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Board of Education

Thursday, August 6, 2026

Board of Education Agenda - Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Minutes are final and were approved at the September 17, 2026, board meeting.

Meeting start: 6:00 pm
LIVESTREAM LINK:
https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/j.php?MTID=mfe35c8ab2719e3169f7c8a29c6cfbc61
To join by phone: 646-992-2010
Event Id: 2330 032 9215

Present: Angela Beber, Tylea Gebbie, Andris Blumbergs, Dr. Melissa Boles, Mary Yurista, Marion Spar,
Present via videoconference: Shelley Palmer and Jennifer Rogowski

Absent: Kurt Maier

Also present: Jason Chevrier, Ryan Palmer, Jacqueline Hill, Robert Santarcangelo, Angela Tommasini, Megan Sullivan, Alyssa Stolarcyk and Jill Filkins

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.

Mr. Chevrier recognized the sudden passing of Regina Maier, he expressed that she was the heart and soul of the elementary school, she was a tremendous person, and you couldn't help but love her. He expressed that we are all better people for having her in our lives and asked everyone to keep the Maier family in your thoughts over the coming weeks.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. **Angele Beber moved** to open the Public Hearing, **Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.**

B. District Wide Safety Plan

Jason Chevrier talked about the districtwide safety plan that was on the district website for public comment over the past 30 days, the district did not have any public comments, and the plan will be presented later in the agenda for approval.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN REGULAR MEETING / APPROVE MINUTES

A. **Angela Beber moved** to close Public Hearing and open Regular Meeting, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Angela Beber moved** for approval of the Present Agenda, striking the Danforth Report from the meeting, **Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.**

C. **Angela Beber moved** to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2026, Organizational and Regular Meeting, **Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.**

5. REPORTS

A. Claims Auditor Report - Sandy Hall

Sandra Hall introduced herself and shared what her auditing process is, the funds she audits for the district and expressed that there is a new AP clerk, things went relatively smooth, findings increased, but were minor and are typically fixed before she leaves the building that day.

Jason Chevrier spoke about Sandy Hall's resignation later in the meeting as our sub-caller, she will be missed in that role.

B. ~~Energy Performance Contracts – Danforth~~ Danforth was unable to come to the meeting, report was struck from the agenda.

C. CES Capacity Study - James Graham, Synthesis

James Graham shared the finding of the capacity study at Castleton Elementary School and expressed that the building is out of functional space, there is demand for AIS, ENL, behavior and resource space. The estimate of space shortage is approximately 5,000 square feet, the staff is making it work. The third grade moving up, which has two sections, will eventually increase demand for additional space. There is discussion about new demographic study, opening the MS building was mentioned as a possible option, but there would be a loss of revenue. Discussion ensued about the status of capital projects and the potential of future projects as well as using the middle school building again. Timing of capital projects is an important variable.

D. Tax Rate Analysis - Ryan Palmer explained the equalization rate and the tax rate for the upcoming school year.

E. District Goals 2026-2027 - Jason Chevrier shared that the District goals align with the mission, vision, and board priorities for academic improvement and community wellness. There are four key goals that focus on academics, wellness, community engagement, and operational effectiveness. The district will use a new data system, Educlimber, will give access to student data to be used for instructional improvement.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. DISTRICT UPDATE

A. District Updates

- Oaths of Office were filed with the District Clerk on the dates indicated:
    - Jill Filkins, as District Treasurer and Pro-Tem District Clerk, on July 10, 2026
    - Sandra Hall, as Claims Auditor, on July 15, 2026
- New Employee Orientation - August 26
- Gr. 7 & 8 Ice Cream Social - September 2
- Popsicles with the Principal at CES - September 1
- Conference/Professional Development Days - August 31 & September 1 & 2
- First Day of School - September 8- Staggered Start for Kindergarten - September 8 & 9
- NYS STEPS Plan – Jason Chevrier updated the status of the STEPS evaluation Planning.
- Solar Functionality follow-up – Ryan Palmer shared information he obtained regarding the solar panels, the district does not receive a check but does get discounts paying back for power produced.
- Capital Project Update: National Grid – There has been ongoing communication with National Grid regarding costs and payment, since they are the sole provider for transformer services it complicates the bidding process.
- Business Office Update – Ryan Palmer spoke about the Accounts Payable position currently a .8 FTE at the district office and that there may be need to increase the position to a full time position.
- Cross-Country – Jason Chevrier talked about an proposed overnight trip for the Cross Country Team, that would require board approval, fundraising will be done through the Booster Club in the event the trip is cancelled, Booster club will retain the money and use it for other sports
- Flooding – Jason Chevrier talked about the recent local flooding and the effect it has had on the community and school buildings.

