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Board of Education

Thursday, September 17, 2026
Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting

Minutes are final and were approved at the October 15, 2026, board meeting.

Meeting start: 6:00 pm
LIVESTREAM LINK:
https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/j.php?MTID=m7db5ab72ed5f7e6ea0e66b9a66962065
To join by phone: 646-992-2010
Event Id: 2330 977 9786

Present: Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Tylea Gebbie, Andris Blumbergs, Jennifer Rogowski, Angela Beber, Melissa Boles, Marion Spar, Mary Yurista and Haylee Spar

Also present: Jason Chevrier, Ryan Palmer, Mary Sheedy, Jacqueline Hill, David Austin, Robert Santarcangelo, Angela Tommasini, Megan Sullivan, Alyssa Stolarcyk and Michele Reickert

1. MEETING OPENING

A. Reception at 5:30 - Reception for newly hired administrators.
B. **President, Shelley Palmer** called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
C. **President, Shelley Palmer** asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
D. **Mary Yurista moved** for approval of the Present Agenda, **Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**
E. **Tylea Gebbie moved** to approve the minutes of August 6, 2026, Regular Meeting, **Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. Energy Performance Contracts - Danforth
Nolan Connors from Danforth presented on energy efficiency improvements and mechanical contracting services offered by Danforth, explained how the district could benefit from energy performance contacts.

B. Opening of School
Jason Chevrier spoke about the start of the school year, and expressed that it is an exciting time. Some topics discussed:

The end of summer events: ice cream socials and popsicles with the Principals, Kindergarten safety day, Fall Athletics started.

Faculty & Staff: New Faculty & Staff Orientation, one PD Day and Superintendent Conference day for Teachers, Superintendent's Conference Day for all faculty & staff. Facilities work hard over the summer, deep cleaning and waxing the floors, facilities looked great.

Welcome back events: Back to School September 8, Kindergarten staggered start, class meetings and transportation.

Events & Happenings: Back to School Parent's Nights, Meeting reminders for Athletic Booster Club, Music Parents' Association and CES PTO, the PTO Community Fair is September 26th, looking for volunteers.

Dave Austin spoke about the start of athletics, a lot of wins, student have played with class and sportsmanship, and girls modified volleyball has 14 athletes and are off to a great start.

Jason Chevrier shared that the naming of the field has had a lot of work done on it and the hope is that it will be ready for the Fall Sports Weekend.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. DISTRICT/BUILDING/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOE/COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- 2025-26 Back Pack Program Impact Report attached for review.
- 2026-27 Seymour Fox Memorial Foundation, Inc. Grant for Backpack Program
    - Food Bank will receive four payments of $2,000 toward the Pat Wood Backpack Program
- 2025-26 Audit Update – Ryan Palmer talked about the status of the audit and future audit reports and plans. Discussion ensued about reserves and end of year spending.
    - Fund Balance Projection
    - 10/8/2026 - Audit Committee Meeting
    - 10/15/2026 - BOE Meeting
        - Propose 2025-26 Audit for Acceptance
        - Propose 2025-26 Audit Corrective Action Plans
        - Propose 2025-26 Reserves Plan for Acceptance
- Solar Savings Cost Analysis – Ryan Palmer shared the status of savings the district receives from the solar panels.
- NYS DOH – Additional testing (Water & Radon) will be done at CES to assess any environmental factors that may have contributed to employees that have had significant health issues.
- SISMS School Pilot – Information was shared for the board to review. The board members gave a head nod to move forward with the project.
- Capital Project Update – The timeframe of completion is still on track for November/December.
- Enrollment Report attached for review.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – Megan Sulivan and Alyssa Stolarcyk talked about the start of the school year, off to a great start, a lot of change at CES, a shout out was given to Demi Wright and Taylor Hicks for their hard work, Grade 6 health program being taught by April Smith. The first Morning assembly will be Wednesday focusing on the Character Trait of responsibility. Megan stated that Alyssa Stolarcyk is a great asset to the elementary school.

- Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School – Angela Tommasini and Robert Santarcangelo shared information about new courses offered at the high school level, and changes to others to allow dual enrollment, the alma mater being brought back to the building, the alumni game for Fall Sports Weekend. A shout out was given to the facilities crew for painting and cleaning over the summer, and 7th grade students, they are settled in and looking forward to getting involved in the community.

C. Student Representative to the Board of Education – Haylee Spar classes have been going well, senior fund raiser Car Wash $10.00 per car, Student forum letting student voices be heard of things they might want to revamp at the school, a new club Tri-M similar to National Honor Society with a music connection. Spirit Week grades 7-12 being more unified as a school and Fall Sports weekend is coming up.

D. Committee Updates

- Professional Development Planning Committee – Jennifer Rogowski and Marion Spar
- Technology Committee – Mary Yurista and Andris Blumbergs
- NYSSBA Legislative Liaison – **Angela Beber – Asked the board if there is ever something they want to address, they should, she will be going to NYSSBA's convention with her job and will bring back and share any information she receives.**
- Health and Safety / SAVE Committee – Melissa Boles, Jennifer Rogowski and Marion Spar
- Audit Committee – Mary Yurista, Tylea Gebbie and Shelley Palmer
- Policy Committee – Andris Blumbergs, Tylea Gebbie and Angela Beber

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve items 5. A through 6. A., Angela Beber seconded, all present in favor.

5. FINANCE

A. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Reports for the month of June 2026 and July 2026.

B. Acceptance of the Claims Auditor's Reports for the month of June 2026 and July 2026.

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

Schodack Central School District **Contract / Lease Approvals for Board Meeting: September 17, 2026**				
CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	**TERM OF CONTRACT**	**PURPOSE**	**RATE/RETAINER**	**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
Achievements, PLLC	July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	Special Education Services	See attached Service Rate Schedule on page 1	
Bonadio & Co., LLP		Letter of Engagement		
East Greenbush Central School District	September 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement		

Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc.	July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	Special Education Services	$FY 27 Annual Price: $160,890.57	
TENANT NAME				
Questar III	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2029	Lease - Fourth Amendment	Annual Rent - $147,000	Annual Ancillary Fee $94,500

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

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026				
DONOR NAME	**DONATION AMOUNT**	**PURPOSE**	**CODE**	**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (CM) at Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026				
DONOR NAME	**DONATION AMOUNT**	**PURPOSE**	**CODE**	**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
NextStep Federal Credit Union		School Supplies		10 backpacks filled with school supplies. See attached Letter from NextStep FCU.
Class of 1971	$3,535.00	Award		Susan VanGelder Memorial Award

E. 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: September 17, 2026				
SURPLUS ITEMS	**VALUE OF SURPLUS**	**TAG #/SERIAL-VIN #**	**CONDITION**	**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
MH Book Room Weeding			Used	See attached log
Facilities Surplus		Various - See attached list	Various Conditions	Various Items - See attached log

F. Approval of reimbursable meal prices for the 2026-27 school year as follows: Reduced price Breakfast and Lunch $0.00, Milk $0.50, and Adult prices Breakfast $3.11 plus tax and Lunch $5.38 plus tax.

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve items 5. A through 6. A., Angela Beber seconded, all present in favor.

6. CAPITAL PROJECT – DO ELECTRICAL

A. Approval of Contracts and/or leases as attached

Schodack Central School District

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CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME	**TERM OF CONTRACT**	**PURPOSE**	**RATE/RETAINER**	**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
National Grid	Retroactive to 9/10/2026	District Office Electrical - Capital Project Work	$50,458	

Jennifer Rogowski moved to approve items 7. A. through 8. E., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

7. OTHER ACTION

A. Approval of Overnight Trip for the Maple Hill Cross Country Team Friday, October 2 – Saturday, October 3, 2026, to the 61st Annual McQuaid Invitational, Genesee Valley Park, Rochester, NY.

B. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between Schodack Central School District and the Schodack Faculty Association regarding compensation for additional instructional sections.

Jennifer Rogowski moved to approve items 7. A. through 8. E., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

8. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Schodack Central School District				
Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026				
RESIGNATIONS	**POSITION**	**EFFECTIVE DATE**	**REASON**	**COMMENT**
Philip Meppen	Building Maintenance Mechanic	September 4, 2026	Resignation	
Sandra Hall - resignation amendment	Sub-Caller	REVISED to 9/30/2026	Resignation revision	Change resignation effective date from 6/30/26 to 9/30/26
Paul Henderson	Building Maintenance Mechanic	September 17, 2026	Resignation	
Amanda Smith	Teaching Assistant	September 25, 2026	Resignation	Resigning contingent upon appointment as Secretary II in the Appointment section below.
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	**SUBSTITUTE AREA**			**RATE**
Katelyn Snide	Substitute Teacher			Rate set at July 9, 2026, organizational meeting

Ashley Houser	Substitute Teacher			Rate set at July 9, 2026, organizational meeting
William Sheldon	Substitute Teacher			Rate set at July 9, 2026, organizational meeting
Toni Strattman	Substitute Teacher			Rate set at July 9, 2026, organizational meeting
Regina Clark	Substitute Teacher			Rate set at July 9, 2026, organizational meeting
APPOINTMENT	**AREA / TYPE**		**EFFECTIVE DATE**	**RATE**
Alysa Mannion	Special Education Teacher - 4-year Probationary Appointment		September 1, 2026	BA 2
Amanda Smith	Secretary II - Provisional Appointment		September 28, 2026	CSEA Start Rate
Samara Dorward	Teaching Assistant 4 hours per day		September 9, 2026	CSEA Uncertified TA rate
Paul Henderson	Building Maintenance Mechanic - 6 month Probationary Appointment		September 8, 2026	CSEA Start Rate
Cailin Hipps	Speech Teacher .5 FTE		September 14, 2026	MA5
Melissa Penton	Secretary II - Provisional Appointment - Conditional upon fingerprint clearance.		October 13, 2026	CSEA Start Rate
ADVISOR / COACH	**ACTIVITY**	**DURATION**	**RATE**	
Bridget Cunningham - Advisor	Performing Arts - Director	2026-27 School Year	Stipend per SFA Appendix C	
Bridget Cunningham - Advisor	Performing Arts - Musical Director	2026-27 School Year	Stipend per SFA Appendix C	
Kimberly Donato	Performing Arts - Scenery Director	2026-27 School Year	Stipend per SFA Appendix C	

B. Approval of Transportation Hours

C. Motion to amend the July 9, 2026, appointment of Jill Hanrahan as an Independent Consultant to read at a rate of $30.43 per hour for up to 25 days, the equivalent of up to 187.50 hours, in the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

D. Motion to approve the appointment of Denise Prinzo as an Independent Consultant at a rate of $26.75 per hour for up to 10 days, the equivalent of up to 65.00 hours, in the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

E. Motion to approve the appointment of Lisa Nichols as an Independent Consultant at a rate of $32.59 per hour for up to 10 days, the equivalent of up to 75.00 hours, in the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

10. END BUSUNESS MEETING

A. Board Member Comment

Mary Yurista noted that the enrollment report 76 largest smallest 47, Kindergarten is 58 and the senior class is the largest class.

Melissa Boles, asked about HS students riding the bus with elementary school students.

- Jason Chevrier explained that it depends on the route, we have had some with both and some without.

Angela Beber Tech conference Ed Finney was there, thanked him for engaging with her to help her understand some of the things she didn't know about and if Schodack uses it. She expressed how valuable he is to the district.

Jennifer Rogowski shout out to all staff for the start of the school year, go home and get some sleep tonight.

Shelley Palmer expressed thanks for the change in the program at the High School open house and wished more parents would consider attending.

B. Agenda Planning

Mary Yurista – Innovative Learning Lab Report

C. Action Items

Angela Beber – Communications Study Follow up in District Updates or Friday Update

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Mary Yurista moved** to adjourn to executive session at 8:08 pm. to discuss contract negotiations with Schodack Administrators Association, contract negotiations with Schodack Faculty Association, contract negotiations with the Director of Student Services and the Director of Teaching and Learning, the employment history of particular employees, and requests for proposals for professional services, **Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.**

B. **Mary Yurista moved** to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm., **Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk