

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR & BUDGET MEETING
February 24, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Armstrong
Diane Tyrrell
Tina Armstrong
Peter Veverka@ 9:30

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Bonnewell	Fran Mahler
Danielle Fosella	Mat Riddle
David Williams	Cookie Barker
Will Lowe	Linda Lowe
Dennis Root	Deb Root
Roger Friedman	Chris Savarie
Brooke Clarke	Rebecca Doyle

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

**MEETING
TO ORDER**

President John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

**PREVIOUS
MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to accept minutes of January 27, 2011 with correction noted. All Board members voted yes-3 no-0 motion carried

**SCIENCE
TROUT
PROJECT**

Mat Riddle and Cookie Barker presented a power point presentation explaining the Trout Project that they are currently directing with a group of their science students.

**TOWN of
SCHROON
PRESENTATION**

Roger Friedman presented information regarding the reclassification process including an affordable housing component. If approved it is possible that the Smart Growth initiative would attract new families with children to the area increasing the school enrollment. Mr. Blair will write a letter in support of the reclassification.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Brooke Clarke and Rebecca Doyle approached the Board and asked if a pre school program would be put in place for next year. It would be a great way to grow enrollment. Preschool is a necessity in Schroon Lake as early childhood education is lacking in our community. At this time they take their children out of town for childhood enrichment as well as day care services. They strongly support a preschool program. Chris Savarie pointed out a few safety concerns he has noticed.

He wondered if any consideration had been given to putting Hand railings in the middle of the stairs on the upper level of the bleachers in the gym. He also stated that he would like to see a chain link fence or dug outs built along the first and third base lines to protect the players as he has seen many close calls with fouls balls in these areas. It is important to protect the players.

Don Anlsow who was also in attendance agreed that this has been a major concern for many years and would hate to see a student or spectator get seriously hurt. He also asked if the air quality continues to be tested as the project comes to an end. Atlantic Testing Laboratories continues air monitoring.

CHANGE ORDERS APPROVED A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by John Armstrong to approve the following change orders.
1-036 in the amount of \$15,723.00
1-37 in the amount of \$16,287.00
1-38 in the amount of \$8,918.13
1-39 in the amount of \$30,924.00
All Board members voted Yes –3 no-0 motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT A motion was made by John Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to accept the Treasurer’s Report dated 1/2011 as presented.
All Board Members voted yes- 3 no- 0 motion carried.

CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to approve Warrant # 14 & 15 dated 02/20/11 and
All Board Members voted yes-3 no-0 motion carried

EXTRA CURRICULAR A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to accept the Extra Curricular Report dated 01/31/11.
All Board Members voted yes-3 no-0 motion carried

SENIOR TRIP CHAPERONES Mr. Root presented the Board with the list of this years chaperones. He will be joined by Mr. Bowen, Mrs. Sargent and Tina Armstrong on this years trip

CONFERENCE DAY PLANNED Friday March 11, 2011 will be a Superintendent Conference Day

SUPT. REPORT Mr. Blair reported that many decisions will need to be made in the near future regarding next years budget. A preschool is under consideration However will only be offered as a half day program. A grade 6, 7, and 8 middle school model will also be discussed. A custodial retirement will be discussed and possibly be replaced with a part time position.

CSE/CPSE RECS A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by John Armstrong to accept the CSE/ CPSE recommendations as presented for #2714P #2118, #2916, #2907P, #1306, #2811T.
All Board members voted yes-3 no-0 Motion carried

BUDGET MEETING The Board will hold a Budget Workshop on Thursday March 14th at 7:00pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by John Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to go into executive session at 9:00 pm for personnel and negotiations.
All Board members voted yes- 3 no-0 motion carried

Mr. Veverka entered the meeting at 9:15 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to move out of executive session at 10:00 pm.
All Board members voted yes –4 no-0 Motion Carried

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS Upon the recommendation of Supt. Blair a motion was made by Diane Tyrrell second by John Armstrong to conditionally appoint Melissa Williamson as a certified teacher substitute.
All Board members voted Yes-3 No-0 Abstain- 1 Peter Veverka motion carried

CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT

PROBATIONARY INSTUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Schroon Lake Central School District hereby conditionally appoints Melissa Williamson to the position of substitute teachers aide and substitute clerk effective February 25, 2011.

