SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Auditorium
June 26, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jared Whitley
Valerie LeBlanc
Bruce Murdock
Jennifer Pitkin

BOARD CLERK
Lisa DeZalia

STUDENT AMBASSADOR
Carly Smith

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supt. Pemrick	Miranda Sheffer
Michele Crandall	Chelsie Kasuba
Joshua Sheridan	Brent DeZalia
Lexi Valenza	Megan DeZalia
Cindy Gero	Harry Brooks
Brett Bernhard	Suzanne Hurtado
Emily Whitley	Wendy Sargent
Chelsie Kasuba	Mary Gereau
Sharon Smith	Mary Quinn
Hayden Reidy	Sarah LeClair

MEETING TO ORDER
President Jared Whitley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

AGENDA APPROVAL
A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Valerie LeBlanc to approve the agenda with the addition of the Board Vision and MissionStatement presentation and Student Ambassador report
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

PREVIOUS MINUTES
A motion was made by Jennifer Pitkin, second Bruce Murdock to approve the minutes of May 28, 2026 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes-4 No- 0 motion carried.

PREVIOUS MINUTES
A motion was made by Jennifer Pitkin, second Jared Whitley to approve the minutes of June 17, 2026 as presented.
All Board Members voted Yes-4 No- 0 motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Jennifer Pitkin to approve the following financial reports:
Warrant #23, #24 and #25
May Treasurers Report, Budget Status, Revenue Status, Payroll Distribution Report. Extra Curricular Report and Budget Transfers as presented.
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No-0 motion carried

STUDENT AMBASSADOR REPORT	Carly Smith thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as student ambassador. The Senior Class is ready for Graduation and she appreciates all the Boards support over the years. The Board presented Carly with A few books and thanked her for her service.
SUPT REPORT	Mrs. Pemrick thanked the retirees Anita Masiello, Lisa DeZalia and Brent DeZalia for their service to the District. Yearbooks were given to each Board member and Jared Whitley was recognized for his participation in NYSSBA workshops. The end of the school year was very busy with fieldtrips, celebrations and ceremonies. Mrs. Pemrick addressed the lack of a middle school retreat this year. Typically this is a faculty led initiative and each year the faculty goes above and beyond to organize great trips for the middle school students. Unfortunately this year everyone was spread a little thin and it was not based on a financial decision to not schedule events. It is her hope that next year the scheduling of the retreat will include some great adventures for our students.
VISION & MISSION PRESENTATION	Valerie LeBlanc and Jennifer Pitkin thanked Dr. Brooks for his guidance to create the proposed Vision and Mission Statement model . The project started with participation from stakeholders and led to great ideas. The Main focus is the offer a safe and welcoming school district that supports culture, trust, opportunity, communications and belonging, It is also imperative the we focus on academic excellence and fiscal responsibility. With the fundamental process in place, it is part of the timeline to finish the plan for adoption. Mr. Whitley thanked Mrs. Leblanc, Ms. Pitkin and Dr. Brooks for their hours of hard work and dedication to this project.

Items I- J OT AND PT contractswill be tabled until the July Board meeting

BOE APPROVES CSE/CPSE/ 504 RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Jennifer Pitkin to approve the CSE/CPSE/504 recommendations as presented

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE APPOINTS SUMMER SCHOOL STAFF

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Jennifer Pitkin, second by Bruce Murdock to appoint Alexis Valenza as a TA serving as a teachers aide for summer school at a rate of $20 an hour.

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE APPOINTS TEACHER MENTOR

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Jennifer Pitkin to appoint Michael Tracy as a teacher mentor for the 2026 2027 school year. Mr. Tracy will be compensated as per contract.

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 Motion carried

BOE APPOINTS PRINCIPAL MENTOR

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Jennifer Pitkin to appoint Jill Bonoccio as a principal mentor for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $600 a day. The anticipated amount of days is between 5- 8 not to exceed 10 days for the year.

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE APPOINTS CLERICAL SUBSTITUTE

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Valerie LeBlanc to appoint Lisa DeZalia as a clerical substitute for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $20 an hour.

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE APPOINTS EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick, a motion was made by Valerie LeBlanc, second by Jennifer Pitkin to approve the extra curricular activities as follows.

