

**SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
School Auditorium
June 24, 2021 @ 7:00 PM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jared Whitley
Bruce Murdock
Kevin Kelly
Susan Repko
Ashley Barry

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Gratto
Danielle Fosella
Tamara Belanger
Codie Aiken
Glen Repko
Donna Moses
Kevin Moses
Lydia Moses
Melissa Whitley

**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 the Repair Reserve minutes of May 27, 2021 as presented All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried.

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**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Donna Moses approached the Board to let them know that Mr. Gratto had denied her request to send her daughter, whom she is homeschooling, to a CV-TEC program. She felt that this was closing a door to an opportunity for her daughter. She was aware of other districts that have allowed homeschool students to attend a BOCES program. She also questioned the non resident tuition rate of \$1000. She surveyed several other school and most do not accept non residents and some schools are charging up to \$8000. Schroon Lake's rate seems low. Supt. Gratto stated that his decision was based on conversation with both the school attorney and the NYSSBA attorney. He also surveyed area schools and did not find another school that paid for home school students to attend CV-TEC. He also pointed out that the district does not incur any additional expenses for non resident students. They do not attend CV-TEC programs and they must pay in full for their college courses without reimbursement.

Mrs. Moses disagreed and felt that non resident students are benefitting greatly for \$1000 per year. She also stated that it was important that she stand up for her child and any other home school child that might be in the same circumstance.

CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT A motion was made by Jared Whitley, second by Susan Repko to approve Warrant #11 dated 6/11/21 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

TREASURER’S REPORT A motion was made by Jared Whitley, second by Susan Repko to accept the Treasurer’s Report dated 6/21/2021.
All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried

EXTRA CURRICULAR REPORT A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Ashley Barry to accept the Extra Curricular Report dated 5/31/21.
All Board members voted Yes-5 No-0 motion carried.

SUPT REPORT Supt. Gratto reported that it had been a busy end to the school year. The summer spark program now has between 40-45 students signed up at this time. The program will begin on July 6th and run Monday – Friday until August 13th. Summer school begins July 6th for the middle school and high school students that need credit recovery. The program runs Monday – Thursday for six weeks. Thank you for continuing to support the summer school program. Mr. Gratto recognized Bruce Murdock for his many years of service to the district as well as his additional years of service to the CVES Board. Mary Gereau was recognized with 32 years of service and Kate Durant with 30 years of service to the district.
The reorganizational meeting will take place on July 7, 2021

SUPT TAKES OATH OF OFFICE Supt. Gratto took the oath of office for the 2021-2022 school year

CSE/504 RECS APPROVED A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Jared Whitley to approve the CSE /504 recommendations as presented for # 20103, 201402, 10767, 2907P, 1908, 10189, 10008, 201301, 10540, 20116, 10460, 10491, 201211, 10060, 2201, 10052, 10557, 10741, 10587, 40169, 10632,10610,10440,10295, 10496, 10585, 40166, 40176, 10635, 10761, 10585, 20116, 10761, 20112, 2714P, 40176,1907,40166, 10635, 40175, 40174 10460, 20112, 10067, 40167,10780,1907,
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

EXTRA
CURRICULAR
APPOINTMENTS

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Ashley Barry to approve the following extra curricular appointments for the 2021-2022 school year.

Girls Varsity Soccer- Marylou Shaughnessy	\$3120.00
Freshmen Class Advisor- Suzanne Hurtado	\$1141.00
Sophomore Class Advisor- Melissa Whitley & Louise Higgens	\$1351.00
Junior Class –Stephen Gratto & Sharon Smith (equally)	\$2237.00
Senior Class Advisor- Wendy Sargent & Laura Corey (equally)	\$2448.00
Yearbook Advisor –Melissa Whitley	\$2494.00
Extra Curricular Treasurer –Beth Root	\$2350.00
NHS Advisors Angela Slaterpryce	\$867.00
Musical Director – Wendy Sargent	\$3167.00
Costumes – Wendy Sargent	\$928.00
Accompanist – Mike Tracy	\$1030.00

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

FALL
PLAY
APPROVED

Supt. Gratto stated that there is a place for a fall play to allow students an opportunity for additional afterschool activities. After some discussion the Board approved a fall play with the stipend of \$2000.00 As this does not fall in the teachers' contract anyone may apply as director.

MATH
INTERVENTION

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Ashley Barry to appoint Rebecca Hartwell as a 1.0 Elementary Education teacher effective September 1, 2021. Mrs. Hartwell will be compensated \$53,050.00 M step 2 as negotiated in the agreement with the Schroon Lake Central Teachers Association. This appointment begins a four year probationary period in the Elementary Education tenure area to expire on June 30, 2025.

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

SUMMER
SPARK

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Ashley Barry to appoint the following staff for the summer spark program. Mary Gereau \$41.21 per hour, Melissa Jay \$41.21 per hour, Tanya DeVoe \$35.00 per hour, Louise Higgens \$35.00 per hour.

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

SUMMER
SPARK
SUBSTITUTES

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Kevin Kelly to appoint the following substitutes for the summer spark program. Marylou Shaughnesey- sub certified teacher \$41.21, Karly Tyrrell substitute uncertified teacher \$35.00 per hour Justin Kircheberger summer cafeteria worker \$15.00 per hour.

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

**AIDE
RESIGNS**

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Ashley Barry, second by Jared Whitley, to regretfully accept the resignation of Matt Goodrow as teacher's aide effective June 25, 2021
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

**OCCASIONAL
DRIVERS**

A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Jared Whitley to appoint Anna Stitt as an occasional driver for the 2021 tennis team. Ms. Stitt will not be compensated as a driver to matches.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

**TEXTBOOK
ADOPTION**

A motion was made by Jared Whitley, second by Susan Repko to approve the Social Studies book presented by Ms. Corey.
All Board members voted Yes- 3 No- 2 (Kevin Kelly & Ashley Barry)

**CO-OP
PURSHASING
APPROVED**

A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Jared Whitley 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 2021/2022 school year.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

**SHARED
TRANSPORTATION
AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Ashley Barry, second by Kevin Kelly to approve the student transportation cooperative agreement a presented.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

**HOMESCHOOL
VOCATIONAL
DISCUSSION**

Supt. Gratto stated that based on past practice and the recommendation of the school lawyer he made the decision to deny the request to send a home school student to a CV-TEC program. The school has no obligation and there is no statute that it would be necessary. Mr. Murdock pointed out that the cost isn't the issue, however, it would set a precedent. He recommends that these students be enrolled and become a student of Schroon Lake Central. Mr. Gratto pointed out that these newly enrolled students would need to be on track to graduate with the proper amount of credits and would need to begin taking the regents to graduate. He supports his position and recommends that the district does not begin to send homeschool students to BOCES. The Board asked Mr. Gratto to follow up with the NYSBA lawyer and get back to them regarding this matter.

**CUSTODIAL
SUB
APPROVED** Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Ashley Barry, second by Susan Repko to appoint Jeff Jenks as a Head custodian substitute. Mr. Jenks will be compensated \$20.00 per hour
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION** Mrs. Moses stated that Mr. Gratto was factually incorrect in stating that no school sends home school students and if you are choosing not to send them you should have a policy that states this.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION** A motion was made by Ashley Barry, second by Susan Repko to go into executive session at 7:55 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 Ashley Barry, second by Susan Repko to move out of executive session at 8:29 pm. No action taken
All Board members voted Yes –5 No-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Ashley Barry, second by Bruce Murdock to adjourn at 8:30 PM
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

District Clerk