Be it further RESOLVED that this appointment is made on a conditional basis, and subject to receipt of both a statement from the above named applicant regarding criminal convictions or pending criminal charges and the receipt of a criminal background clearance from the Commissioner of Education. The applicants continued employment is specifically contingent upon the District's receipt of notice, from the Commissioner of Education, that s/he is fully cleared for employment.

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS Upon the recommendation of Supt. Blair a motion was made by Diane Tyrrell second by John Armstrong to conditionally appoint Joanne Dargon-Johnson as a certified teacher substitute.
All Board members voted Yes-3 No-0 Abstain- 1 Peter Veverka

motion carried

CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT

PROBATIONARY INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Schroon Lake Central School District hereby conditionally appoints Joanne Dargon- Johnson to the position of substitute teachers aide and substitute clerk effective February 25, 2011.

Be it further RESOLVED that this appointment is made on a conditional basis, and subject to receipt of both a statement from the above named applicant regarding criminal convictions or pending criminal charges and the receipt of a criminal background clearance from the Commissioner of Education. The applicants continued employment is specifically contingent upon the District's receipt of notice, from the Commissioner of Education, that s/he is fully cleared for employment.

RETIREMENT LETTER ACCEPTED A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Tina Armstrong to accept Sally Frederick's retirement letter with intention to retire at the end of the current school year.
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried.

RETIREMENT LETTER ACCEPTED A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by John Armstrong to accept Lewis Stapley's retirement letter effective June 24, 2010
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried.

RETIREMENT LETTER ACCEPTED A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Peter Veverka to regretfully accept Trudy Walp's retirement letter with intention to retire effective August 1, 2011.
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried.

ARTICLE XIII A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to direct Supt. Blair to distribute letters to recommended staff members that states the possible reduction of their position in accordance of the Negotiated contract, Article XIII Section D unless the group agrees to an extension to the March 1st deadline.
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried.

VAL/SAL POLICY #4769 A motion was made by John Armstrong, second by Tina Armstrong to adopt the updated Valedictorian and Salutatorian to begin with the 2012-2013 school year.
All Board members voted Yes 4- No-0 motion carried.

BOCES CVES BOARD NOMINATION A motion was made by John Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to nominate Bruce Murdock to a three year term position on the CVES Board beginning July 1, 2011.
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION David Williams expressed to the Board that he is pleased with how well the budget process has been going and would encourage creative thinking to keep the budget in line and the building running smoothly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by John Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to go into executive session at 10:25 pm for personnel
All Board members voted yes- 4 no-0 motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to move out of executive session at 11:00 pm.
All Board members voted yes –4 no-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Peter Veverka , second by Diane Tyrrell to adjourn at 11:00 pm.
All Board members voted yes –4 no-0 motion Carried

District Clerk

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
March 2, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
John Armstrong
Diane Tyrrell
Peter Veverka
Tina Armstrong

OTHERS PRESENT:
Craig King
Louise Jackstadt

BOARD CLERK-PRO TEMP
John Armstrong

MEETING TO ORDER President John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag

CLERK PRO TEMP A motion was made by Peter Veverka, second by Tina Armstrong to
appoint John Armstrong as clerk pro temp.
All Board Members voted yes- 4 no-0 motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by John Armstrong
to go into executive session at 7:07 pm for personnel
All Board members voted yes- 4 no-0 Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Tina Armstrong
to move out of executive session at 8:45 pm
All Board members voted yes – 4 no-0 Motion Carried

BOE CHOOSES CANDIDATES Mr. King will notify candidates of the selection.

