

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR & BUDGET MEETING
School Auditorium
January 22, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Claus
Eric Welch
Tina Armstrong

Dana Shaughnessy
Anne Durkee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Polunci Fran Mahler
Danielle Fosella Bruce Murdock
Jeff Jenks Deb Schilling

Amy Garcia Craig Maisonville

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia @7:02

MEETING
TO ORDER

President Robert Claus called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

PREVIOUS
MINUTES

A motion was made by Anne Durkee, second by Eric Welch to approve the minutes of December 18, 2014 as presented. All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried.

SPECIAL ED
ANNUAL
REPORT

David Williams gave the annual special education report. He strongly recommends continuation of early intervention as well as summer programs. Professional Development opportunities are necessary to ensure the success of our students. He would also like to see the district support the effort to improve services to appropriately serve students with more diverse needs within our building rather than out of district placement.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

There were no concerns for public participation

TREASURER'S
REPORT

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Anne Durkee to accept the Treasurer's Report for December dated 01/7/15 as presented. All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried.

CERTIFICATION
OF WARRANT

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Dana Shaughnessy to approve Warrant #6 dated 1/7/15 as presented. All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

EXTRA
CURRICULAR
REPORT

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Anne Durkee to accept the Extra Curricular Report dated 12/31/15. All Board members voted Yes-5 No-0 motion carried.

SUPT
REPORT

Supt. Polunci reviewed several articles that have been in local newspapers recently. He thanked Tina Armstrong for bringing the Backpack Food Program to Schroon Lake. She has continued to add funding to this important program. Most recently was a grant from the Adirondack Marathon Distance Festival. Graduation rates, Veteran's Exemptions, and the Governor's proposal of the executive 2015-2016 budget were also points of interest. January Regents will be administered next week. The January 30th Conference schedule was reviewed. There will be time spent developing an attendance policy to address some current issues. The Foreign Exchange program will also be discussed, concerns regarding the program include the age of students, limited English proficiency and finding host families.

CSE/CPSE
RECS

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch to accept the 504/CSE recommendations as presented for # 10090, 10490
All Board members voted Yes-5 No-0 motion carried

BOE
ACCEPTS
RESIGNATION

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Polunci, a motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Dana Shaughnessy to accept the resignation of Tracey Whitty as bus monitor. This resignation will take effect on January 23, 2015.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

BOE
APPOINTS
BUS MONITOR

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Polunci, a motion was made by Anne Durkee, second by Tina Armstrong to appoint Lynda Beattie as a full time 10 month bus monitor effective January 23, 2015. Ms. Beattie will be compensated \$10.40 per hour and will be placed on probation to end on June 23, 2015.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

BOE

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Polunci, a motion was made by

APPOINTS
BUS DRIVER

Anne Durkee, second by Tina Armstrong to appoint Tracey Whitty as a full time 10 month bus driver effective January 23, 2015. Mrs. Whitty will be compensated \$15.22 per hour and will be placed on Probation to end on June 30, 2015.

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

1ST READ
OF
VOLUNTEER
POLICY

The Board completed the first read of the Volunteer/Unpaid Coaching Policy. The second read will be completed at the February BOE meeting.

SPORTS
PROGRAM
UPDATE

Lee Silvernail gave the Board an update with numbers for several sports programs. At this time it does not look like we will be able to field either Boys Varsity Baseball or Boys Modified Baseball for the 2015 Spring season. Our soccer programs for fall are also in jeopardy of not having enough students to field teams. It may be time to consider other options for our students such as tennis and cross country. After a brief discussion, Mr. Silvernail was directed to ask students what sports they would want to be involved in if there weren't enough to field teams in our current sport programs. A parent athlete meeting will be held on Wednesday Feb 4, 2015 to discuss this matter with the public.

ENERGY
CO-OP
MEMBERSHIP

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Dana Shaughnessy to accept the continued membership agreement between Schroon Lake Central and The School and Municipal Energy Cooperative of Western New York.

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

DRAFT
BUDGET
PRESENTED

The first Draft of the 2015-2016 budget was presented to BOE members. Preliminary numbers have been used as the district awaits more definite numbers from the state. The tax cap has been calculated as 1.1 percent this year.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION
unpaid

Bruce Murdock asked if all volunteers had to be fingerprinted? Current policy does not call for all volunteers to be fingerprinted. However, a background check is required. Volunteer

coaches would need to follow the same guide lines as a certified coach regarding fingerprints.

Laura Corey asked about the foreign exchange program and if it was going to be reviewed. A meeting with the Educatus representative and the staff will be scheduled soon to discuss the program.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dana Shaughnessy, second by Eric Welch to adjourn at 9:05 pm.
All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 Motion Carried

District Clerk