

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
April 26, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Claus
Tina Armstrong
Susan Repko
Eric Welch
Kevin Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Gratto Laura Corey
Danielle Fosella Brooke Clark
Jeff Jenks Don Miller
Bruce Murdock Donna Secor
Mary Gereau Bob Bessey
David Wiliams Natalie Royer- Loiselle
Harrison Gereau

STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Joseph Slaterpryce

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

MEETING
TO ORDER

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

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag

PREVIOUS
MINUTES

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch to accept minutes of March 22, 2018- Repair Reserve Public Hearing as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried

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A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Eric Welch to accept minutes of March 22, 2018 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Junior Class President, Harrison Gereau asked the Board to consider funding the cost of transportation from the prom to the after prom and back to school to be sure everyone had a safe ride home. The Board discussed the request and agreed to fund the transportation for the entire event.

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Susan Repko to approve transportation for the Junior Prom
Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

STUDENT AMBASSADOR REPORT Joseph was away at a tennis match and sent a written report to the Board.

CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Kevin Kelly to approve Warrant # 9 dated 04/21/18
All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT A motion was made by Eric Welch second by Tina Armstrong to accept the Treasurer's Report dated 4-23-2018.
All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No- 0 motion carried

EXTRA CURRICULAR REPORT A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Kevin Kelly to approve the extra curricular report for March as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes-5 No-0 motion carried

SUPT REPORT Superintendent Gratto stated that the Budget hearing would take place on May 3rd at 7:00 PM and the Budget Vote will take place on Tuesday May 15, 2018. The two unused snow days will be given back on Friday May 25th and Tuesday May 29th. There have been several inquiries regarding the RFP for lighting upgrades. The deadline is May 4th. Three proposals have been received for the School Attorney RFP. Please review the proposals and the attorney will be appointed at the organizational meeting in July. The SIPT committee met and Mr. Gratto shared the 2018-2019 proposed goals.

1. Investigate all avenues for improving school safety. Implement recommendations made by safety committee and approved by the school board.
2. Maintain our strong foundation in student computer knowledge by enhancing technology options, possibly through computer electives, partnerships with businesses and colleges, clubs, and/or summer opportunities.
3. Integrate a Spanish language program into the school.
4. Explore expanded business/entrepreneurship/art opportunities for students.

DISCUSSION ON FOREIGN LANGUAGE The SIPT committee agreed it is beneficial to offer options to our students. It was discussed to offer Spanish as an option for foreign language as it seems to be more universal. The Board will need to think about how to integrate another foreign language program while sustaining the current French program. This program would be in addition to and not in any way meant to

replace the current French program. Mr. Gratto is concerned with low enrollment in current classes. Eric Welch pointed out that adding another option would just compound this problem. Mr. Gratto had suggested combining classes to ease scheduling conflicts. The SLTA has made it clear that they are opposed to this option. The Board gave Mr. Gratto permission to look for a one period a day Spanish teacher to help with the scheduling of all students.

SPANISH TEACHER Superintendent Gratto asked the Board for permission to seek out a one period a day Spanish Teacher to begin the process of phasing in the program. The Board agreed to the search.

CSE RECS APPROVED A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch to accept the CSE/504/ recommendations as presented for #10090, #20125, 1907, 1611, 10458, 10529, 201402, 10657, 201211 10535, 1908, 10569, 10067, 10557 and 10603
All Board Members voted Yes-5 No-0 motion carried

BOE ACCEPTS PETITIONS A motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Eric Welch to accept petitions from Susan Repko, Jacob DesLauriers and Bruce Murdock for the two open Board Seats.
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 Abstain-1 (Susan Repko) motion carried

BOE APPOINTS TELLERS Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto a motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch to appoint the following as election tellers for the upcoming Budget Vote.
Sharon Smith, Rebecca Hartwell, Fran Mahler and Pricilla Gould.
Election Tellers will be compensated \$11.05 per hour.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

BOE APPOINTS SUBSTITUTE Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Kevin Kelly to appoint Annie Bennett as a non certified substitute teacher. Ms. Bennett will be compensated \$75.00 per day.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No- 0 motion carried

BOE APPOINTS VOLUNTEER COACH Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Tina Armstrong to appoint Lyle Hartwell as an unpaid Volunteer Assistant Golf coach for the 2018 spring season.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No- 0 motion carried

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET VOTE

It is Resolved that the Board of Education of the Schroon Lake Central School District voted to approve the tentative Administration Budget of the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the school year 2018-2019.

Motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Tina Armstrong
All Board members voted Yes-5 No-0 motion carried

RESOLUTION FOR ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

It is Resolved that the Board of Education of the Schroon Lake Central School District cast one vote for Larry Barcomb for one of the three seats vacant on the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Champlain Valley Educational Services) Board.

Motion made by Kevin Kelly, second by Tina Armstrong
All Board members voted Yes-5 No-0

Motion carried

It is Resolved that the Board of Education of the Schroon Lake Central School District cast one vote for Evan Glading for one of the three seats vacant on the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Champlain Valley Educational Services) Board.

Motion made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch
All Board members voted Yes-5 No-0

Motion carried

It is Resolved that the Board of Education of the Schroon Lake Central School District cast one vote for Linda Gonyo-Horne for one of the three seats vacant on the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Champlain Valley Educational Services) Board.

Motion made by Kevin Kelly, second by Susan Repko
All Board members voted Yes-5 No-0

Motion carried

BOE APPROVES CO-OP PURCHASE AGREEMENT A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Kevin Kelly to participate in the St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Program in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the 2018/2019 school year.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

SECURITY UPDATE Supt. Gratto reported that there were two separate security audits done recently. One company recommended more cameras and would give quotes for them. A member of the NYS Troopers came and did a random walk through. He had several suggestions including specific efforts that should be discussed with the security committee. Mr. Gratto recently attended a True North Superintendent meeting and all North Country schools are faced with the question regarding a School Resource Officer. Many schools are looking for guidance through the Sheriff's office so the officer would be trained. There is concern in sustaining a full time Resource Officer.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Don Miller spoke up and said it is imperative to have an armed School Officer. Anyone who does not support this does not have a clue as to what is going on in the world. The Board is in agreement that the security plan needs to be addressed and there are other things that can be done to protect the children and staff of the district. Donna Secor is concerned not only for a regular school day but also for security at extra curricular events that take place after school and often draw large crowds. Rick Dumoulin is concerned with lengthy response times in the district as the area that is covered by the local troop barracks is extensive. Jeff Cutting spoke regarding the proposed goals. The Board needs to reaffirm that the introduction of a Spanish Program does not effect the current program. He also suggested that each year the prior year's goals be revisited and go over the pros and cons of any changes that were made to see if these changes should continue before more changes are added. What we thought was a great idea last year may not be in the best interest of our students. Bruce Murdock stated that BOCES has received a grant to help fund a School Resource Officer and kids develop relationships with these officers. He also feels language should be taught in lower grades. Harrison Gereau spoke about how he feels it is a benefit taking French, living so close to Canada. He has had many opportunities to be immersed in the French culture due to field trips to Montreal and Quebec City. He has had the opportunity to use his French at all of his summer jobs due to the proximity to Canada and the number of French speaking Canadians that visit our area. Tina Armstrong thanked him for his comments and wanted it to be clear that it is not the intention of the committee to replace the French program but to add to the opportunities for students. Natalie Loïselle is in favor of offering more opportunity but not at the expense of the current program. You will never get the cultural experience in Spanish that you can get in French with Canada being so assessable. She also reviewed and compared the number of students in each grade level with other area schools. It is important to realize that low enrollment in certain levels of foreign language is not uncommon in True North Schools.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Eric Welch
to adjourn at 8:30 pm.
All Board members voted Yes -5 No-0 Motion Carried

District Clerk