BUDGET WORKSHOP CANCELLED Due to the candidate interviews the Budget Workshop on Monday
March 14th has been cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Peter Veverka, second by Tina Armstrong
to adjourn at 8:46pm.
All Board members voted Yes – 4 No-0 Motion Carried

District Clerk- Pro Temp

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Superintendent Interviews
March 14, 2011
School Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
John Armstrong
Diane Tyrrell
Peter Veverka
Tina Armstrong
Ellen Garland

OTHERS PRESENT:
Mr. Craig King

MEETING TO ORDER President John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

CLERK A motion was made by Peter Veverka, second by Tina Armstrong
PRO to appoint John Armstrong as the temporary clerk
TEMP All Board members voted Yes- 5 No- 0 motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Peter Veverka, second by Tina Armstrong
to go into executive session at 5:31 for personnel
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Ellen Garland
to move out of executive session at 9:45 pm no action taken
All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Tina Armstrong second by Peter Veverka
to adjourn at 9:46 pm.
All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 motion Carried

Temporary Clerk

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Superintendent Interviews
March 15, 2011
School Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Armstrong
Diane Tyrrell
Peter Veverka
Tina Armstrong
Ellen Garland

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Craig King

MEETING
TO ORDER

President John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

CLERK

PRO

TEMP

A motion was made by Ellen Garland, second by Tina Armstrong
to appoint John Armstrong as the temporary clerk

All Board members voted Yes- 5 No- 0 motion carried

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Peter Veverka
to go into executive session at 5:31 for personnel

All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

A motion was made by Peter Veverka, second by Ellen Garland
to move out of executive session at 9:50 pm no action taken

All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Armstrong second by Tina Armstrong
to adjourn at 9:51 pm.

All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 motion Carried

Temporary Clerk

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Superintendent Interviews
March 16, 2011
School Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Armstrong
Diane Tyrrell
Peter Veverka
Tina Armstrong
Ellen Garland

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Craig King

**MEETING
TO ORDER**

President John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

**CLERK
PRO
TEMP**

A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Tina Armstrong to appoint John Armstrong as the temporary clerk
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No- 0 motion carried

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

A motion was made by Ellen Garland, second by Tina Armstrong to go into executive session at 5:31 for personnel
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to move out of executive session at 9:55 pm no action taken
All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ellen Garland, second by Peter Veverka to adjourn at 10:00 pm.
All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 motion Carried

Temporary Clerk

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Superintendent Interviews
March 21, 2011
School Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Armstrong
Diane Tyrrell
Peter Veverka
Tina Armstrong
Ellen Garland

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rachael Risetto
James Jock

MEETING TO ORDER President John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

CLERK A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Ellen Garland
PRO to appoint John Armstrong as the temporary clerk
TEMP All Board members voted Yes- 5 No- 0 motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Peter Veverka
to go into executive session at 6:05 for personnel
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Ellen Garland, second by Peter Veverka
to move out of executive session at 10:30 pm no action taken
All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Tina Armstrong
to adjourn at 10:35 pm.
All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 motion Carried

Temporary Clerk

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
April 11, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Armstrong
Diane Tyrrell
Peter Veverka
Tina Armstrong
Ellen Garland

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Blair

BOARD CLERK-PRO TEMP

John Armstrong

MEETING TO ORDER President John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag

CLERK PRO TEMP A motion was made by Peter Veverka, second by Tina Armstrong to appoint John Armstrong as clerk pro temp.

All Board Members voted yes- 5 no-0 motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Ellen Garland, second by Diane Tyrrell to go into executive session at 7:07 pm for personnel

All Board members voted yes- 5 no-0 Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Ellen Garland to move out of executive session at 10:30 pm

All Board members voted yes – 5 no-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Peter Veverka to adjourn at 10:31 pm.

