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Board of Education

Thursday, March 19, 2026
March 19, 2026 - Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting

Minutes are final and were approved at the April 21, 2026, 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:

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Join by phone

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Access number: 2330 195 6648

Present: Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Tylea Gebbie, Blake Kush, Jennifer Rogowski, Angela Beber, Marion Spar, Mary Yurista, Melissa Boles and Addison Loszynski

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

1. MEETING OPENING

A. President, Shelley Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

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

C. Kurt Maier moved to amend the present agenda to move Resignations and Appointments to before Reports and approve the amended agenda, Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.

D. Marion Spar moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2026, regular meeting, Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.

2. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve item 2. A., Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: March 19, 2026				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT

Frederick Hiller III	School Bus Driver-Courier	May 1, 2026	Resignation	Will still be employed as a School Bus Driver, only resigning from the courier position.
Jake Varian	Custodial Worker	March 27, 2026	Resignation	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA		Effective Date	RATE
Kaiden Ring	Teacher			Rate set at July 10, 2025, organizational meeting.
Sienna Engasser	Long-term Substitute Teacher for Annette Segarra		January 5, 2026	Rate set at July 10, 2025, organizational meeting.
APPOINTMENT	AREA / TYPE		EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Shannon Faulkner	Special Education - Tenure Appointment		September 1, 2026	no change
Daniel Bentley	Physical Education - Tenure Appointment		September 1, 2026	no change
Ashley Davidson	Elementary Education - Tenure Appointment		September 1, 2026	no change
Hannah Fitzsimmons	Secondary Social Studies - Tenure Appointment		September 1, 2026	no change
Debra Oligny	English Language Learners and AIS Reading Education - Tenure Appointment		September 1, 2026	no change
Alexander Stuto	Elementary Education - Tenure Appointment		September 1, 2026	no change
Sarah Teller	Speech - Tenure Appointment		September 1, 2026	no change
Michael Iwanos	Teaching Assistant - Tenure Appointment		September 2, 2026	no change

Nicole Brisson	Teaching Assistant - Tenure Appointment		September 6, 2026	no change
Nerissa Carbonaro	Teaching Assistant - Tenure Appointment		September 6, 2026	no change
Nicole Thomas	Teaching Assistant - Tenure Appointment		September 6, 2026	no change
Jacqueline Megna	Teaching Assistant - Tenure Appointment		November 30, 2026	no change
Brady Rowe	School Bus Driver - part-time 4 hours per day		March 20, 2026	CSEA Start Rate
Amanda Tolomeo	Teaching Assistant - part-time 4 hours per day		March 16, 2026	CSEA Uncertified TA Rate
CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT	AREA / POSITION	INCORRECT RATE	CORRECT RATE	COMMENT
Laurel Hay	Secondary Science Teacher / Probationary Appointment	MA2	BA2	Incorrectly appointed at MA2 rate at the January 15, 2026, board meeting, should have been BA2. Item 11. B.
CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT HOURS	NEW HOURS	RATE
Denise Bates	School Bus Driver	5.25	7.25	No change to rate
ADVISOR / COACH	ACTIVITY	DURATION		RATE
Michaela Madigan - Interim Coach	Girls Varsity Bowling Coach	2025-26 Season		Rate per SFA Appendix C
Daniel Bentley	Girls Modified Softball	2025-26 Season		n/a Volunteer

3. REPORTS

A. Athletic Director Update

Jason Chevrier shared a brief history of the Athletic Director position and that over the past 9 years the district has had 6 Athletic Directors, expressed appreciation for April Smith's time in the position and thanked Scott Hanrahan for stepping back in from Retirement to help with the position for this year. He shared a proposal for the position in the 2026-27 budget.

Scott Hanrahan shared his experience as the Interim Athletic Director for the district, the time he spends coordinating trips, officials, transportation and patrol conference meetings, future planning of tournaments and invitational, it is typical that he spends 25-35 hours per week on athletics. He spoke of the highlights and challenges of the position, ideas for future improvements and future leadership of the program.

B. Procurement Annual Review

Ryan Palmer shared information about the Procurement policy for the district and the requirement to review the policy annually, that this review is for the 2025-26 school year and he explained the process the district uses for procurement.

