



Schalmont Central School District  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Wednesday, April 21, 2021, Middle School LGI**  
**Regular Session: 7:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Tonight’s meeting of the Board of Education will be held via conference call as directed in the Governor’s Executive Order 202.1.\* Directions for dialing in to join this meeting will be posted on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. Please note, there will be no questions taken from the public in this forum. \*Executive Order 202.1 – Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar service: Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** - The meeting was called to order at \_\_\_\_\_PM

*Members Present*

- Mr. Angelo Santabarbara, President
- Ms. Kate Kruk, Vice President
- Ms. Patricia Dowse
- Mrs. Jean Hanson
- Mr. Kyrish Iyer
- Mr. Daniel MacEntee
- Mr. Kevin Thompson

*Others Present*

- Dr. Thomas Reardon, Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Joseph Karas, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Miss Adriana DiCocco, Student Representative
- Mr. Matthew Weise, Student Representative

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT RESOLUTION**

*Recommended Motion:* “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 21, 2021 agenda is asked to please email the Superintendent of Schools or any Board of Education member.”

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Recommended Motion:* "That the agenda for the April 21, 2021 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved."

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

**6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**7. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**8. CONSENT AGENDA** - *Recommended Motion:* “That the consent agenda consisting of the following items be approved:”

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

- Treasurer’s Report – March 2021
- Personnel Matters
- CSE/CPSE Recommendations

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget Proposition:** *Recommended Motion:* “That the 2021-22 budget proposition and property tax report card be adopted; that the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District at Rotterdam be authorized to expend sums set forth in the total amount of \$52,397,377.00.”

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

“Recommended Motion” NOTICE OF THE BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING/ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTES OF THE Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Schalmont Central School District at Rotterdam, Schenectady County, New York. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified votes of the Schalmont Central School District at Rotterdam, will be held in the Middle School Building in said District on Monday, May 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM prevailing time. The budget presentation will be held virtually with the access information listed on the District website 24 hours prior to the meeting. The budget will be available for review starting April 27, 2021 via the District website. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that the annual school election of the qualified voters of the Schalmont Central School district of Rotterdam, will be held at the High School in said District on May 18, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM prevailing time (following all CDC Guidelines) to vote by machine upon the following items.

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect two members of the Board for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2024. And to elect one member of the Board for a two-year term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual School District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, the following proposition will be submitted.

PROPOSITION I

“Shall the proposition set forth in the notice of this meeting authorizing the purchase of five (5) school buses at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$520,000 and providing that such sum shall be funded by prior year fund balance, be approved. Section 3. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend the notice of the Annual School District Meeting from time to time, as in his or her discretion, such amendment may be required. Section 4. The resolution shall take effect immediately.”

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2021-2022 may be obtained by any residents via the District website at [www.schalmont.org](http://www.schalmont.org) beginning Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at his office in the District Office not later than Monday, April 19, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable by calling the District Clerk at (518) 355-9200 x4002 or by email at [jkaras@schalmont.net](mailto:jkaras@schalmont.net). Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least 7 days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

**BOCES Budget Vote: Recommended Motion:** “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 \$12,199,555 during the school year 2021-22 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as required by law.” Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual BOCES Election:** *Recommended Motion:* “That after a canvas of the members present, the Board of Education cast one vote for each of the following two candidates for a term of three years each: Brian Backus; Lynne Lenhardt”

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Shared Services Agreement:** *Recommended Motion:* “That the Board of Education approve the service agreement between the Niskayuna CSD and the Schalmont CSD dated April 13, 2021, for one student to receive Assistive Technology services for the period September 14, 2020 through June 23, 2021, at a cost of \$2,288.00.

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bid for Sale of School District Property:** *Recommended Motion:* WHEREAS, Schalmont Central School District (hereinafter “District”) owns property located at 401 Duanesburg Road, Town of Rotterdam, County of Schenectady in the state of New York; said property has a tax map number of 58.-1-1; and consists of a building and approximately 4.88 acres of land (hereinafter “Property”); and WHEREAS, the District previously passed a resolution dated March 22, 2021, authorizing Auctions International, Inc. to place the Property for sale by auction; and WHEREAS, Auctions International, Inc. listed the property for sale by private auction and conducted said auction from February 25, 2021 through March 19, 2021; and

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, After the highest two bidders defaulted or declined to purchase the property at their bid price, Michael Geraci was the highest remaining successful bidder in the amount of \$309,500.00 and paid the required deposit; NOW THEREFORE, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District accepts the bid of \$309,500.00 for this parcel and authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools to effectuate the transfer, by Quit Claim Deed, of the District’s interest in this property to Michael Geraci and/or any corporation formed by Michael Geraci to take ownership of this property. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to review and/or preparation of documents by school counsel, the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to convey the District’s interest in the Property to Michael Geraci and/or any corporation formed by Michael Geraci to take ownership of this property, in accordance with the terms of this resolution and applicable provisions of the New York State Education Law; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes and directs the officers and employees of the District to take all necessary and appropriate steps to complete the transfer or sale described herein; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

10. **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

11. **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Recommended Motion:* “That the April 21, 2021 Board of Education meeting be adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.”

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personnel Matters**

**Instructional Personnel Matters**

*Long Term Substitute Appointment (Revised)*

Name: Amanda Lawson  
 Position: Teaching Assistant - Middle School  
 Effective: September 23, 2020 through June 30, 2021  
 Step: 3

*Spring Coaching Appointment*

Erica Bornhoft, Boys Assistant Track Coach (Step 1)

*Spring Coaching Resignations*

Mike Hurteau, Track-Assistant (Split Stipend Step 8)  
 Joelle Litz, Track-Assistant (Split Stipend Step 8)

*Retirement Resignations*

	<u>Yrs of Service</u>
Robin Bingham, MS Counselor, effective close of business 06/30/21	18-1/2
Lynn Gemmiti, HS Science Teacher, effective close of business 06/30/21	32
Crystal Hoey, Speech Therapist, effective close of business 06/30/21	25
Brigid Emer O'Keeffe, HS Library Media Specialist, effective close of business 06/30/21	8
Robert Renzi, HS Choir Director, effective close of business 06/30/21	25
Geralyn Zink, HS/MS Art Teacher, effective close of business 06/30/21	32

**Non-Instructional Personnel Matters**

*Retirement Resignations*

	<u>Yrs of Service</u>
Debra Becker, Bus Attendant/Food Service Worker, effective close of business 06/30/21	22
Rita Bonitatibus, Teacher Aide, effective close of business 06/30/21	28
Richard Carney, Bus Driver, effective close of business 06/30/21	14-1/2
Joanna Costello, Cleaner, effective close of business 06/30/21	25
Linda Lawson, Typist, effective close of business 08/16/21	24
Michele Tierney, Teacher Aide, effective close of business 06/30/21	25