

.SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
March 24, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Armstrong
Eric Welch @ 7:20 pm
Robert Claus
Dana Shaughnessy
Susan Repko (Skype)
@ Myrtle Beach, SC

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Gratto	David Williams
Danielle Fosella	Jeff Jenks
Craig Masionville	John Belrose
Bruce Murdock	Kellie Hafner
Julie Dunkley	Deb Schilling
Dennis Root	Lester Armstrong
Chris Lake	Natalie Royer ~Loiselle
Tracy Whitty	Mike Sharp
Mike Pockett	Terry Wisser
Beth Welch	

MEETING
TO ORDER

President Robert Claus called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES
APPROVED

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Dana Shaughnessy to approve the minutes of February 25, 2016 as presented
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Bruce Murdock asked why the shrubs out front were removed? It was explained that it was a safety issue. The shrubs made it difficult to see students walking and pulling out of the north driveway was difficult, it is also easier for the public to view the activity sign out front.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Dana Shaughnessy to accept the Treasurer's Report for December dated 03/18/16 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes- No- 0 motion carried.

CERTIFICATION
OF WARRANT

A motion was made by Dana Shaughnessy, second by Tina Armstrong to approve Warrant #8 dated 03/16/16 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

EXTRA
CURRICULAR
REPORT

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Dana Shaughnessy to accept the Extra Curricular Report dated 02/29/2016.
All Board members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion carried.

Eric Welch entered the meeting

STUDENT
AMBASSADOR
REPORT

Cheyenne Bowers reported that the students have been very busy this month with Easter flower sales, a St. Patty's day dance, the March Madness free throw competition and the Junior Senior Faculty Basketball Game. The SUNY French students recently visited SUNY Albany and placed second in a dessert contest. Baseball and Softball practices have begun and the finishing touches are being put on the musical which will take place on April 1 & 2. Forty six students competed in the State Archery tournament at SUNY IT in Utica. Overall it has been a busy month.

SUPT
REPORT

Supt. Gratto shared an article on Etown/Westport sharing a Superintendent beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

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Mr. Sharp gave an overview of the archery program. Once again Schroon Lake Central was very successful at the state tournament and he

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taking 17 students to the National Competition in Louisville Kentucky on May 12-14. He thanked the Board for their continued support

BOE APPROVES
ARCHERY
REQUEST

asked if they could support an additional shoot this year. The Center Shot Bulls eye Competition is new this year and he would like to see our Archers participate in this event. The additional cost is a total of \$510.00

A motion was made by Dana Shaughnessy, second by Tina Armstrong to approve the \$510.00 entry fee for all 17 students to participate in the Center Shot Bullseye Competition.

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

CRARY
BOE
MEMBER

Susan Repko volunteered to sit on the committee for the Bruce Crary Scholarship.

SOFTBALL
FIELD
WORK
DISCUSSED

John Belrose approached the Board to ask about the possibility of making the softball field a dirt infield. Our field is currently grass and it is a different level of play with dirt. All state tournaments are played on dirt and he would like to see the district make the investment. The softball program has the numbers to viable for many years to come. It was pointed out that if you did the work to the softball field you would also have to change the baseball field. After much discussion it was agreed that the Board would table the suggestion until the district could get some solid estimates on what the total cost of the project would be. This scope of a project could not take place this season so we would be looking at next year.

OVER
NIGHT TRIP
APPROVED

Mr. Gratto put forth an itinerary for an overnight trip for the sophomores and juniors to attend an open house at Paul Smith's college and spend the night at the Adirondack Loj. The students would hike Mt. Jo in the morning and then attend an open house at North Country Community College before returning to SLCS that afternoon. The trip would take place on May 10 -11 and there would be 3 or 4 chaperones assigned to the trip.

A motion was made by Eric Welch, second by Dana Shaughnessy to approve the overnight trip as presented.

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

SMART GRANT
MONEY PLAN
APPROVED

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Dana Shaughnessy to approve the purchase of \$100,843.42 worth of equipment as presented by the Technology Committee. The funds will come from the Smart Money Grant furnished by NY State.

