

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
August 24, 2017 @ 7:00

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Claus
Tina Armstrong
Eric Welch
Susan Repko

Supt Gratto
Danielle
Fosella
Jeff Cutting

OTHERS PRESENT

Bruce Murdock
Amy GarciaBeth Root
Heather Maisonville

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

MEETING
TO ORDER

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

PREVIOUS
MINUTES

A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Tina Armstrong
accept minutes of July 27, 2017 as presented
All Board Members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried.

PREVIOUS
MINUTES

A motion was made by Eric Welch, second by Susan Repko
accept minutes of August 21, 2017 as presented
All Board Members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

There were no concerns at this time

BUDGET
TRANSFERS
REPORT

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch to
accept the Budget Transfer Report dated 08/19/17.
All Board members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion

TREASURER'S REPORT A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Susan Repko to accept the Treasurer's Report dated 8-17-2017.
All Board Members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Eric Welch to approve Warrant # 1 dated 08/17/17
All Board Members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried.

SUMMER SCHOOL Supt. Gratto gave an update on this year's summer school program. All students completed the high school portion and were given credit to stay on track to UPDATE graduate. He appreciates the Board's continued support of the summer school credit recovery program.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR The Student Ambassador position was discussed and it was agreed that the Board would like to continue with the position. They appreciated the student input and will open it back up to the student body

ADK MARATHON The ADK Marathon Building and Bus use forms have all been approved

BOARD RETREAT Supt. Gratto will put out a poll to see what dates work best for all BOE members. Sue Repko will contact WOL Inn to check availability.

REGENTS UPDATE Supt. Gratto reported that the August Regent results were lower than expected and students that did not pass will be encouraged to retake them in January.

BUILDING USE Supt. Gratto was contacted to see if it would be possible to use the building by a film production company that would like to shoot part of a movie here. The Board was in agreement as long as it did not interfere with instructional time.

VAL/SAL POLICY DISCUSSION AP, CV-Tech and online college classes were discussed and it was agreed that these should be weighted. Transfer students were discussed and it was agreed that a student must attend Schroon Lake Central for at least two years to be eligible to be considered. The policy will be revised and brought back to the Board for approval. This will be instituted beginning with the Class of 2019.

CYCLE ADIRONDACKS The Cycle Adirondack event was a huge success and Mr. Gratto thanked the Chamber of Commerce with getting the event here in Schroon Lake.

WILD ABOUT READING A grant was received that will sponsor a Wild About Reading program. The program will incorporate Pre- K and Kindergarten Students reading with the Senior Citizens.

JUGGLING CLUB GRANT Supt. Gratto reported that the Juggling Club has received a grant of \$1000.00 to purchase equipment to get started.

ADK
HILLSIDE
FARMERS

Lee Silvernail will head up the club ADK Hillside Farmers in conjunction with the Farm to Table Class. They will be responsible for the chicken coup.

Tina Armstrong questioned the placement of the chicken coup in proximity to the playground. Mr. Gratto assured her it would be well taken care of and if it became a problem it would be moved.

FINANCIAL
UPDATE

Supt. Gratto gave the Board a financial update and suggested that the Board consider using fund balance to pay off the existing bus bonds. This would pay off the existing busses and save interest. The Board agreed and the following resolution was made:

Tina Armstrong presented the following resolution and moved that it be adopted:

RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 24, 2017 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$311,745 OF FUND BALANCE TO PAY A PORTION OF THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING NOTES.

WHEREAS, the Schroon Lake Central School District (the "School District") has duly issued certain bond anticipation notes to finance the purchase of school buses, a list of which is attached hereto as Schedule A (collectively, the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the Notes is \$392,465; and;

WHEREAS, the School District's budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year includes \$80,720 to pay (A) a portion of the principal of, and (B) the interest on, the Notes on their respective maturity dates; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to expend \$311,745 of fund balance to pay the remaining principal balance of the Notes at their respective maturity dates as set forth in Schedule A;

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The School District shall expend \$311,745 of fund balance to pay a portion of the principal balance of the Notes at their respective maturity dates as set forth in Schedule A.

Section 2. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the transactions authorized pursuant to Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The Motion having been duly seconded by Eric Welch, it was adopted and the following votes were cast

AYES

Robert Claus
Susan Repko
Eric Welch
Tina Armstrong

NAYS

ABSENT

Kevin Kelly

BOE
APPOINTS
SUBS

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Tina Armstrong to appoint Becky Hartwell as a non certified substitute teacher. Mrs. Hartwell will be compensated \$75.00 per day for the 2017-2018 school year.
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

BOE
APPOINTS
EMERGENCY
OFFICER

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch to appoint David Williams as the Chief Emergency Officer.
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

BOE
ACCEPTS
DRIVER
RESIGNATION

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Susan Repko to accept the resignation of Jamie Marchaland as a full time bus driver effective August 7, 2017. Ms. Marchaland will be responsible for repayment of health and dental insurance paid for the month of July.
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

COUNTY
MOU
APPROVED

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch to approve the MOU between the Schroon Lake Central School and Essex County Mental Health to establish a school based satellite clinic for outpatient mental health services.
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Heather Maisonville stated that she appreciated the work that had been done to the Code of Conduct to include the conduct of fans. She also wondered if there was oversight to see if students are using their Chrome Books correctly. Mr. Gratto explained that Go Guardian helps teachers monitor student activity. The program allows the teacher to shut down the program if necessary.

Mr. Claus suggested that the Board consider broadcasting meetings on the Local news channel.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Tina Armstrong to adjourn at 8:30 PM
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motin carried

District Clerk