All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 Motion Carried

District Clerk- Pro Temp

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
April 6, 2011
School Office

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Armstrong
Diane Tyrrell
Ellen Garland

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Blair

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

MEETING
TO ORDER

President John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

SOFTBALL
COACH
APPOINTED

Upon the recommendation of Supt Blair, a motion was made by Ellen Garland, second by John Armstrong to appoint Marylou Shaughnessy as the second Modified Softball Coach for the 2011 season. Stipend- \$1560.00
All Board members voted Yes-3 No- 0 motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ellen Garland, second by Diane Tyrrell to adjourn at 7:15 pm

All Board members voted Yes – 3 No-0 motion Carried

District Clerk

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET MEETING
March 31, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Tyrrell
John Armstrong
Ellen Garland
Peter Veverka @7:08

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Blair	Pauline Rose
Danielle Fosella	Cookie Barker
Karla Tyrrell	Laura Corey
Jeff Jenks	Meg Woods
David Williams	Chris Savarie
Fran Mahler	Beth Buell
Marylou Shaughnessy	Bob Claus
Alex Shaughnessy	Jane Claus
Bob Bessey	Christine Gonyeau
Don Anslow	Tracy Gath
Vickye Grey	Tanner Stone
Chris Stone	Logan Mitchell
Kamden Farris	Kim Farris
Destiny McCoy	Sherri Armstrong
Moriah Armstrong	Danielle Barror
Dennis Root	Wendy Sargent
Chris Barror	Alyssa Barror
Kristy Wilson	Heather Williams
Jen Sabia	Alyssa DeCesare
Tiffany Messing	Lori Messing

MEETING
TO ORDER

President John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag

BUDGET
WORKSHOP

Mr. Blair presented a draft copy of the budget with the most recent information available from the state. The original Governors proposal showed a reduction in state aid of \$180,000. The updated amount is currently \$124,000 with an additional reduction of \$27,000 in this year's budget. Title I money is still unknown, however, it is believed that it will be unchanged. It is the Board's responsibility to make tough decisions. They are looking to make reductions not cuts to the programs. A 1% increase equals approximately \$70,000 and it is the Board's intention to increase the budget no more than 1%. Many areas of the budget have been discussed regarding staff and programs although nothing has been finalized as there are several pieces of information that are outstanding at this time. He stated the Board

will adopt a budget on April 14th. He reported that the budget was causing crisis all across the state, the Board is doing their best to put forth a budget that will not reduce programs to bare bones, while balancing the tax increase.

Mrs. Claus asked what will happen if the budget does not pass? If The Board chooses to go to contingency what will that mean for staff and students. Mr. Blair stated that this has not been discussed at this time. The focus at this point is to get the budget passed.

Mr. Claus stated that he felt it is unrealistic to think the school district can function without an increase. The Board needs to do what is best for the students.

Kristy Wilson stated that the Board would be negligent to put up anything but a full budget to benefit the students. Give the voters a chance to vote on a full budget.

Mr. Armstrong stated that he heard many of the same conversations last year. The Board put up a full budget and it went down by the highest margin in many years, along with the bus which had never before been voted down. The goal is to maintain and reduce programs where necessary. Having children within the building the Board understands the necessity to create balance. Graduation with a great education has to be the main goal.

Meg Woods thanked the Board for all the hard work they put into developing the budget and to Mr. Blair for going out into the community to present the budget and answering questions. She suggested that the Board consider doing the same thing.

Parents came out to support cheerleading, the drama department and JV Basketball. Extra curricular activities keep students striving for good grades. It was pointed out that while all of these programs are important, education is what will prepare them for the future.

Jen Sabia noted that there were many cuts to programs, however, She would like the Board to keep the option of a Pre-K open as There is such a need in the community and would benefit the District in the future.

Mr. Savarie asked what would happen if neither of the final two Superintendent Candidates get through the final interview. Mr. Armstrong explained he and the Board are pleased with the quality of candidates and he would not see this as an issue.

Mrs. Shaughnessy reported the number of students that would be affected by cutting JV Basketball and Cheerleading. Half of the the students involved in winter sports would be affected by this decision. She would also like to see the Board put up a full budget and let the community decide.