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

NHS
INDUCTION
TIME CHANGE

Supt. Gratto informed the Board that the time for the National Honor Society Induction scheduled for April 14th has been moved to 7:30 PM to accommodate players involved in the baseball game scheduled for that evening.

CSE
RECS

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch to approve the CSE/504 recommendations for #2318, 1306, 10510, 2105P, 1907 20125, 1611, 10067, 10548

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

BUS
DRIVER
RESIGNATION

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch to accept the resignation of Fred Griffen as full time bus driver effective March 11, 2016.

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

OPTICAL
SCANNERS

The Board reviewed the information presented by Essex County involving the use of optical scanners for the budget vote on May 17, 2016. The cost To the district would be around \$1500.00 to use the machines. After reviewing the information the Board decided to decline the use of the scanners and complete this year's vote with paper ballot.

BOE
APPROVES
BUS
PROPOSITION

A motion was made by Eric Welch, second by Dana Shaughnessy to put the following resolution before the voters on May 17, 2016

Be it RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Schroon Lake Central School District, County of Essex, be and hereby is authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$123,000.00 for the purchase of one 65 passenger school bus. Such sum shall be raised in annual installments under issued obligations as provided by Educational Law Section 416.

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

REVISED
2016-17
SCHOOL
CALENDAR

A motion was made by Eric Welch, second by Dana Shaughnessy to approve the revised 2016-17 school calendar. The change effected the Supt. Conference days scheduled for next year.

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

SUB DRIVER APPOINTED Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Dana Shaughnessy to approve Beverly Cooper as a substitute bus driver. Mrs. Cooper will be compensated \$18.00 per hour for the remainder of the 2016 school year.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

2nd Read SAFETY PLAN The second read of the District Emergency Response Plan was completed. A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Dana Shaughnessy to approve the plan as presented.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

2nd READ POLICY 5000-5312 The second read of Policy 5000-5312 was completed by the Board A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch to adopt the policy as presented.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

1ST READ POLICY The first read of Policy 5312.1-5670 was completed by the Board
The first read of the Attendance policy was completed
The first read of the Volunteer Driver was completed

BUDGET WORKSHOP Mr. Gratto presented the 2016-2017 proposed budget. This budget stays under the allowed tax cap with a 1.38 increase and will use \$404,785.00 from the Fund balance.

Robert Claus reopened the discussion regarding the Electronic sign This was tabled back in October and it is time to make a decision. Three quotes were reviewed 1) Golden Eagle Single sided sign \$10,165 2) Golden Eagle Double sided sign \$16,874 3) Watchfire Double Faced Full Color Electronic Message Center \$33,3695. Mrs. Fosella explained that the money for the single sided sign had been encumbered out of last year's budget and would not affect the 2016-2017 budget if the Board chose to go with option #1, the single sided sign. After much discussion to Board voted.

ELECTRONIC SIGN APPROVED A motion was made by Eric Welch, second by Tina Armstrong to approve the single sided sign from Golden Rule Signs in the amount of \$10,165.05
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

BOE ADOPTS BUDGET A motion was made by Dana Shaughnessy second by Eric Welch to adopt the 2016-2017 school year budget in the amount of \$7,873,597.00
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

The exit poll was revised and will be made available to voters again this year.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Natalie Loiselle stated that she was pleased with the bushes being cut out front as it was difficult to see as you were pulling out. She is pleased to see a student sitting on the Board and representing the student body. She also stated that she feels the volunteer driver policy will affect the current list of drivers as well as the substitutes. This is hard working group of people and they go through a lot of training and have to recertify every year. It is important that they get all the hours possible. Lester Armstrong and Chris Lake also spoke against the volunteer driver policy.

Mr. Sharp spoke on behalf of the Archery program and stated that there was a few people that he forgot to thank. Mrs. Fosella for her continued support and Mrs. DeZalia for always helping with the extra details.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Eric Welch, second by Dana Shaughnessy to adjourn at 8:55pm.

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

District Clerk