C. 2026-2027 Budget Draft 2

Ryan Palmer presented the timeline for the budget vote, what is known, assumed and unknown, the budget gap status, revenue and proposed tax cap, how tax cap effects the amount collected and state aid projections. There was discussion about UPK and the potential changes in the number of students the program can hold and the future change based on the Governor's proposed UPK changes. The add/drop items in the current draft, the potential use of end of year fund balance, Capital Outlay project and the propositions that will appear on the ballot, next steps and board member terms expiring were all shared.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Melissa Tacke, Castleton Public Library Director talked about the request from the Library to raise the Library proposition from \$159,000 to \$162,000.

5. DISTRICT/BUILDING/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

A. District Updates

- Hoops Against Hunger – Jason Chevrier expressed that it was a great event, he thanked Pat Austin for the hard work.
 - Thank you sent from The Anchor: *"The anchor Food Pantry wishes to express deep appreciation to the Schodack Central School District, faculty, and coordinator Pat Austin for the most successful HOOPS FOR HUNGER event on Friday March 13, 2026. This recent event resulted in cash proceeds of \$5500 plus 25 boxes of food and toiletry items that will replenish our shelves after the long cold winter and health related flu strain engulfing NYS. As always the Schodack Community continues to aid our mission of helping those less fortunate in these uncertain economic times."*
- Music In Our Schools – Jason Chevrier expressed that it was an outstanding event, and one of his favorites.
- International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) – a great opportunity to have them in the building, they were gracious with their time, many of them stated spending time with the students was a highlight for them. Jason Chevrier thanked Ryan Palmer, Robert Santarcangelo

and Angela Tommasini for the planning that went into it. Thanks to Questar for coordinating the visit.

- CES Principal Search – search is underway, stakeholder interviews Monday afternoon into the evening, 20 applicants, 2 withdrew, 11 were screened and 6 will come back for interviews with 33 volunteers to participate in the stakeholder groups.
- State Tournament Recognition – Indoor Track students made States, Daniel Gebbie, Max Tadjbakhsh, Mikey Michel, Jonah Leonidas, Liam Connelly, Kyle Bivins and Jack Willette traveled to Staten Island, some set PRs, and school records were broken, great performance at States. Gunnar Gibbons went to the Wrestling State Tournament, and we had 20 students in the winter season that either got 1st or 2nd Team in their sport. Congratulations to Alex Stuto received Coach of the Year for Girls Wrestling and Ryan Palmer received Section 2 Class D Assistant Coach of the year in Wrestling.
- QIII Annual Meeting - April 1, 2026 - RSVP due March 20, 2026 – board members gave their interest to Shelli Reickert who will RSVP in the morning.
- NYSSBA Annual Conference - October 22-24 in Buffalo – Angela Beber expressed interest.
- Golf Cart Options – Have been looking at renting, quotes can add up, also looking on Facebook Marketplace, used may serve its purpose until we can get the more appropriate machine.
- NY Bus Sales Fraud Update – District had a fraud issue, our Representative's, supervisor's email got hacked, our bank caught it, we recouped all but NYS Bus Sales has agreed to refund the money
- Business Office & Support Services Shout-Outs – Ryan Palmer gave a shout out to Rebecca Zerrahn for helping to get kids to and from Staten Island for Indoor Track States, she went above and beyond making calls to hotels and busing companies.
- "Souper" Bowl thank you sent from the Anchor: *"The anchor Food Pantry wishes to thank Coordinators Jen Sober and Stacey Rattner along with k kids club for their donation/collection of annual Souper Bowl Canned Soup Drive. In these uncertain and volatile economic times this donation will aid shelves and give a variety to our clientele in food planning."*
- Enrollment Report attached for review.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – James Derby recognized Stacey Rattner for her Library Youth Media Award Projects, most notably The Newberry Project. She was featured in the School Library Journal, a very prominent magazine, nice article on her, it was passed around to board members. Highlight a 4th grade team project headed by Alex Stuto, teaming with the innovative learning lab based around a book about a sled dog, kids did projects and got outside to pull each other around on sleds. Physical Education department has been utilizing the snowshoes the district purchased a few years back, this was a great year for it and they got used a lot. Megan Sullivan shared the results of Pushups for the Super Bowl 16,219 pushups by parents and students, Ronald McDonald House fundraiser has raised \$7,136 as of last Friday, PTO 2-3 fun night, highlight was seeing students try stilts, as well as skate day at Guptils.
- Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School – Angela Tommasini highlighted the International Club trip to Italy coming up in April, a lot of planning has gone into it and she wished everyone a safe trip. Robert Santarcangelo shared the Portrait of a Graduate, Effective Communicator, the clearest attribute so far, students have a clear and concise understanding of it. He invited everyone to an Art Collective event at Castleton Library displaying student artwork.