Summer school was discussed. A Kindergarten, First and Second grade program is being considered with no transportation. It was stated that it should be offered to all ages groups with transportation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Ellen Garland to go into executive session at 8:20 pm for personnel and legal matters. All Board members Voted Yes- 4 No-0 Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Ellen Garland, second by Peter Veverka to move out of executive session at 9:35 pm. All Board members voted Yes -4 No-0 Motion Carried

COACHING POSITIONS A second coaching position for Girls Modified Softball will be created for the 2011 season in light of the fact that there are twenty five girls participating in the program. The stipend will be paid using the Modified baseball salary as there will be no program this year citing the lack of eligible players. The position will be offered to teachers first, then to anyone who applied for spring sports for this school year.

SUMMER SCHOOL The K, 1 & 2 program was discussed, a survey will be sent to parents of these students to see if there is enough interest to offer the program if no transportation is provided.

COLLEGE COURSES College courses will be paid for by the parents. If the student receives an A or B in the college course, the parent gets a full refund. If the student receives a C the parent will get 50% of the amount paid for the course. This procedure will begin in September 2011.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Ellen Garland to adjourn at 9:55 pm. All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried.

District Clerk

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET WORKSHOP

March 10, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Armstrong
Peter Veverka @ 7:45
Tina Armstrong
Diane Tyrrell

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Blair	Kristy Wilson
Danielle Fosella	Jeff Jenks
David Williams	Beth Buell
Fran Mahler	Anita Masiello
Debbie Root	Dennis Root
Sue Harrison	Cookie Barker
Tracy Gath	Wendy Sargent
Mary Gereau	Pauline Rose
Jeff Cutting	Don Anslow
Craig Maisonville	Terry Wisser
Meg Woods	Chris Savarie
Natalie Loiselle	Dawn Kelly
Karla Tyrrell	

MEETING
TO ORDER

President John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Gereau began by asking if any other dates had been scheduled for Budget workshops. No other dates have been scheduled at this time. Budget will be discussed at the March meeting.

Mrs. Gereau reported concerns of the staff including items such as, the fund balance, a 6, 7 and 8th grade middle school concept as well as a Pre K program is being discussed without a Shared Decision Making team to discuss the pro's and con's of such programs. Position elimination or reduction letters that were handed out to staff members prior to the March 1st deadline.

RETIREMENT
LETTER
ACCEPTED

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Blair, a motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to accept the retirement letter of Bonnie Hale as school secretary effective at the end of this school year.

All Board members voted Yes- 3 No-0 motion carried

BUDGET
WORKSHEET
REVIEWED

Mr. Blair reviewed a Budget Worksheet that was prepared for the workshop. He reported the known loss of revenue as follows

Teacher Retirement Payment for 2011-2012	\$134,150
Health Insurance Increase	\$ 60,000
Federal American Recovery Act	\$150,000
Total	\$344,150

Factors that could be increased or lost funds for 2011-2012

Governors Proposal possible decrease in funds	\$180,000
Fuel Costs probable increase	\$ 15,000
Unemployment payments	\$ 10,000
Teacher and Non Teacher Contracts being negotiated	\$?
Possibility of a percentage cut in all Federal Grants	\$?

Mr. Veverka entered the meeting

Mr. Blair explained that before the budget process begins we are at a 5-8 % increase. To balance, we must be creative in ways to reduce the budget without neglecting students. Ideas discussed to help offset the increases included not replacing a bus driver and secretary that will be retiring as well as reduce a retiring custodian position to half time. It was suggested that the retiring reading teacher not be replaced, seven teaching and non teaching positions could be reduced by one day. Support Staff to move to Plan B health insurance and the current Superintendent to return \$2500.00 to the district. Programs discussed for elimination were JV Basketball, Cheerleading, Middle School Student Council, Drivers Education and no non league games to be scheduled to save transportation and referee costs. Parent transportation to and from certain games was also discussed. College courses are currently offered for free, perhaps the District will need to start charging for these courses. There are many scenarios and many issues to make decisions on.

