

SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Auditorium
March 30, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jared Whitley
Valerie LeBlanc
Bruce Murdock
Codie Aiken
Jennifer Pitkin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Pemrick Hayden Reidy
Michele Crandall Miranda Sheffer
Kevin Planty Sharon Smith
Tim Sheridan Lee Silvernail
Chris Savarie Joshua Armstrong
Susan Repko

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

MEETING
TO ORDER

President Jared Whitley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

AGENDA
APPROVAL

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to approve the agenda.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

PREVIOUS
MINUTES

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Jennifer Pitkin to approve the minutes of February 28, 2026 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried.

PREVIOUS
MINUTES

A motion was made by Codie Aiken, second by Jennifer Pitkin to approve the minutes of March 16, 2026 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried.

CERTIFICATION
OF WARRANT

A motion was made by Codie Aiken, second by Bruce Murdock to approve Warrant #16 dated 2/19/2026 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

CERTIFICATION
OF WARRANT

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Jennifer Pitkin to approve Warrant #17 dated 3/05/2026 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

- CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT A motion was made by Jennifer Pitkin, second by Codie Aiken to approve Warrant #18 dated 3/19/2026 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

- TREASURERS REPORT A motion was made by Valerie LeBlanc, second by Bruce Murdock to approve the treasurer's report for February
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

- BUDGET STATUS A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to approve the current budget status dated 2-28-2026 as presented
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

- REVENUE STATUS A motion was made Jennifer Pitkin, second by Codie Aiken to approve the Revenue Status report dated 2/28/2026 as presented
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

- PAYROLL DISTRIBUTION REPORT A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Jared Whitley to approve the payroll distribution report dated 2/28/2026
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

- EXTRA CURRICULAR REPORT A motion was made by Codie Aiken, second by Jennifer Pitkin to approve the extra curricular report dated 2/01/2026 through 2/28/2026 as presented.
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

- EDUCATIONAL SERIES Miranda Sheffer gave an overview on the Payroll distribution report. This report reflects federal taxes, state taxes, ERS and TRS deductions. This also reflects voluntary deductions and gives a summary of bank deposits.

- SUPT REPORT Supt. Pemrick stated she was pleased with the amazing work done on the musical. We have such talented students and the work behind the scenes to bring it to life is remarkable. She is pleased with the student teacher that has been placed with Ms. Masiello and Mr. Tracy for music. She will be recommending him as a substitute teacher tonight. The CVES policy is on the agenda for a second read and adoption tonight. The social media policy has also been sent for review.

- MTSS REPORT Michele Crandal gave an update using data from this year's most current assessments. Elementary reading comparison to years past has been promising. We have reduced the amount of students that are two years or below. Forty five percent of all students have already made their year's growth for the year and we have one quarter of instruction left.

Elementary math is also showing great growth and 51 % of students have made their benchmark for the year.

Middle school reading is an area of concern and can be tracked to attendance at the middle school level. This is a growing concern and administration is addressing attendance with students on a one to one basis. The reduction of AIS services to the middle school is also a concern and we are seeing the results of this. Over the summer we will look into the schedule and look at the elementary and middle school as well as review the attendance policy.

Teachers should be commended for their hard work in boosting each student. The PBIS program will need to continue, current assemblies are driven by the teachers. They put a lot of work into these programs.

**BUDGET
PRESENTATION**

Supt. Pemrick and Mr. Reidy gave an overview of the budget for 2026-2027. The goals are to reduce the reliance of fund balance by \$100,000. Proposed tax levies were shared for each town Schroon \$6.63, North Hudson \$8.37 and Chester \$6.83. These are minor increases and the district is not going to exceed the tax cap this year. This budget will allow the district to reinstate the principal and maintain current staffing. Depending on UPK funding discussions will take place to reinstate Positions that had been eliminated.

BOE APPROVES CSE/CPSE/ 504 RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to approve the CSE/CPSE/504 recommendations for 20116, 40304, 10573, 40229, 40235, 40358, 10572 and 10711 as presented

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

BOE APPOINTS CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Valerie LeBlanc, second by Codie Aiken to appoint Donald Bullen as a certified substitute for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Bullen will be compensated \$130.00 per day for the 2025-2026 school year. This position is contingent upon the clearance of NYSED fingerprints.

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

BOE APPOINTS NON- CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Jennifer Pitkin, second by Codie Aiken to appoint Joshua Armstrong as a non certified substitute for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Armstrong will be compensated \$125.00 per day This position is contingent upon the clearance of NYSED fingerprints.

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

BOE APPOINTS NON- CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Valerie LeBlanc, second by Codie Aiken to appoint Susannah Stiehm as a non certified substitute for the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Stiehm will be compensated \$125.00 per day as a non certified teacher. CSEA positions will be compensated at \$16.00 per hour. This position is contingent upon the clearance of NYSED fingerprints.

