

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR & BUDGET MEETING
February 15, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Claus
Eric Welch
Tina Armstrong
Susan Repko
Kevin Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Gratto Jeff Cutting
Danielle Fosella Bruce Murdock
David Williams Craig Maisonville
Jeff Jenks Dr. Mark Davey
Terri Calabrese-Grey

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Joseph Slaterpryce

MEETING
TO ORDER

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

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

CVES
PRESENTATION

Dr. Davey thanked the Board for their continued support of CVES and acknowledged Bruce Murdock for his service to the Board of CVES. Ms. Calabrese-Grey gave a brief overview of what services the Instruction Service Center (ISC) provided component districts. She pointed out the services Schroon Lake participates in and encouraged the Board to evaluate additional services and contact her if they have any questions.

PREVIOUS
MINUTES

A motion was made by Eric Welch, second by Susan Repko to accept minutes of January 25, 2018 as presented
All Board members voted Yes-5 No-0 motion carried

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Jeff Cutting stated that last month he had encouraged the Board to start thinking of a strategic plan to recruit and mentor new teachers to the district. He polled the current staff and there is potential for up to 18 teachers to retire over the next seven years. It will be important for the continued success of the district to have a plan in place to recruit highly effective teachers.
Bruce Murdock asked the Board to continue to support the CVES budget. The numbers may look different this year as retirees are now coming out of administrative costs. He encouraged Board members to contact Dr. Davey if they have any questions.

STUDENT
AMBASSADOR
REPORT

Joseph Slaterpryce stated that the PTSO chocolate sale had begun and the National Honor Society Students have started the shamrock sale to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The French Club enjoyed

their trip to Quebec City and Grades 8-12 went to see the Giver and took a tour of Sage College in Albany. The Pops concert was a great success and the 9th grade class was the winner of the pizza party for having the most school spirit during the Kindness Matters event.

- TREASURER'S REPORT** A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Kevin Kelly to accept the Treasurer's Report dated 2/9/2018 as presented. All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No- 0 motion carried.
- CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT** A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch to approve Warrant #7 dated 02/9/18 All Board Members voted Yes-5 No-0 motion carried
- EXTRA CURRICULAR REPORT** A motion was made by Eric Welch, second by Tina Armstrong to accept the Extra Curricular Report dated 01/31/18. All Board Members voted Yes-5 No-0 motion carried
- SUPT. REPORT** Supt. Gratto presented the 2018-2019 school calendar for approval. A Request for Proposal for additional legal council was shared with the Board. The RFP will be posted on March 3, 2018 and all responses must be received no later than 4:00PM on April 12, 2018.
- 2018-19 CALENDAR APPROVED** A motion was made by Susan Repko second by Kevin Kelly to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented. All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried
- SPEED SIGN UPDATE** Supt. Gratto shared with the Board that Senator Betty Little's office has granted the school up to \$5000.00 to purchase and install a speed zone sign in the school zone. Mr. Claus feels that placement will be key to get people to slow down in the school zone.
- SUPPORT STAFF MOU** A memorandum of agreement was shared with the Board regarding the Support Staff Salary Schedule of the current collective bargaining agreement. Due to the minimum wage hike in NYS it will be necessary to modify the hourly rate of specific titles recognized within the bargaining agreement.
- STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY APPROVED** The fourth professional development day for the 2017-2018 school year has been approved for March 23, 2018.

CSE/ CPSE
504 RECS
APPROVED

A motion was made by Tina Armstrong, second by Eric Welch to approve the CSE/CPSE and 504 recommendations for #10496, 10458, 201301, 10577 & 10460 as presented.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

TENNIS
COACH
APPOINTED

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Gratto, a motion was made by Eric Welch, second by Kevin Kelly to appoint Terry Wisser as the Tennis Coach for the 2018 Spring season. Mr. Wisser will be compensated \$1543.00 for the season.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

BOE
APPOINTS
CAFETERIA
WORKER

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Gratto, a motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Kevin Kelly to appoint Jennifer Belrose as a cafeteria worker effective March 5, 2018. Mrs. Belrose will be compensated \$10.40 per hour and will be prorated sick and personal days for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. This position comes with a six month probationary period beginning on March 5, 2018 and expiring on November 5, 2018.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

SUB
DRIVER
APPOINTED

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Gratto, a motion was made by Eric Welch, second by Kevin Kelly to appoint Anthony Ruiz as a substitute bus driver. Mr. Ruiz will be compensated \$18.00 per hour for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

BUDGET
DRAFT
REVIEWED

A draft budget was reviewed. The budget drafted is within the tax cap guidelines and does not include any cuts to programs. There is an additional position slated for a full time school psychologist /CSE chairperson as well as a Math AIS/STEM teaching position. An additional teaching assistant position is also being considered for the 2018-2019. Health care costs continue to rise and there will be an anticipated increase for vocational students next year Three busses will be purchased with \$200,000 that was earmarked to pay for a 65 passenger full size bus, a handicap accessible small bus as well as a 30 passenger bus. The district intends to use \$400,000.00 of fund balance to remain under the 1% tax cap.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Craig Maisonville stated that he felt a flashing speed sign would be the most effective and additional training for the crossing guard would be beneficial. He inquired about the wheel chair bus to see if a smaller van would suffice. He asked about the current personnel matter and was told a resolution would be coming soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Susan Repko to go into executive session at 8:30 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 Susan Repko, second by Kevin Kelly to move out of executive session at 9:18 pm. No action taken
All Board members voted Yes –5 No-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Eric Welch to adjourn at 9:18 pm.
All Board members voted Yes –5 No-0 motion carried

District Clerk

