

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR & BUDGET MEETING
School Auditorium
January 23, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Claus
Eric Welch
Bruce Murdock
Susan Repko
Kevin Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Gratto
Danielle Fosella
Tamara Belanger
Natalie Loiselle
Beth Root
Eden Koenig
Christoph Koenig
Christian Gratto
Lee Silvernail
Matt Curren

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

MEETING TO ORDER President Bruce Murdock called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

PREVIOUS MINUTES A motion was made by Robert Claus, second by Susan Repko to approve the minutes of December 19, 2019 as presented. All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION On behalf of the Student Council, Christian Gratto reported that the student council wellness committee is still researching the idea of a vending machine for student use after school hours. The committee for dress code review has been finalized and will be meeting soon. A pep rally will be scheduled for February 5th in support of senior send off. Ms. Loiselle spoke on behalf of the teachers association as they were unable to attend the recent Board retreat.

CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT A motion was made by Eric Welch, second by Kevin Kelly to approve Warrant #6 dated 1/3/20 as presented. All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Robert Claus to accept the Treasurer's Report for December dated 01/7/20 as presented. All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried.

Mr. Murdock acknowledged the budget status/

EXTRA
CURRICULAR
REPORT

A motion was made by Eric Welch, second by Kevin Kelly to accept the Extra Curricular Report dated 12/31/19. All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried.

SUPT
REPORT

Supt. Gratto gave a report on the recent Board retreat. He thanked the members for their input and the Board took the information to create next years proposed goals. Goals included continuing to enhance school security, enhance diversity, support programs to improve the mental and physical well being of the school community, develop exposure to career and employment opportunities. Mr. Murdock stated that he felt the retreat was a huge success and everyone was there for the same reason and that was to make the school better.

BOE
ADOPTS
GOALS

A motion was made by Robert Claus, second by Eric Welch to approve the proposed district goals for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

BOE
SETS
EXCHANGE
TUITION
RATE

A motion was made Eric Welch, second by Robert Claus to raise the foreign exchange tuition to \$5000 for tuition and \$5000 for room and board for the 2020-2021 school year. All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

BOE
APPROVES
CSE/504
RECS

A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Robert Claus to approve the 504 recommendations as presented for #10780, 10783 &10781 All Board members voted Yes 5- No-0 motion carried

BOE
ACCEPTS
RESIGNATION

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Robert Claus, second by Kevin Kelly to regretfully accept the resignation of Cookie Barker effective June 30, 2020 All Board members voted Yes-5 No-0 motion carried

BOE
APPROVES
MATERNITY
LEAVE

A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Robert Claus to approve the maternity leave request of Megan DeZalia. Leave will begin on or around February 14th and she will return in May of 2020. All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

BOE
APPOINTS
SUBS

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Kevin Kelly to appoint Nicole Huasta as a substitute bus driver. Ms. Huasta will be compensated \$18.00 per day and must meet all the necessary requirements.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

DRAFT
BUDGET
PRESENTED

The first draft of the 2020-2021 budget was presented to the BOE members. Preliminary numbers have been used as the district awaits more definite numbers from the state. The preliminary tax cap has been calculated as 1.28% percent this year. This is an estimated increase of roughly \$83,157.00 State aid should increase by \$2154. Health care and special education are the two areas with the highest increase. Schroon Lake still remains one of the lowest property tax rates in the northern BOCES. Deficit spending was discussed as well as how much fund balance should be used. At the next budget meeting a list of cost savings will be discussed.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Christoph Koenig suggested that grant writing could be helpful to secure funds for the district. There may be federal dollars to help with the special education increase

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Robert Claus, second by Susan Repko to adjourn at 8:05 pm.
All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 Motion Carried

District Clerk