

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR & BUDGET MEETING
February 25, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Murdock
Susan Repko
Ashley Barry
Kevin Kelly

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Supt Gratto | Tamara Belanger |
| Danielle Fosella | Michele Crandall |
| Mary Gereau | Malena Gereau |
| Lee Silvernail | Rick Dumolin |
| Chris Fariss | Ethan Fariss |
| Rachel Pelkey | Isiah Pelkey |
| Ricky Dumolin | Jacob Lyon |
| Elijah Yarosh | Gabby DeZalia |
| Alyssa Arnold | Maddie Anauo |
| Hailee Emmert | Saige Shaughnessy |
| Kayli Hayden | Jeff Cutting |
| Christian Gratto | |

**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 Susan Repko second by Ashley Barry to accept minutes of January 28, 2021 as presented
All Board members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion carried

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Malena Gereau approached the Board and thanked them for being supportive of the sports programs and stated that at the time the decision was made to allow them to practice, we did not have all the facts. At this time many schools are participating in interscholastic play and members of the varsity basketball team would appreciate it if the decision to compete could be discussed again. Jeff Cutting thanked the Board for the opportunity to practice and would like to commend the girls varsity on showing up with the confidence to follow all the safety protocols put in place. He understands the risk and that it is not an easy decision. Lee Silvernail stated that strict guidelines are in place for teams wishing to compete against each other. Play would begin on March 8th through April 1st. Athletes would be playing with masks, no spectators will be allowed and there will be no sectional play. Mrs. Repko asked what the safety committee felt about the change. Mr. Gratto reported that they met today

and members felt the risk outweighed the benefit of for three week of play. They were in favor of spring sports, athletes would be outside and continue to follow strict guidelines. After much discussion all members of the Board agreed to allow Varsity Basketball to compete against other schools.

TREASURER'S REPORT A motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Ashley Barry to accept the Treasurer's Report dated 2/1/2021 as presented. All Board Members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried.

CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Kevin Kelly to approve Warrant #7 dated 02/1/21 All Board Members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion carried

EXTRA CURRICULAR REPORT A motion was made by Ashley Barry, second by Susan Repko to accept the Extra Curricular Report dated 01/31/21. All Board Members voted Yes-4 No-0 motion carried

CAPITAL FUND TRANSFER A motion was made by Ashley Barry, second by Kevin Kelly to approve the Capital Fund Transfer from the General Fund in the amount of \$62,725.00 All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

SUPT REPORT Supt. Gratto reported that we now have 187 students in person with three new students starting this week. He plans to reach out to remote parents and see If any plan to return at the 25 week mark. He has been very impressed with attendance as few people have been sick.

CSE/ CPSE 504 RECS APPROVED A motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Susan Repko to approve the CSE/CPSE and 504 recommendations for #2907P, 10557, 40162, 20116, 10780 20103 and 10610 as presented. All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

RETIREMENT LETTERS ACCEPTED Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Susan Repko second by Ashley Barry to regretfully accept the retirement letter of Mary Gereau as Kindergarten teacher effective June 30, 2021. All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

RETIREMENT LETTERS ACCEPTED Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Kevin Kelly second by Ashley Barry to regretfully accept the retirement letter of Kate Durant as special education teacher effective July 19, 2021. All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

Mr. Murdock thanked Mrs. Gereau and Mrs. Durant for their years of dedicated service and for the tremendous support they have shown our students over the past thirty plus years.

**SPRING
SPORTS
DISCUSSED**

Golf, tennis, softball and baseball are slated to begin in April. Schroon Lake does not have the numbers to field their own baseball or softball teams. To participate in these two sports it will be necessary to merge with Bolton. There are concerns as crossover practices with students from another district and transportation will continue to be an issue. Two spectators per athlete are allowed for outdoor events. After some discussion the Board approved spring sports with the understanding that if the situation changes we can back out of the merger with Bolton. Both Varsity and modified programs have been approved.

**BUDGET
DRAFT
REVIEWED**

A draft budget was reviewed. The maximum tax cap has been figured at 2.03% the increase is \$134,587.00. Health care cost will increase 2%. The underground gas tank will need to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$250,000.00 It is necessary to replace a 22 passenger handicap bus not to exceed \$75,000.00 The current bus will need to be put out to bid as the trade in allowance was only \$3000.00. Deficit Spending was discussed and how much to use toward the budget to lower the tax levy. The summer school program was discussed and if approved would run from July 12- August 6 for elementary students. The morning portion would be academic as in the past and the afternoon would be run by the YMCA. High school students would still be able to participate in the credit recovery program which would go through August 13th.

**BUS
QUOTE
APPROVED**

A motion was made by Ashley Barry, second by Kevin Kelly to present the purchase of a 22 passenger school bus not to exceed \$75,000 to the voters at the annual meeting on May 18, 2012
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

There were no concerns at this time.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Ashley Barry to go into executive session at 8:05 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- 4 No-0 Motion carried

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

A motion was made by Ashley Barry, second by Susan Repko to move out of executive session at 8:35 pm. No action taken
All Board members voted Yes -4 No-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Ashley Barry, second by Kevin Kelly
to adjourn at 8:35 pm.
All Board members voted Yes -4 No-0 motion carried


District Clerk