C. Student Representative to the Board of Education – Spirit week and Pep Rally coming up before spring break. Talked about the opportunity for her and peers to meet with the delegates from other countries, thanked everyone who made that happen, she felt it was informative and enjoyed it.

6. POLICY(IES) / OTHER ACTION

Angela Beber moved to approve item 6. A., Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the 1st Reading of Policy(ies)

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

6110-R Budget Planning Regulation
6150 Budget Transfers
6410 Authorized Signatures
6415 Electronic Banking
6640-R Fixed Assets and Inventory Management Regulation
6650-E Internal Audit Plan
6660-E External Audit Plan
6690 Audit Committee
6690-E Audit Committee Charter
6700-R Purchasing Regulation
6800 Payroll Procedures
6900 Disposal of District Property

Discussion ensued about policy 4765 and 5225.

Mary Yurista moved to table policy 4765 for additional work, Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.

Jennifer Rogowski moved to remove policy 5225 from item 6. B. and approve as it is written, Blake Kush seconded, Kurt Maier, Marion Spar, and Shelley Palmer opposed, Melissa Boles abstained, the remaining 5 board members voted in favor, motion passed.

Mary Yurista moved to approve item 6. B.,

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

4526.1-R Internet Safety Regulation

~~Removed and Tabled 4765 Online and Remote Learning~~

~~Removed and voted on separately 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

7. FINANCE

Mary Yurista moved to approve items 7. A. through 7. H., Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of January 2026.

B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month(s) of January 2026.

C. 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: March 19, 2026				
SURPLUS ITEMS	VALUE OF SURPLUS	TAG #/SERIAL-VIN #	CONDITION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CES Library Books - Weeding		N/A	Used	See attached log
IT Surplus		Various - See attached list	Broken/Unknown/Obsolete	Various Items - See attached log
Facilities Surplus		Various - See attached list	Various Conditions	Various Items - See attached log

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

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date:				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (CM) at Board Meeting Date:				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Deb Aiezza		Clarinet		Deb Aiezza is generously donating a student model clarinet to the Maple Hill Music Program. This will be used as a loaner instrument for any student in need.

E. Approval of Contract(s)/Leases(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: March 19, 2026				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
South Colonie Central School District	2025 - 2026 School Year	Health & Welfare Services	\$942.51 per student (3 students)	

TENANT NAME				
Capital District YMCA - East Greenbush	2/16/2026 - 2/20/2026 (Winter Recess Period) & 4/6/2026 - 4/10/2026 (Spring Recess Period)	First Amendment to Lease Agreement	Winter Recess Period - \$125.00 per day Spring Recess Period - Shall be determined by the Superintendent for Schodack Central School District, but shall not be less than \$125.00 per day.	

F. Approval the Transportation Contracts for the 2025-2026 school year, as attached.

G. Motion to accept bid and approve a contract for the "Middle School - Reconstruction - Electrical Service project" for electrical construction work with CKM Electrical Services, Inc. with a base bid of \$170,900.00.

H. Motion to accept bid and approve a contract for the "Middle School - Reconstruction - Electrical Service project" for general construction work with Gallo Construction Corp. with a base bid of \$228,506.00.

8. OTHER ACTION

Mary Yurista moved to approve item 8. A. through 8. C. adding the dollar amount of \$ 6,000,000 to the proposition for the capital reserve creation, Marion Spar 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 authorizing the District Clerk to include a propositions in the notice of the annual School District meeting.

C. Motion to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar.

9. END BUSINESS MEETING

A. Agenda Planning - none

B. Board Member Comment

Kurt Maier – Thanked the business office for adding notes for the transfers in the Treasurer’s Report and gave a shout-out to student athletes.

Mr. Derby informed the board that Kindergarten enrollment was currently 36.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Mary Yurista moved** to adjourn to executive session at 8:57 pm. to discuss contract negotiations with the Superintendent and legal advice from the School Attorney, **Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Kurt Maier moved** to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 9:52 pm., **Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk