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President
Board of Education

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

April 21, 2026 - Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting

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

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

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

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Present: Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Jennifer Rogowski, Tylea Gebbie, Blake Kush, Mary Yurista, Melissa Boles, Marion Spar, Angela Beber (arrived at 6:03 pm.), and Addison Loszynski

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

1. MEETING OPENING

A. **President, Shelley Palmer** called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, **Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

D. **Kurt Maier moved** to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2026, regular meeting, **Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.**

2. QUESTAR III ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AND ELECTION

A. **Kurt Maier 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, **Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

Voting:

- Mary Daly (District of Residence: Hudson City School District), all 9 present board members voted in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.
- Joseph Garland (District of Residence: Coxsackie-Athens School District), all 9 present board members voted in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.
- John C. Hill (District of Residence: Hoosic Valley Central School District), all 9 present board members voted in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

- Mary Yurista (District of Residence: Schodack Central School District), all 9 present board members voted in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

B. **Angela Beber moved** for approval of the 2026-2027 Administrative Budget of the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene BOCES in the amount of \$7,687,882, **Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.**

3. REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Recommended 2026-2027 Budget

Ryan Palmer and Jason Chevrier presented the Superintendent's Recommended Budget for the 2026-2027 school year. Discussion ensued about the use of reserves and EV Buses.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. POLICY(IES)

A. **Kurt Maier moved** to un-table 1st reading of policy 4765 Online and Remote Learning, which was tabled at the March 19, 2026, Board of Education Meeting, **Blake Kush seconded, all present in favor.**

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve items 5. B. through 5. C., Angela Beber seconded, all present in favor.

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

4765 Online and Remote Learning

6830-R Expense Reimbursement Regulation

C. Motion to approve the 2nd reading and adoption 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

6. DISTRICT/BUILDING/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

A. District Updates

- CES Principal Search – Jason thanked the community members, faculty & staff and members of the board that participated in interviews and site visits.
- Baseball, Softball, Tennis Tournaments – Canonica Classic has expanded to include Softball and Tennis Tournaments on the same day, great event.

- Capital Project Update – Looking to do a kick off meeting on the transformer project here at the District Office, need to get final approval from a new person at National Grid. There will be some digging in the parking lot, parking will be relocated and it will look like we are under construction.
- Business Office Shout out – Facilities Staff on the night of the Candidate Interviews, it was a well-oiled machine and everything looked good. Extended thanks to Steve Hilton and Sherry Allen.
- Enrollment Report - attached for review.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – Incoming Kindergarten Night, opportunity for incoming families to meet teachers, 47 currently registered, 4 in the hopper and expecting more, healthy enrollment numbers. State Assessments will take place this week and into next week. Shout out to PTO for doing amazing work for the CES STEM Fair end of March, the Music department held Opera to Go a great event for kids.
- Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School – Rob Santarcangelo talked about the 6th grade visit to the high school 7th & 8th grade students give a tour of the school, he also mentioned the tournament that took place, every field was being used for sports, great event, he updated on Portrait of a Graduate, and a pre-prom message to students about safety with a mock accident scene.

C. Student Representative to the Board of Education – shout out to booster club for the concession stands at the tournaments this past weekend, she mentioned the college acceptance day May 1st, great day for seniors to represent their future schools.

Jason Chevrier gave a shout out to Scott Hanrahan, the track invitational has 13 schools signed up with possibly more signing up. Will work to communicate parking overflow at the District Office Building and possibly the Church on the other side of the tennis courts.

7. FINANCE

Mary Yurista moved to approve item 7. A., Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of a resolution adopting the 2026-2027 school district budget in the amount of \$31,050,000.00 to be presented to voters on May 19, 2026.

Angela Beber moved to approve items 7. B. through 7. G., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

B. Approval of the 2026-2027 Real Property Tax Report Card.

C. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of February 2026.

D. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Report for the month(s) of February 2026.