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

Senior Class Advisor	$	Jeff Cutting
Junior Class Advisor To be shared equally	$	Melissa Whitley Jeanine Melville Bria Phillips
Sophomore Class Advisor To be shared equally	$	Rebecca Rice Norah Todaro

Yearbook Advisor	$	Danielle Bonnano
To be shared equally		Rebecca Hartwell
Extra Curricular Treasurer	$	Beth Root
NHS Advisor	$	Danielle Bonanno
Student Council	$	Sarah Silvernail
Costumes	$	Abigail Mero
Accompanist	$	Mike Tracy
Scenery Design	$	Bri Livingston
Scenery Construction	$	Brett Bernhard
Choreographer	$	Suzanne Hurtado
Boys Varsity Soccer	$	Jake DesLauriers
Unpaid Assistant		Matt Filler
Boys Modified Soccer	$	John Armstrong
Girls Varsity Soccer	$	Natalie Cutting
Unpaid assistant- Jose Nieto		
Girls Modified Soccer	$	Lee Silvernail

Winter Coaching Appointments

Boys Varsity Basketball	$	David Pelkey
Unpaid Assistant Andrew Pelkey		
Boys JV Basketball	$	Lance Paradis
Boys Modified Basketball	$	Tim Hunt
Unpaid Assistant Matt Filler		
Girls Modified Basketball	$	Sarah Silvernail

Spring Coaching Appointments

Boys Varsity Baseball Unpaid Assistant Dave Pelkey	$	Lance Paradis
Boys Modified Baseball	$	Tarri Haina
Varsity Flag Football	$	Suzanne Hurtado
Modified Flag Football Co- Coach Stipend to be split evenly	$	Lee Silvernail Micah Melville

BOE APPOINTS TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR

A motion was made by Jennifer Pitkin, second by Bruce Murdock to appoint Richard Dumoulin as the Transportation Supervisor at a rate of $31,000 for the 2026- 2027 school year based on the 12 month schedule..

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE ACCEPTS MOU FOR SCHOOL MECHANIC

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Valerie LeBlanc to accept the MOU between the Board of Education and the School Mechanic. Brent Dezalia will be compensated at a rate of $24,000 for the 2026- 2027 school year based on the 12 month schedule.

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE ACCEPTS TEACHERS AIDE RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Valerie LeBlanc to accept the resignation of Vickye Grey as teacher's aide effective June 11 2026.

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE ACCEPTS TEACHERS ASSISTANT RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Jennifer Pitkin, second by Valerie LeBlanc to accept the resignation of Amanda Grey as teachers assistant effective June 26 2026.

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE ACCEPTS LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Jared Whitley to accept the leave of absence for Jill Horey effective September 1, 2026 through November 30 2026.

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE APPROVES BUS BOND RESOLUTION

Bruce Murdock presented the following resolution and moved that it be adopted
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BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 25, 2026 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED $123,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF A SCHOOL BUS AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF $123,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Schroon Lake Central School District, Schroon Lake, New York (the "School District"), at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on the 19th day of May, 2026, duly approved a proposition authorizing the issuance of serial general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $123,000 to finance the acquisition of a handicapped accessible school bus, the expenditure of such sum for such purpose, and the levy of the necessary tax therefor, to be levied upon the taxable property of the

School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The School District shall acquire a handicapped accessible school bus at a maximum amount of not to exceed $123,000, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the School District at the annual District meeting of May 19, 2026.

Section 2. The School District is hereby authorized to issue its serial general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $123,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The classes of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution (the collectively, the "Purpose") is the acquisition of a handicapped accessible school bus (the "Purpose").

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of the Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is $123,000, **(b)** no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Purpose, and (c) the School District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose from funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer.

Section 7. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues and the use of substantially level or declining debt service, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education.

The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to attest any Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the School District.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the School District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of the School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 9. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the School District's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the Bonds and notes, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 10. This Resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published by the District

Clerk together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local

Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District.

The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The Motion having been duly seconded by Jared Whitley

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Bruce Murdock		Codie Aiken
Jared Whitley		
Valerie LeBlanc		
Jennifer Pitkin		

BOE APPROVES CVES SUMMER SCHOOL

Schroon Lake Central School District and its Board of Education have consistently appreciated, relied upon and subscribed to this region's Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) shared services for special education summer programming, on behalf of particular students who have individual education plans (IEPs) calling for such specialized summer services; and

WHEREAS, this region's BOCES has the specialized administrative staff, program staff, facilities, expertise and general mission to provide for such services that are generally not feasible for individual component school districts to implement as efficiently and cost-effectively, as the BOCES offers this service on a shared basis for the component school districts and their Boards of Education; and

WHEREAS, the
Schroon Lake Central District cannot provide special education school- age summer school services in a more cost-effective manner than BOCES, due to the ability of BOCES to offer and provide services to multiple districts who are able to share costs; therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Schroon Lake Central School District intends to participate in the 2027 Special Education School-Age Summer School, and agrees to pay the actual CEWW BOCES costs for the 2027 summer school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no later than August 1, 2026, the Clerk of the Board shall notify the CEWW BOCES in writing of the District's commitment as described herein and the District's intent to participate in the 2027 Special Education School-Age Summer School. A copy of this adopted resolution is to be provided to the CEWW BOCES and its District Superintendent.

