

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
LIBRARY
January 27, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Repko
Bruce Murdock
Codie Aiken
Kevin Kelly
Jared Whitley

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Gratto	Wendy Sargent
Danielle Fosella	Laura Corey
Tamara Belanger	Shelbie Rice
Dr. Lori Strong	Brianna Barrett
Michele Crandall	Natalie Loiselle
Melissa Whitley	Sarah Behm
Beth Wisser	Jeanette Weber
Marylou Shaughnessy	

**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 Susan Repko to approve the minutes of December 15, 2021 as presented. All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

There were no concerns at this time

**RTI @
SLCS
PRESENTATION**

Mr. Gratto reported that the district was awarded a grant and chose to evaluate our RtI program at SLCS. Dr. Lori Strong was hired as a consultant and was here to give the Board a brief update. She began by explaining the RtI process. She explained the three tier process and pointed out that this is not an option, this is program required by the government. Tier one- is core classroom instruction, Tier two is Intervention for an additional thirty minutes and Tier Three is Intensive Intervention. Once these protocols have been followed and the student is not making the expected gains, they are referred to the Committee on Special Education. Mr. Gratto thanked Mrs. Strong for her time and for making the presentation this evening.

**CERTIFICATION
OF WARRANT**

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to approve Warrant #6 dated 12/12/21 as presented. All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Kevin Kelly to approve Warrant #7 dated 1/14/22 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Bruce Murdock to accept the Treasurer's Report for October dated 1/24/22 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 12/31/21.
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. The mask mandate remains in effect and test kits are available for all staff and students. A Career and Job Fair has been scheduled for April 27th, more information will be available soon. A 6th grade Drama Enrichment Class has been added to the second semester schedule. The syllabus was shared with the board members.

CSE RECS A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to approve the CSE recommendations for 40223,10572, 10052, 201402, 10767, 20116, 10496, 40166, 40169,40184, 201211 as presented.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

SENIOR TRIP APPROVED A motion was made by Codie Aiken, second by Susan Repko to approve the senior trip for the class of 2022. The four day, three night trip was presented by Shelbie Rice and Brianna Barrett. The trip will include a visit to Ocean City, MD, a dinner cruise, admission to theme parks and a stop at Assateague Island.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried.

BASEBALL SOFTBALL MERGER A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Codie Aiken to approve the 2022 baseball/ softball merger with Bolton. Without the merger neither school district would be able to field teams.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

**CRANDALL
APPOINTMENT**

WHEREAS, at its meeting of May 3, 2018, the Board of Education appointed Michele Crandall to the full-time position of "School Psychologist/CPSE/CSE Chairperson" for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board's 2018 appointment of Ms. Crandall did not specify either the tenure area(s) to which she was being appointed or that the appointment was a probationary appointment as required by law and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to retroactively correct its appointment of Ms. Crandall to clarify that her appointment was to an authorized tenure area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to prospectively appoint Ms. Crandall to a full-time interdisciplinary position in which she will split her time equally between the pupil personnel service position of School Psychologist and the administrative position of Director of Special Education/CPSE/CSE Chairperson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

Michele Crandall, who holds professional certification in the area of School Psychologist, is hereby granted a probationary appointment in the tenure area of School Psychologist. This appointment is expressly made retroactive to July 1, 2018, and Ms. Crandall's four-year probationary appointment will terminate on June 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that

Michele Crandall, who holds initial certification in the area of School District Leader, is hereby granted a probationary appointment in the administrative tenure area of Director of Special Education. This appointment is for the four-year period commencing on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that

The written employment agreement between the Board of Education and Michele Crandall setting forth the terms of Ms. Crandall's compensation and benefits for the 2021-2022 school year is hereby approved. Motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Bruce Murdock to approve the above resolution.

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

DUNKLEY Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Bruce
RETIREMENT Murdock, second by Kevin Kelly to regretfully approve the retirement of Julie Dunkley, effective June 30, 2022. President Whitley thanked her for her 32 years of service to the district.
All Board members voted Yes -5 No-0 motion carried

JONES Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Susan
RESIGNATION Repko, second by Codie Aiken to approve the resignation letter of Diane Jones effective March 4, 2022. President Whitey thanked her for her service to the district.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

VOLUNTEER DRIVER APPROVED Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Bruce Murdock to appoint Phil Armstrong as a volunteer driver for the 2021-2022 school year.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

SCENERY DESIGN Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to appoint Mary Gereau as the scenery designer for the spring musical. Ms. Gereau will be compensated \$928.00 as negotiated in the SLTA contract.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

SUB APPOINTED Upon the recommendation of Supt. Gratto, a motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Susan Repko to appoint Travis Dick as a non certified substitute teacher and a substitute cleaner. This position is contingent on the clearance of NYSED Fingerprints.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried.

SALE OF HOBART MIXER A motion was made by Susan Repko, second by Codie Aiken to approve the sale of the Hobart mixer to Dottie Volpe in the amount of \$800.00.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

FUEL TANK BID Mari Cecil of Bernier and Carr joined the meeting by ZOOM and went over the bids for the fuel tank replacement. Five bids were received and the bid was awarded to Reale construction in the amount of \$277,000 with contingency of \$17,000 and incidentals in the amount of \$74,000 for a total amount of \$368,000.
Motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Susan Repko to award the bid to Reale Construction.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

ATLANTIC TESTING LAB A motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Bruce Murdock to approve the environmental monitoring services of Atlantic Testing Laboratories. Services will not exceed \$8556.00 as presented in the proposal.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

The goal to complete the fuel tank replacement is over the summer and not to impact school. Any unused funds from the project will be returned to the Repair Reserve.

**DRAFT
BUDGET
PRESENTED**

The first draft of the 2022-2023 budget was presented to the BOE members. Preliminary numbers have been used as the district awaits more definite numbers from the state. The preliminary tax cap has been calculated as 2.28% percent this year. This is an estimated increase of roughly \$154,293.00
Health care, special education costs, equipment, BOCES costs and unpredictable State Aid numbers are still unknowns at this time. Schroon Lake still remains one of the lowest property tax rates in the northern BOCES.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Wendy Sargent reported on the Spring Musical. They are well on their way to the production of Annie. Last year Covid made it impossible to finish the production even though they were so close to the performance date. A great deal of money had been spent on the production, however with out the performances they were not able to recoup any of what was spent. They are hoping for a great turnout at the musical to replenish the Drama Club's funds. Mrs. Sargent would like to have a sponsorship campaign among the community to keep the Drama Club in the position to continue to produce great shows. Mrs. Repko stated that there might be some grant money available to help the Drama Club. She will meet with Mrs, Sargent to discuss this opportunity.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Susan Repko to go into executive session at 8:25 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 Codie Aiken, second by Susan Repko to move out of executive session at 9:41 pm. 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 9:42 pm.
All Board members voted Yes - 5 No-0 Motion Carried


District Clerk