A school bus will also need to be voted upon at budget time as the Proposal last year was voted down. Not replacing busses costs the district money as more maintenance and repair is required.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A community member asked when the Board would have answers to these questions and if they planned to stick to the original goal of a 1% increase. Mr. Blair explained that negotiations continue and the very latest a budget can be adopted is April 23rd.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by John Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to go into executive session at 8:55 pm for personnel & negotiations. All Board members Voted Yes- 4 No-0 Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to move out of executive session at 9:30 pm. All Board members voted Yes -4 No-0 Motion Carried

BOARD
APPROVES
UNUSED
VACATION
TIME

A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Tina Armstrong to approve a request from Danielle Fosella to pay 15 unused vacation days in the amount of \$3178.80

All Board members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Peter Veverka to adjourn at 9:32 pm.

All Board members voted Yes -4 No-0 Motion Carried

District Clerk

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Superintendent Interviews
March 22, 2011
School Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Armstrong
Diane Tyrrell
Peter Veverka
Tina Armstrong
Ellen Garland

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rachael Risetto

MEETING
TO ORDER

President John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

CLERK
PRO
TEMP

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell
to appoint John Armstrong as the temporary clerk
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No- 0 motion carried

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Ellen Garland
to go into executive session at 6:01 for personnel
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

A motion was made by Peter Veverka, second by Ellen Garland
to move out of executive session at 10:00 pm no action taken
All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ellen Garland, second by Tina Armstrong
to adjourn at 10:30 pm.
All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 motion Carried

Temporary Clerk

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR & BUDGET MEETING
March 24, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Tyrrell
John Armstrong
Tina Armstrong
Ellen Garland

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Blair	Pauline Rose
Danielle Fosella	Cookie Barker
Mari Cecil	Karla Tyrrell
Jeff Jenks	Meg Woods
David Williams	Chris Savarie
Fran Mahler	Natalie Loiselle
Marylou Shaughnessy	Bob Claus
Laura Corey	Jane Claus
Bob Bessey	Sue Harrison
Don Anslow	Tracy Gath
Art Lowe	Terry Wisser
Chris Stone	Marissa Gero
Meghan Hedden	Kim Farris
Destiny McCoy	Sherri Armstrong
Moriah Armstrong	Cassidy Christian
Gerri Hedden	Debbie Root
Dennis Root	Will Lowe
Art Lowe	Janice Herrick
Lee Silvernail	Wendy Sargent
Charlene Murdock	Jodi Thompson
Craig Maisonville	Jen Laperle
Chris Barror	Alysa Barror
Jim Kowalka	Stacy Kowalka
Jen Sabia	Rebecca Doyle
Rick Gero	Cindy Gero
Jaqueline Foote	Sam Foote

MEETING
TO ORDER

President John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag

BUILDING
PROJECT
UPDATE

Mari Cecil gave the monthly building project report to the Board. The project is currently 98% complete. The auditorium is in the final stage with a lighting and sound system training to take place next week. Work has been scheduled for April break Mrs. Garland complimented Ms. Cecil and her firm as the auditorium turned out fabulous. The design and sound is to be commended.

CHANGE
ORDERS

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Ellen Garland to accept the following change orders
#1-040 in the amount of \$14,785.00
#1-041 in the amount of \$9,516.00
#1-042 in the amount of \$3465.00
#4-09 in the amount of \$16,647.56
All Board members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion carried

PREVIOUS
MINUTES

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to accept minutes of February 24, March 2, 10, 14, 15, & 16, 2011 as presented.
All Board members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion carried

SUPT
SEARCH

Mr. Armstrong gave an update on the Superintendent Search. After nine initial interviews the Board narrowed the field to four. Those four candidates were brought to school and interviewed by two committees consisting of teachers, support staff, community members and a student. The field was then narrowed to two candidates. The Board will visit the candidates in their school districts and make a final decision in mid April.

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Many cheerleaders and their parents came in support of the cheerleading program. They pointed out that program is a no cost program with exception of the coaches. The program has grown over the past few years. Mrs. Shaughnessy stated that 80 students participated in winter sports last year, half of those students were involved in JV Basketball or Cheerleading. Cutting these programs would have a great impact on half the students participating. Mr. Savarie asked if these programs could be run by volunteers. The positions are part of a contract and that would have to be negotiated. There would still be costs to the basketball program which include transportation, referees and supplies. Many parents came to support the preschool program. The benefit far outweighs the cost and they would appreciate it if the Board would consider offering the program.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to accept the Treasurer's Report for February as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried.

CERTIFICATION
OF WARRANT

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Diane Tyrrell to approve Warrant #16 dated 3/19/11 and #18 dated 3/21/11
All Board Members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion carried

EXTRA

A motion was made by Ellen Garland, second by Diane Tyrrell

CURRICULAR REPORT	to accept the Extra Curricular Report dated 02/28/11. All Board members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion carried.
CRARY BOE MEMBER	A motion was made by John Armstrong, second by Tina Armstrong to appoint Tina Armstrong as Board representative to the Bruce Crary Scholarship committee. All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried
APRIL EVENTS	The drama department will present “An Evening at the Theatre” on April 8 th beginning with a reception in the school cafeteria followed by a performance in the auditorium. There will be no charge for this event as a gift to the community for supporting the new auditorium. An Open House and Academic Fair will be held on Thursday April 14 th beginning at 6:30.
ADK MARATHON REQUEST	The Board approved the building use request from the ADK Marathon to use the gym area in September. A floor covering will be ordered prior to the event.
ZUMBA REQUEST	The Board tabled the request from a community member to use the building to teach Zumba. There will be a charge for each class. More information is necessary to make this decision. It will be brought back to the Board at the April meeting for decision.
GUEST PERMISION FORM	A motion was made by Ellen Garland, second by Tina Armstrong to approve the guest permission form as presented. All students escorting a student from out of district will be required to complete this form out and get approval for their guest prior to the event. All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried
MODIFIED BASEBALL PROGRAM	Eleven boys signed up for modified baseball this year. Of those eleven, five are on the eligibility list and would not be able to play for most of the season. To run a program, there must be at least 9 players eligible to play. As we do not have the required amount of eligible players, the modified baseball program has been dropped for this school year.
CSE/504 RECS APPROVED	A motion was made by Ellen Garland, second by Diane Tyrrell to approve the recommendations for # 2914, 2117, & 2714P All Board members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion carried.
BUDGET WORKSHOP	Mr. Blair explained that it is the Boards desire to present a sound budget balanced with student needs. With the state aid cuts being faced by the district it will be a difficult to reach a 1%

increase. It is important that all areas of the budget be considered. Many areas of the budget have been considered. Items such as reduction in staff, sharing a school psychologist with another district, cutting of programs such as Drivers Education, JV Basketball, Cheerleading and summer school were all discussed. College courses were discussed with the possibility of parents paying the fees for the courses up front with reimbursement made by the school once the student has passed the course with a grade of an A or B.

The possibility of leasing a bus versus buying a bus was discussed. After weighing the pros and cons the Board agreed to put the bus up as a lease proposition in the amount not to exceed \$18,000. Mr. Blair explained the fund balance and shared that the Boards intent at this time is to use \$525,000 to reduce school tax .

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Mr. Claus asked if a 1% increase is realistic if the Board intends to maintain a viable well rounded program for students. Mr. Blair explained that the first budget put up last year was just over 2%. The budget failed along with the bus proposition. A second budget put up was barely over 1% and passed by a narrow margin. Mrs. Claus thanked the Board for their hard work and Mr. Blair for what she considered the best preliminary budget presentation she has attended in years. She pointed out that the community was not well represented as there were not many members of the community in attendance to express their thoughts. She urged the Board to reconsider not replacing the retiring custodian. She wonders how it will be possible to clean more building with less staff. She added that that a preschool program would be well worth the investment. Adult Education should also be considered in the future.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

A motion was made by Diane Tyrrell, second by Tina Armstrong to go into executive session at 10:00 pm for personnel
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

A motion was made by John Armstrong, second by Tina Armstrong to move out of executive session at 11:00 am. No action taken
Board members voted Yes –4 No-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Armstrong, second by Ellen Garland to adjourn at 11:05 pm.
All Board members voted Yes –4 No-0 motion Carried

District Clerk

