

**SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
7:00 PM School Library**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Murdock
Jared Whitley
Valerie LeBlanc
Codie Aiken

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Brooks Mrs. Pennick
Matt Curren Tom Telling
Laura Corey Lance Paradis
Brett Bernhard Jeff Cutting
Melissa Whitley Rebecca Doyle
Lee Silvernail

**MEETING
TO ORDER**

President Whitley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

**PREVIOUS
MINUTES**

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to accept minutes of August 24, 2023 as presented
All Board Members voted Yes-4 No- 0 motion carried.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Rebecca Doyle asked if the Board would consider livestreaming the meetings again as a convenience to families that can not make it. This was discussed and equipment had been ordered to begin the process. The district is currently in the process of training students to live stream the meetings again.

**AUDITORS
REPORT**

Mr. Telling from Telling & Hillman PC attended the meeting to review the results of the Independent Auditors Report. He stated that the audit was done in accordance with auditing standards issued by the Comptroller. According to the report the audit evidence obtained was sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the audit opinions. The district is once again over the 4% fund balance that is allowed by state law. The Board should take this into consideration when preparing next year's budget. After some discussion, Dr. Brooks reported that the Board had attended a workshop to gain ideas on how to give back to the taxpayers. It is also the opinion of the Board that a 4% fund balance is not reasonable for our district.

**AUDITORS
REPORT &
CORRECTIVE
ACTION PLAN**

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Valerie LeBlanc to accept the Auditors report and the Corrective Action Plan for the 2022-2023 school year as presented
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to accept the Treasurer's Report dated 8/3/2023.
All Board Members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion carried

CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to approve Warrant #2 dated 8/01/23 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

EXTRA CURRICULAR REPORT A motion was made by Codie Aiken, second by Bruce Murdock to approve the June extra curricular report dated 8/31/23 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

SUPT REPORT Dr. Brooks introduced Lance Paradis and Lara Corey to review the new program where students can earn the Seal of Civic Readiness. They explained the pathways to earning the seal with the objective being real world learning within the classroom. It will be important to support our students as they earn the points to gain the seal.
The pool of substitutes is growing and the district is currently introducing substitutes to different areas so that they are a good fit.
Mr. Cutting has been a key player with the 6th grade transition program. The students have really benefitted by the program and Dr. Brooks appreciates the time and effort Mr. Cutting has put into this to help students be successful.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mrs. Pemrick reported that the Open House was very successful. The Elementary teachers reported a 100% attendance rate and the Middle school teachers reported 85%. The first informational meeting on the Dominican Republic trip was presented by Ms. Carey and seemed to gain a lot of interest. The Elementary staff has been working with the PTSO to get all Elementary students to the Library and get each of them a library card. A Community Service Day has been scheduled and will be headed up by several students. This is an opportunity for students to participate in community projects.

BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT Mr. Curren reported that it has been his pleasure to begin overseeing several departments. The cafeteria, building and grounds and the transportation departments all run smoothly. He also gave an update on the Investment policy. It is important to have the district's money invested safely while getting the best return on investment. The Salvage and Inventory is an opportunity to evaluate inventory and begin to dispose of items that no longer have value to the district.

PORTABLE POTTY DISCUSSION A request was made in the spring to consider placing a portable potty on the lower field to accommodate spectators and players. It is a difficult location as the company would have to drive across the field to set up and service the unit. Dr. Brooks will look into the options available

CSE/CPSE 504 RECS A motion was made by Codie Aiken, second by Bruce Murdock to approve the recommendations for #10295, 2202, 10505, 10440, 40271, 10069,40200 and 40232
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

BOE Appoints Substitutes

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Brooks, a motion was made by Valerie LeBlanc, second by Bruce Murdock to appoint Dawn Kelly as a certified teacher substitute. Ms. Kelly will be compensated \$125.00 per day for the 2023-24 school year.
All board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Brooks, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Valerie LeBlanc to appoint Marylou Shaughnessy as a certified teacher substitute. Ms. Shaughnessy will be compensated \$125.00 per day for the 2023-24 school year.
All board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Brooks, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock second by Codie Aiken to appoint Carissa Mangan as a non certified teacher aide substitute. Ms. Mangan will be compensated \$115.00 per day for the 2023-24 school year.
All Board members voted Yes-4 No- 0 motion carried

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Brooks, a motion was made by Valerie LeBlanc, second by Bruce Murdock to appoint Brianna Barrett as a teacher aide substitute. Ms. Barrett will be compensated \$15.00 per hour for the 2023-24 school year. This position will be based on the clearance of NYSED fingerprints.
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

BOE Appoints Teacher Mentor

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Brooks a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Valerie LeBlanc to appoint Sarah Silvernail as a teacher mentor for the2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Silvernail will be compensated \$1500.00.
All Board members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion carried

BOE approves Merger

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to approve the Winter Sports Merger with Newcomb Central School for the 2023-2024 season as presented

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

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PLAN Mrs. Pemrick presented the Affordable Connectivity Plan to the Board. This program is eligible to all parents in our district as the district qualifies under the USDA Community Eligibility Plan. Each household will be eligible to apply for a one time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer or tablet purchased through a participating provider as well as up to \$30 discount off their monthly internet service. This information will be rolled out to parents within the next few days. A letter will be sent with instruction on how to apply.

POLICY 2nd Read A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to table the second read of the Investment policy and the Students with Life Threatening Health Conditions policy until the October meeting
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Bruce Murdock second by Codie Aiken to go into executive session at 8:30pm for collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.
All Board members Voted Yes- 4 No-0 Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to move out of executive session at 8:57 pm.
All Board members voted Yes –4 No-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Valerie LeBlanc, second by Codie Aiken to adjourn at 8:58pm.
All Board members voted Yes –4 No-0 Motion Carried


District Clerk