

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Monday, October 26, 2020; 7:00 PM; Middle School LGI**

The October 26, 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 6:37 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Mr. Angelo Santabarbara
Ms. Kate Kruk
Ms. Patricia Dowse
Mrs. Jean Hanson
Mr. Kyrish Iyer
Mr. Michael Pasquarella
Mr. Kevin Thompson

Members Excused

None

Others Present

Mr. Thomas Reardon, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Joseph Karas, Asst. Superintendent for Business
Miss Adriana DiCocco, Student Representative (7:07 PM)
Mr. Matthew Weise, Student Representative (7:07 PM)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Iyer that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 6:39 PM to discuss legal and/or personnel matters, to reconvene.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened at 7:07 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT RESOLUTION

Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, 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 October 26, 2020 agenda is asked to please email the Superintendent of Schools or any Board of Education member.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Ms. Kruk, seconded by Mr. Pasquarella that the agenda for the October 26, 2020 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT REPORT

Fundraisers: Sophomore Class BBQ, Cheesecake sale by Junior Class; Motivational speaker for grades 9-12. Will record so it can be used later; District and Student Council T-shirts

SUPREINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Reardon and Schalmont Administrative team

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

School Board Member Appreciation Week: Dr. Reardon, Ms. Hanson
Remote Learning: Celebrations and Next Steps

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Education Member Resignation: Motion made by Ms. Dowse seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Michael Pasquarella from the position of Member of the Schalmont Board of Education, effective October 30, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tenure Recommendation: Motion made by Ms. Kruk, seconded by Ms. Dowse that the Board of Education approve the tenure appointment of Jahmel Samuels in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant, effective October 31, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

CSE/CPSE Recommendations: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mrs. Hanson that the Board of Education approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations made at meetings held October 13, 14, 15 and 19, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Matters: Motion made by Ms. Kruk, seconded by Mrs. Hanson that the Board of Education approve the following personnel matters:

Instructional Personnel Matters**Middle School Advisors**

Sabre Service Co-Advisors: LuAnn Duxbury, \$422 (*revised from 10/13/20 Board meeting*)
Jean D'Alessandro, \$422
Yearbook Co-Advisors: LuAnn Duxbury, \$1,056
Jean D'Alessandro, \$1,056

Noninstructional Personnel Matters**Appointment**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Surindra Jeetoo	Cleaner	District Wide	11/9/20	\$16.39	3:00-11:30PM
David Connell V (<i>pending fingerprint clearance</i>)	Cleaner	District Wide	10/26/20	\$16.39	3:00-11:30PM

Change in Hours

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Total Daily Hours</u>	
					<u>from</u>	<u>to</u>
Chris Chandler	Bus Driver	Transportation	10/19/20	\$29.73	4.75	5
John D'Amico	Bus Driver	Transportation	10/13/20	\$29.83	6	7.5
Anthony DiToro	Bus Driver	Transportation	10/13/20	\$22.65	4.75	5
Raymond LaFreniere	Bus Driver	Transportation	10/05/20	\$29.83	7.25	8
Kenneth Lancto	Bus Driver	Transportation	09/14/20	\$29.73	4.75	5
John Noppa	Bus Driver	Transportation	10/22/20	\$21.02	4.00	4.25
Carol Thompson	Bus Attendant	Transportation	10/13/20	\$18.40	1	1.25

Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Thompson noting interest.

Financial Reports: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Dowse that the Board of Education accept the following financial reports for September 2020: Treasurer's Report; HS Extracurricular Activity Report; MS Extracurricular Activity Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

Termination: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Thompson that it is hereby resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Donald McIntyre, Jr. is terminated effective October 22, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resignation-Claims Auditor: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Thompson that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Donna Jurczynski from the position of Claims Auditor, effective October 30, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment-Claims Auditor: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Pasquarella that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Debbie Falcone to the position of Claims Auditor, effective October 31, 2020 at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Surplus Equipment: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Kruk that the Board of Education declare the following equipment as surplus for the purpose of disposing of it in a way that is most advantageous to the district: vending machine; SEON bus camera systems; gas stove (good working condition); commercial dishwasher (broken); upright freezer (broken); irrigation water wheel system (very old); old blacktop paver (working condition); large plastic water holding tank; bus #209 (small bus unknown running condition); bank of student lockers; Bri Mar tilt deck over trailer (good working condition); bus #144 old small bus (condition not good unknown working order); back blade for tractor; multiple window air conditioners (good working order removed with the construction project); fork truck (fair working order); bus 216 (small bus unknown working condition); Chevy Suburban w/plow vin #166460; Chevy Suburban #159 vin# 166459; green and gray rolling student chairs; small utility trailer (no title); multiple lighting fixtures (removals from the construction project); small red trailer (need registration); miscellaneous doors and hardware included; speakers and amp; several power tools and workshop; PTO Flare mower (works); lull material handler (working order); Woods PTO driven rototiller; Ford PTO Flare mower; Massey Ferguson Tractor (runs and drives); Billy Goat parking lot cleaner (works); Dodge pick up truck (unknown working condition); 4,000 gallon above ground fuel tank w/pumps-tank monitor included; 4 office desks- fair condition.

Motion carried unanimously.

Authorizing Commencement of Vaping Litigation: Motion made by Ms. Kruk, seconded by Mr. Iyer, Whereas in recent years the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and Vaping devices Vaping devices has increased dramatically among high school and middle school students, leading to significant risks of addiction and potentially life threatening respiratory ailments; WHEREAS, makers of e-cigarettes, including the Juul Labs, Inc. have engaged in marketing practices that have targeted children, endangering the health of millions of children who have become addicted to nicotine and nicotine products; WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vapid devices by students has caused the district to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases and stops; WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been invited to join a nation-wide lawsuit by school districts against Juul Labs, Inc. the largest seller of e-cigarettes in the United States and other parties responsible for the production, marketing, sale and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to join this lawsuit to discourage the proliferation of e-cigarettes, end the marketing of e-cigarettes to children, and seek compensation for harm caused to the District due to e-cigarette use. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby resolves: 1. To appoint the law firms of Bond Schoeneck & King, PLLC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages associated with the Juul Electronic Cigarette litigation against Juul Labs, Inc. and others consistent with the recitals above; 2. To approve the contract for such legal services; and 3. To authorize the Superintendent to take all steps necessary to become an active co-plaintiff to litigation filed on behalf of school districts by Bond Schoeneck & King and the Frantz Law Group.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

None

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

- Kyrish Iyer – Thank you to everyone for all that did their part to reopen school. Thank you Mike.
- Mike Pasquarella – We made the right choice with Dr. Reardon. I have learned a lot since 9 years ago...what schools do. The district is in great shape. Thank you for all your support.
- Jean Hanson – Thank you for presentations and surveys. Thank you Mike....enjoy!
- Kevin Thompson – Thank you for presentations. Going much better than expected. Thank you students for recognition. Mike...don't make a stranger of yourself.
- Pat Dowse – Thank you faculty and administration. Thank you Dr. Reardon for your leadership. Thank you Mike for your leadership.
- Kate Kruk – Thank you students for the perfect gift. Faculty and staff thank you. This year is different but that does not have to be bad. Mike...good luck. You set the bar high.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Pasquarella that the October 26, 2020 Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Karas
Clerk, Board of Education