8. POLICY(IES)

Mary Yurista moved to approve item 8. A., Tylea Gebbie seconded, Marion Spar opposed, and all others were in favor.

A. Approval of the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policies:
105 Equity in Practice in the Schodack Central School District

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve section 9. A. through 9. E. and Section 10. A., Andris Blumbergs seconded, all present in favor.

9. FINANCE

A. Approval of the 2026 tax warrant for the Town of Schodack in the amount of $15,798,362.94 and for the Town of Stuyvesant in the amount of $154,872.06 (Total Tax Levy of $15,953,235.00).

B. Approval of the 2026 tax warrant for the Town of Schodack in the amount of $160,425.91 and for the Town of Stuyvesant in the amount of $1,574.09 (Total Tax Levy $162,000).

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

Schodack Central School District
Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: August 6, 2026

CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	TERM OF CONTRACT	PURPOSE	RATE/RETAINER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Bonadio		Letter of Engagement		
Northern Rivers	Summer 2026 & School Year 2026-2027	Special Education Tuition Agreement	New York State Education Department rate for each student (interim, prospective, and reconciled)	
Questar III	2026 - 2027 School Year	Cooperative Educational Services 2026-2027	$2,087,091.71	Initial Service Contract (AS-7)
TENANT NAME				

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 $5,167.20 from the Employee Benefit Reserve (A889) to the General Fund to cover the retirement benefit payment for a particular employee retroactive to June 30, 2026.

E. Approval of a resolution that the Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District hereby authorizes and directs the District Treasurer to increase the General Fund budget Account A5510.210.40.0000 by $38,020.10, retroactive to April 30, 2026, to fulfill the payment of a school bus purchase with New York Bus Sales, offset by the Tokyo Marine Cyber Insurance Claim Loss payment in the amount of $38,020.10 on April 30, 2026.

10. 2025 Capital Project - DO Electrical

A. Approval of Change Order EC-CO-001 with CKM Electrical Services Inc., for -$2,852.88, as attached.

11. OTHER ACTION

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

A. Approval of the School District Safety Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

B. Approval of a resolution authorizing Schodack Central School District to proceed with naming the District's Soccer Fields as "Gillespie Fields" after long time employee and coach, Daniel Gillespie.

12. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Mary Yurista moved to approve item 12. A., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Jason Chevrier talked about Sandra Hall's resignation as Sub Caller and also about Lisa Nichols' retirement after more than 24 years of service as clerical and different roles in her time her. He wished Lisa all the best and lots of happiness in retirement.

Robert Santarcangelo also spoke about Lisa Nichols and thanked her.

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date:				
RESIGNATIONS	**POSITION**	**EFFECTIVE DATE**	**REASON**	**COMMENT**
Lisa Nichols	Secretary II	September 25, 2026	Retirement	Upon retirement will have 24+ years with the district in multiple secretarial positions.
Sandra Hall	Substitute Caller	June 30, 2026	Resignation	
Brady Rowe	School Bus Driver and Automotive Mechanic	July 30, 2026	Resignation	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	**SUBSTITUTE AREA**			**RATE**
Sophia Martino	Longterm Substitute for Beth Mueller for the 2026-2027 school year			Rate set at the July 9, 2026, Organizational meeting.
APPOINTMENT	**AREA / TYPE**		**EFFECTIVE DATE**	**RATE**
None.				
CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT	**AREA / POSITION**	**CURRENT RATE**	**NEW RATE**	
None.				
ADVISOR / COACH	**ACTIVITY**	**DURATION**	**RATE**	
Laurel Hay - Coach	Girls Modified Volleyball	2026-2027 Season	Stipend per Appendix C	

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

14. END BUSINESS MEETING

Mary Yurista asked if there were any changes to the agenda that were talked about in the board retreat, Jason Chevrier answered and said it would be reflected in the September conference.

Angela Beber talked about a law conference she attended, with new requirements coming out for districts. She recommended that other board members participate in these conferences if they have the time.

Angela Beber talked about Regina Maier and how much she touched people in the district and community and hoped that the family know how much she was loved in the community.

15. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Mary Yurista moved** to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:50 pm, to discuss potential contract negotiations, **Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Mary Yurista moved** to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm, **Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Filkins

Pro Tem District Clerk