E. Approval of Contracts:

Schodack Central School District
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: April 21, 2026

CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
North Greenbush Common School District	2025 - 2026 School Year	Health & Welfare Services	\$352.36 per student (11.60 students)	
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 21, 2026				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (CM) at Board Meeting Date: April 21, 2026				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Kathleen Tanner	\$250.00	Award - C. Eleanor Tanner Business Education Award		

G. Approval of YMCA Lease Agreement (2026 - 2029 + 2 yr. extension), as attached.

8. OTHER ACTION

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve items 8. A. through 8. B., Mary Yurista 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 appointing the Permanent Chairperson, Chief Election Inspector and Election Inspectors for the annual district meeting on May 19, 2026.

9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

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

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Jason spoke about Jill Hanrahan and Mary Southard’s years of service, happy they are taking the next step but sad to see them go, extended his heartfelt congratulations. Congratulated Megan Sullivan for the appointment as Principal of Castleton Elementary School and talked about the hiring process.

Mary Yurista talked about Maryann Ciampoli’s history here as a teacher and then a Teaching Assistant.

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: April 21, 2026				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Jill Hanrahan	Secretary I	June 25, 2026	Retirement	Has been with District 20+ years, and has served in various positions throughout her time here.
Mary Southard	Secretary II	June 30, 2026	Retirement	Will have been with the District 17 years at retirement
Maryann Ciampoli	Teaching Assistant	June 26, 2026	Resignation	Retired as Teacher with 33 years in 2022, has worked as Teaching Assistant since retirement.
Haley Salvagione	Teaching Assistant	April 2, 2026	Resignation	Remaining as Bus Attendant
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE
Kaiden Ring	Teacher			Rate set at July 10, 2025, Organizational Meeting.
Sydney Elmendorf	Teacher			Rate set at July 10, 2025, Organizational Meeting.
William McKissick JR	School Bus Driver			Rate set at July 10, 2025, Organizational Meeting.

APPOINTMENT	AREA / TYPE		EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Megan Sullivan	Principal - 4 year Probationary Appointment		July 1, 2026	Annual Salary
Shawn Weber	Custodial Worker - 6 month Probationary 4/20/26 - 10/20/26		April 20, 2026	CSEA Start Rate
Richard J. Neves	School Bus Driver Trainee		April 22, 2026	Rate set at July 10, 2025, Organizational Meeting.
CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT	AREA / POSITION	CURRENT HOURS	NEW HOURS	
Haley Salvagione	School Bus Attendant	4 hrs/day	5.25 hrs/day	Stays at current rate, just increasing hours.
ADVISOR / COACH	ACTIVITY	DURATION	RATE	
John Pusateri - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Boys and Girls Track & Field	2025-26 Season	n/a Volunteer	

10. END BUSINESS MEETING

A. Agenda Planning

Kurt Maier – asked about Cursive Writing, Rob Santarcangelo expressed it is currently being worked into 12th grade English. There was additional discussion about cursive writing.

Mary Yurista asked about the following:

Asked for an update on the Learning Lab impact.

Asked for an update on the Second Grade cohort status.

Jason Chevrier answer that the data has been reviewed, class size history has been reviewed, the data did not show that students were in distress. The District is concerned about every student, and encouraged parents across the district that may have a concern, to reach out to teachers and meet with teachers and principals to discuss the concerns.

She talked about a community effort through the Kiwanis backed clubs – called blessing bags for foster children.

Blake Kush expressed concern about the 2nd grade cohort, and that parents raised concerns at the beginning of Kindergarten about class sizes.

B. Board Member Comment

Jacqueline Hill congratulated Jill Hanrahan and stated that they jumped into their roles together and figured it out together, congratulations, she will be missed.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Lant - Teacher at elementary school, congratulation to Mrs. Sullivan, she has been a great help to students and teachers

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Kurt Maier moved** to adjourn to the executive session at 7:29 pm. to discuss a personnel matter of a particular person and Contract negotiations with the Superintendent, **Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Mary Yurista moved** to reconvene to Open Session, **Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

C. **Jennifer Rogowski moved** to amend the agenda to add two additional motions, **Angela Beber seconded, all present in favor.**

D. **Marion Spar moved** to appoint Jason Chevrier as Pro Tem district Clerk for the remainder of the April 21, 2026, meeting, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

E. **Mary Yurista moved** to approve a Stipulation of Settlement between Schodack Central school District and Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Schodack Central School District, Unit #8263-00 of Rensselaer County Educational Local 871, **Angela Beber seconded, all present in favor.**

C. **Mary Yurista moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm., **Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk