Advisor	2025-26 School Year	Resignation	
Christina Gibney	Swing Choir - Advisor	2025-26 School Year	Resignation	
Taylor Thomas	Teaching Assistant	February 6, 2026	Resignation	
Theresa Burl	Teaching Assistant	February 6, 2026	Resignation	
Jennifer Campbell	School Bus Driver	March 7, 2026	Retirement	Has worked for the district for 30+ years.
James Derby	Principal (Castleton Elementary School)	June 30, 2026	Resignation	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE
Joanna Wolfe	School Monitor			Rate set at the July 10, 2025, Organizational Meeting
Jennifer Campbell	School Bus Driver			Rate set at the July 10, 2025,

				Organizational Meeting
Stephen Hans	School Monitor			Rate set at the July 10, 2025, Organizational Meeting
James Murphy	Teacher			Rate set at the July 10, 2025, Organizational Meeting
APPOINTMENT	AREA / TYPE	HOURS PER DAY	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
William McKissick	School Bus Driver Trainee		January 12, 2026	Rate set at the July 10, 2025, Organizational Meeting.
Brady Rowe	Automotive Mechanic - 6 Month Probationary 2/13/26 through 8/13/2026	4 hours per day (Part-time)	February 13, 2026	CSEA Start Rate
Luz-Marina Lilchin	Registered School Nurse - Probationary 2/25/26 through October 25, 2026	full-time	February 25, 2026	CSEA Service Rate
CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT APPT.	NEW APPT.	COMMENT
Amalia Melendez	Account/Clerk Typist	Provisional	6 month Probationary 10/20/25 through 4/20/2026	No change to rate.
Kylie Lill	Teaching Assistant	CSEA Uncertified Rate	CSEA Start rate	Retroactive to start date 10/20/25
Theresa Burl	Teaching Assistant	CSEA Uncertified Rate	CSEA Start rate	Retroactive to start date 10/6/2025
ADVISOR / COACH	ACTIVITY	DURATION	RATE	
Ashton Meade	All County Music - Winter Advisor	2025-26 School Year	Stipend in accordance with Appendix C of the SFA Contract	

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. END BUSINESS MEETING

A. Agenda Planning

Kurt asked where we are with the feasibility study of reopening the MS building.

B. Board Member Comment

Kurt gave a shout out to both girls and boys wrestling teams for Class D performances, some are going to sectionals in the near future,
Blake Kush gave a shout out to the facilities team, great job working through the brutal winter keeping things clean and safe.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Kurt Maier moved** to adjourn to the executive session to discuss the employment history of particular people, contract negotiations with the Superintendent and legal advice from the school attorney,
Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

B. **Marion Spar moved** to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk