SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
LIBRARY
December 15, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Susan Repko
Bruce Murdock
Codie Aiken
Kevin Kelly
Jared Whitley

OTHERS PRESENT:
Supt. Gratto
Danielle Fosella
Tamara Belanger
Phil Armstrong
Brianna Barrett

BOARD CLERK
Lisa DeZalia

MEETING TO ORDER — President Jared 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 Kevin Kelly to approve the minutes of November 16, 2021 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION — There were no concerns at this time

CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT — A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to approve Warrant #5 dated 12/11/21 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT — A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Codie Aiken to approve Warrant #6 dated 12/12/21 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT — A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Kevin Kelly to accept the Treasurer's Report for October dated 12/9/21 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried.

EXTRA CURRICULAR REPORT	A motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Bruce Murdock to accept the Extra Curricular Report dated 11/30/21. All Board members voted Yes-5 No-0 motion carried.
SUPT REPORT	Supt. Gratto reported that COVID numbers have decreased and are low at this time. He appreciates the efforts of those following the protocols that have been put in place. Mr. Murdock suggested that the district review protocols regarding school shootings. He would also like to discuss reinstating the Resource Officer at budget time. Mr. Whitley reported that he had heard concerns from parents about bullying and the lack of concern. It is important to be aware of what is going on everyday Parents and students are under extra stress during these difficult times. Mrs. Aiken stated that it is important to make students aware of how to use social media in moderation. There is a possibility of an assembly in the future regarding this topic. Mr. Gratto extended a thank you to the Fish and Game club for the use of the picnic tables. More students were able to take advantage of being outside. He also appreciates the collaboration with the school to get the Fishing Club started. An outdoor classroom will be constructed to accommodate students. A recovery grant in the amount of $50,000 was received to help cover the cost of the project
CSE RECS	A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to approve the CSE recommendations for #10768, 40167, 10015, 10460 and 10560 as presented All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried
SEQRA	**SEQRA RESOLUTION - Outdoor Classroom Pavilion (ARP Funded Project) Schroon Lake Central School District SED Project No. 15-14-01-04-0-004-001**

Motion was made by Bruce Murdock

WHEREAS, the Schroon Lake Central School District (the "School District") has before it a proposed Outdoor Classroom Pavilion Project consisting of construction of a new facility including site work and electrical systems.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York promulgated thereunder (collectively referred to hereinafter as "SEQRA"), the School District is required to make determination whether the "action" (as said quoted term in defined in SEQRA) to be taken by the School District may have a "significant impact on the environment (as said quoted term in utilized in SEQRA) and the preliminary agreement of the School District to undertake the Project constitutes such an action; and

WHEREAS, to aid the School District in determining whether undertaking the Project may have an impact upon the environment, a Short-Form Environmental Assessment Form (the "EAF") has been prepared for the Project, a copy of the EAF on file at the office of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District has examined the EAF in order to classify the Project; and

WHEREAS, the School District has not approved the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the members of the Board of Education of the Schroon Lake Central School District as follows:

1. Based upon an examination of the EAF and the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR 617.7 (c) and based further upon the School District's knowledge of the Project and Project area, and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental impacts the School District has deemed appropriate, the School District makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project pursuant to SEQRA:

    a. The Project consists of the components described above in the first WHEREAS clause
    of this resolution; and
    b. The Project constitutes an "Unlisted Action" (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA

    c. As a consequence of the foregoing, the School District hereby declares its intent to "Lead Agency" (as said term is defined in SEQRA) with respect to a coordinated review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA; and
    d. The School District's legal counsel shall arrange for distribution of its notice of intent to be "Lead Agency" and are hereby authorized to take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to assist the School District in fulfilling the requirements under SEQRA for the Project; and
    e. Copies of said EAF shall be maintained in the main office of the School District in a file readily accessible to the public.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The motion having been duly seconded by Susan Repko it was adopted and the following votes were

cast:

AYE	NAY
Jared Whitley	
Susan Repko	
Kevin Kelly	
Codie Aiken	
Bruce Murdock	

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Outdoor Classroom Pavilion (ARP Funded Project)
Schroon Lake Central School District
SED Project No. 15-14-01-04-0-004-001

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Schroon Lake Central School District ("Board") is considering to undertake a project involving the construction of an Outdoor Classroom Pavilion on existing School Campus, the project includes the construction of a new Outdoor Classroom (Pavilion) including related site work and electrical work; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to fund the Project with monies received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act ("ARP") in the amount of $86,445.00 per the District's application therefor; and

WHEREAS, the Board's approval of the Project is necessary in order for the District's architect, BCA Architects & Engineers, to file the necessary paperwork for approval of the Project with the New York State Education Department's Office of Facilities Planning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District is hereby authorized to undertake the construction of the Project described herein utilizing the ARP funding in the amount of $86,445.00 and to expend an amount not to exceed $86,445.00 for this purpose.

The motion was made by Kevin Kelly having been duly seconded by Codie Aiken it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

AYE	NAY
Jared Whitley	
Susan Repko	
Kevin Kelly	
Codie Aiken	
Bruce Murdock	

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Susan Repko second by Kevin Kelly to appoint Amanda Grey a non certified substitute teacher. Ms. Grey will be compensated $100.00 per day during the 2021-2022 school year. This position is contingent upon clearance of NYSED fingerprints.

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

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Susan Repko to appoint Zachary LePage as a non certified substitute teacher. Mr. LePage will be compensated $100 per day during the 2021-2022 school year. This position is contingent upon clearance of NYSED fingerprints.

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

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Susan Repko to approve Zachary LePage as a long term certified substitute in the position of Science up to 37 days during the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. LePage will be compensated $231.91 per day.

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

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Kevin Kelly to approve Robert Pietromonaco as a long term certified substitute in the position of Music up to 24 days during the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Pietromonaco will be compensated $231.91 per day.

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

SITE SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENTS

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Bruce Murdock to approve Tracy Whitty, Rebecca Hartwell, Sharon Smith, Amber Mieras and Lee Silvernail as site supervisors for the 2021-2022 basketball season. Site Supervisors are compensated $30.00 per hour.

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

TRAP SHOOTING COACH

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Kevin Kelly second by Codie Aiken to appoint Phil Armstrong as the Trap shooting coach for the 2022 season. Mr. Armstrong will be compensated $1500.00 for the season

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

RESOLUTION REGARDING FORMATION OF A DISTRICT CLAY TARGET SHOOTING TEAM

Motion was made by Bruce Murdock

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has advised the Board of Education regarding a number of students being interested in forming a school clay target team, which will enable its members to compete against other schools with clay target teams; and

WHEREAS, interest in the sport of clay target shooting has grown to the point that New York has now formed a New York State High School Clay Target League ("NYSHSCTL") to facilitate and promote students' participation in the sport of clay target shooting; and

WHEREAS, clay target shooting is a coeducational sport capable of being participated in by students with disabilities, therefore making it compliant with Title IX and the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, the goal of forming a clay target shooting team would be to provide instruction and promote firearm safety, personal responsibility, and sportsmanship among the participants, and to enable students of both genders and those with disabilities to engage in competition against their peers across both New York State and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a clay target shooting team would be compliant with the New York Safe Act and the Federal Gun Free Schools Act, in that at no time would firearms or ammunition be brought onto the campus as a result of the formation of a clay target team, or one *of* the District's students becoming a member of such a team; and

WHEREAS, the District has been advised that per the rules of the NYSHSCTL, the clay target team members and coaches would be covered under insurance provided by the NYSHSCTL, also at no cost to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board being fully apprised of the process to form a school clay target team under the NYSHSTL, and being desirous of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

Section 1. The formation of a school clay target team pursuant to the rules of the New York State High School Clay Target League is hereby approved, and the use of the school's name in forming and identifying said team is likewise hereby approved.

Section 2. The members of any such team shall be subject to the District's Code of Conduct and any other policy or procedure applicable to student participation in extracurricular activities.

Section 3. It shall be emphasized to any student seeking to join the clay target team and/or any student who becomes a member of the team, as well as in any policies or procedures adopted as a result of the formation of the District's clay target team that students are to be fully compliant with the New York Safe Act and the Gun Free Schools Act, i.e., that at no time are firearms or ammunition to be brought on campus.

Section 4. The Superintendent and/or their designee are authorized to execute any documents necessary to form a school clay target team under the NYSHSCTL.

Section 5. The Superintendent and/or their designee shall have the authority to seek sponsors in support of the formation of a school clay target team, subject to the limits on commercial speech in schools as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

The motion having been duly seconded by Susan Repko it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

AYE	NAY
Jared Whitley	Codie Aiken
Susan Repko	Bruce Murdock
Kevin Kelly	

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

LETTER OF INTENT

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Bruce Murdock to approve a letter of intent to purchase a 64 passenger school bus with voter approval on 5/17/22. The letter of intent will be sent to Leanord Bus.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no concerns at this time

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Susan Repko to go into executive session at 7:35 PM for the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.
All Board members Voted Yes- 5 No-0 Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Kevin Kelly second by Susan Repko to move out of executive session at 7:56pm. No action taken
All Board members voted Yes –5 No-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Codie Aiken, second by Bruce Murdock to adjourn at 7:56 pm.
All Board members voted Yes – 5 No-0 Motion Carried

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District Clerk