Motion made by Bruce Murock, second by Jennifer Pitkin

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE APPOINTS CONTRACTOR

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Pemrick a motion was made by Bruce Murdock second by Valerie LeBlanc to appoint Day Automation as contractors for the Energy Performance Contract.

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE APPROVES Closure of Tax Certiorari Reserve

WHEREAS, Education Law section 3651(1-a) authorizes a school district to establish a reserve fund for the payment of judgments and claims in tax certiorari proceedings, and Education Law section 3651(3-a) authorizes expenditures from such reserve without voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined, based upon information provided by District administration and legal counsel, that there are presently no active or anticipated tax certiorari claims requiring retention of funds in such reserve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the closure of the District's Tax Certiorari Reserve, currently funded in the approximate amount of $9,038 as of June 30, 2025, subject to final confirmation by the District's auditor and legal counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the District are authorized and directed to transfer or return the remaining balance of said reserve in the manner required by law and consistent with auditor and counsel guidance, and to make all necessary accounting entries to effectuate the closure of the reserve.

Motion made by Jennifer Pitkin second by Bruce Murdock

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE APPROVES THE DISTRICT INVESTMENT PLAN

Schroon Lake Central School District Investment Plan

Purpose

The purpose of this investment plan is to outline a simple and prudent approach for managing district funds. The District seeks to keep available funds in the NYCLASS account so that those funds earn the maximum practical rate of interest while remaining readily accessible for operational needs.

Investment Approach

District funds that are not immediately needed for expenditures will be maintained in the NYCLASS account. Funds will remain invested in NYCLASS to maximize interest earnings and will only be withdrawn when necessary to pay district bills, meet payroll obligations, or satisfy other authorized cash flow needs.

Cash Management

The District will monitor cash needs on an ongoing basis to ensure that sufficient funds are available when required. Transfers from the NYCLASS account will be made only in the amounts and at the times needed to support district operations.

Administration

The Business Office will oversee the timing of deposits and withdrawals in accordance with district financial practices and applicable laws, regulations, and board policies. This approach is intended to preserve liquidity, safeguard public funds, and optimize interest earnings on idle cash.

Motion made by Jennifer Pitkin, second by Bruce Murdock

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE APPROVES Creation and Funding of the following Reserves as of June 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the District's proposed reserve funding plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to final year-end results, available fund balance, statutory limits, and final audit review, the Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the funding of the following reserves in amounts not to exceed the sums listed below:

- Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve: $113,500.
- Unemployment Insurance Reserve: $10,000.
- Retirement Contribution Reserve – ERS: $55,000.
- Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund – TRS: $61,500, subject to the limits in General Municipal Law section 6-r.
- Workers' Compensation Reserve: $10,000.
- Insurance Reserve: $50,000, subject to the limits in General Municipal Law section 6-n.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and School Business Official are authorized to reduce any of the above amounts as necessary to ensure compliance with statute, available year-end funds, and final accounting determinations.

Motion made by Jennifer Pitkin second by Jared Whitley

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE Approves New Hire FTE

A motion was made by Jennifer Pitkin, second by Valerie LeBlanc to accept the New Hire FTE creation of a math interventionist position.

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

BOE adopts Vision and Mission Statement

A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Jared Whitley to adopt the new Board Mission and Vision Statement

All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 motion carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Wendy Sargent requested that the Board consider putting the Family and Consumer Science position back to full time. The skills taught in these courses are life skills and so important to students. This would also allow for more electives to be offered to keep students from so many study halls. Mrs. Pemrick thanked Mrs. Sargent for dedication ot the program and appreciates her enthusiasm to reinstate the program to full time

Sarah LeClair addressed the lack of a Middle School retreat this year. This experience goes beyond academics and expands learning outside the classroom. She would be appreciative of this opportunity to continue the retreat next year to benefit our students. She is also interested in career and college opportunities for students. Students need to be made aware of internship opportunities in the district.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Bruce Murdock, second by Jared Whitley to adjourn at 6:55 PM.
All Board members voted Yes- 4 No- 0 Motion carried

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District Clerk