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

BOE APPOINTS TEACHER MENTOR

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Valerie LeBlanc to appoint Amanda Drake as a teacher mentor for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Drake will be compensated \$500.00

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

BOE APPOINTS FLAG FOOTBALL ASSISTANT

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Jennifer Pitkin, second by Jared Whitley to appoint Lyndsey Filler as an unpaid assistant for the Varsity Flag Football for the 2026 season.

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

BOE APPOINTS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to appoint Jared Whitley and Melissa Whitley as volunteer drivers .

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 Abstain- 1 (Jared Whitley) motion carried

BOE APPOINTS MUSICAL LIGHTS & SOUND

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Jennifer Pitkin, second by Valerie LeBlanc to appoint Brett Bernhard as the musical lights and sounds director. Mr. Bernhard will be compensated \$400.00.

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

BOE RECINDS MUSICAL DIRECTORS

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to rescind the motion made June 25, 2025 to appoint Cassaundra Anslow and Suzanne Hurtado as musical directors. The stipend of \$3445 was to be split evenly.

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

BOE APPOINTS MUSICAL DIRECTORS

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Jennifer Pitkin, second by Valerie LeBlanc to appoint Cassaundra Anslow, Suzanne Hurtado and Mike Tracy as musical directors. The stipend of \$3445 will be paid as follows:

Cassandra Britt- 1222.50 Suzanne Hurtado- \$1522.50 Mike Tracy - \$700.00

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

BOE APPOINTS SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to approve Brad West to complete additional testing for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. West will be compensated \$175.00 per evaluation.

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

BOE APPOINTS BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT SERVICE

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Codie Aiken, second by Bruce Murdock to appoint Kelly Brock from Behavioral Transformations to provide consultant services for the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Brock will be compensated \$175.00 per evaluation.

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

BOE ACCEPTS TEACHER AIDE RESIGNATION

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Jared Whitley to accept the resignation letter of Jennifer Belrose as teachers aide effective 02/26/2026.

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

BOE APPROVES BUS PROPOSITION

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock , second by Jennifer Pitkin to approve the bus proposition in the amount of \$123,000.00 to be presented to the voters on May 19, 2026

All Board members Aye Jared Whitley, Bruce Murdock, Valerie Leblanc, Jennifer Pitkin and Codie Aiken No-0 motion carried

BOE APPROVES 2026-2027 CALENDAR

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Codie Aiken to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar as presented

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

BOE APPROVES 2025-2026 GIVE BACK EMERGENCY DAYS

A motion was made by Jennifer Pitkin, second by Codie aiken_ to approve April 13, 2026 and May 26, 2026 as emergency give back days.

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

POLICY 2ND READ

A second read of the Student Enrollment in CV-TEC and Technical Education programs policy was complete. The CV-TEC/SLCS Enrolment contract was also approved
Motedioned by Bruce Murdock, second by Jennifer Pitkin
All Board members voted Yes-5 No- 0 motion carried

PESTICIDE APPLICATION RESOLUTION

Emergency Pesticide Application Authorization

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Schroon Lake Central School District determines that conditions on district athletic fields constitute an **emergency condition affecting student safety** due to severe crabgrass infestation resulting in unsafe playing surfaces; and

Be it further resolved that, pursuant to New York Education Law §409-k Safe Playing Fields Act, the Board authorizes the **limited application of a pre-emergent herbicide for crabgrass control**, to be applied by a **New York State certified pesticide applicator** in compliance with all applicable laws and notification requirements.

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Jennifer Pitkin to approve the

Emergency pesticide application.

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

Adopted this 30th day of March 2026

Resolution

Capital Outlay Project - SEQRA Designation

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Schroon Lake Central School District (the “District”) has determined a need for a capital outlay project (“Project”) Miscellaneous minor toilet room upgrades that include plumbing fixtures and toilet partition replacements; and

WHEREAS, the District has had an opportunity to review the Project regarding its classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (hereinafter referred to as “SEQRA”) and whether it will have any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project is a routine activity of the District

WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Schroon Lake Central School District as follows:

1. The proposed actions does not exceed thresholds established under 6 NYCRR Part 617, of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, (SEQRA).

2. The Board hereby determines the proposed action is a Type II action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations.

3. No further review of the proposed action is required under SEQRA.

4. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

The Motion having been duly proposed by Bruce Murdock_ seconded by Jennifer Pitkin, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

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Jared Whitley Bruce Murdock

Valerie LeBlanc Codie Aiken

Jennifer Pitkin

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STAFFING UPDATE

Supt. Pemrick updated the Board on staffing. Principal interviews are under way and will conclude next week, Postings for a transportation supervisor/mechanic as well as secretary/district clerk have gone out. An ad will also be placed for a full time music teacher. Additional staffing updates will be tabled until there is more information on the UPK funding.

