

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Wednesday, April 22, 2020; District Office
Executive Session 6:00 PM, Regular Session: 7:00 PM**

The April 22, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education was held via conference call as directed in the Governor's Executive Order 202.1.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Michael Pasquarella, President
Angelo Santabarbara, Vice President
Patricia Dowse
Jean Hanson
Kyrish Iyer
Kate Kruk
Kevin Thompson

Members Excused

None

Others Present

Carol Pallas, Superintendent of Schools
Joseph Karas, Assistant Superintendent for Business

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Santabarbara, seconded by Mr. Iyer, that the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 6:03 PM to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened at 7:08 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT RESOLUTION

Motion made by Mr. Santabarbara, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that due to the fact that the meeting of the Board of Education is being held remotely, the public comment sections will be held in abeyance. Any member of the public that has a question or comment pertaining to the April 22, 2020 agenda is asked to please email the Superintendent of Schools or any Board of Education member.

Motion carried unanimously.

CHANGE TO POLICY

Change in Policy: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Iyer, that the Board of Education approve a change in policy #1510 Agenda Setting Requirements to allow for additional agenda items to be added to the meeting agenda the night of the Board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF ORIGINAL AGENDA

Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mrs. Kruk, that the agenda for the April 22, 2020 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA

Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the revised agenda for the April 22, 2020 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved, with the addition of resolutions including the retirement of the current Superintendent and the appointment of a new Superintendent.

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Budget Presentation with School PAUSE

Re-entry to Schools plan

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent of Schools Retirement: Motion made by Mr. Santabarbara, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that it be resolved that the Board of Education accepts the Notice of Retirement of the Superintendent, Dr. Carol Pallas, effective September 1, 2020, with much appreciation for her service to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Change in Duties/Superintendent: Motion made by Mr. Santabarbara, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that it be resolved that the Board of Education approves the Seventh Addendum to the Employment Agreement of Dr. Carol Pallas and the change to her duties effective July 1, 2020 through September 1, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Superintendent of Schools: Motion made by Mrs. Kruk, seconded by Mr. Iyer that the Board of Education appoint Thomas Reardon to be Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2020 and approves his contract of employment with a term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Retirement Incentive: Motion made by Mr. Santabarbara, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that it is hereby resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Memorandum of Agreement between the Schalmont Central School District and the Schalmont Teachers Association dated April 15, 2020 creating a retirement incentive for the 2019-2020 school year is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Final grades for Regents Courses: Motion made by Mrs. Kruk, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that final grades for Regents courses should be calculated without using the score from the June 2020 Regents exam. Regents Examinations given post and prior to June 2020 will continue to be utilized in order to meet graduation requirements for students who were not exempted due to Covid-19.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regents Exemption: Motion made by Mrs. Kruk, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that students who during the June 2020 examination period would take one or more Regents Examinations shall be exempted from the requirements pertaining to passing such examinations in order to be issued a diploma.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOCES Budget Vote: Motion made by Mr. Santabarbara, seconded by Mr. Iyer, that it be resolved that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie Schenectady-Saratoga counties be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of \$12,193,150 during the school year 2020-21 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as required by law.

Motion carried unanimously.

Annual BOCES Election: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that after a canvas of the members present, the Board of Education cast one vote for each of the following four candidates for a term of three years each: Dr. John Bergeron; Mrs. Nancy delPrado; Mrs. Naomi Hoffman; Mr. John Phelan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Mrs. Kruk, seconded by Mr. Santabarbara, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the following Board of Education meetings: March 23, 2020; April 6, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the Board of Education accept the following financial reports: Treasurer's Report - March 2020; HS Extracurricular Activities Report 2020; MS Extracurricular Activities Report 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION TOPICS - None

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Pasquarella: Thank you to Dr. Carol Pallas - ready to hit the ground running with Dr. Reardon.

Mr. Thompson: Welcome Dr. Reardon

Mrs. Hanson: Welcome Dr. Reardon - it will be interesting.

Mrs. Kruk: Thank you Dr. Pallas and thank you Dr. Reardon for taking this challenge.

Mr. Iyer: Echo fellow Board members. Thank you to teachers and administrators.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Iyer that the April 22, 2020 Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Karas
Clerk, Board of Education