

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education  
Wednesday, April 21, 2021; 7:00 PM; Middle School LGI

The April 21, 2021 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 7:04 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present

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

Members Excused

None

Others Present

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT RESOLUTION**

Motion made by Mr. Iyer, seconded by Ms. Kruk 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 21, 2021 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. MacEntee that the agenda for the April 21, 2021 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Weise and Miss DiCocco reported on school events including the Senior formal on the 14<sup>th</sup>; Senior class walk; thank you Mr. McCord for the course guide.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. MacEntee that the consent agenda consisting of the following items be approved:

Treasurer's Report: March 2021

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 ResignationsYrs of Service

Robin Bingham, MS Counselor, effective close of business 06/30/21	18 ½
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

• Noninstructional Personnel MattersRetirement ResignationsYrs of Service

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 ½
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

*Motion carried unanimously.***NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget Proposition:** Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mrs. Hanson 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.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**Notice of Budget Hearing, Annual Meeting and Election:** Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Kruk, of NOTICE OF THE BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING/ELECTION to the qualified voters of the Schalmont Central School District at Rotterdam, Schenectady County, New York. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters 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 (2) members of the Board for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2024, and to elect one (1) 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.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**BOCES Budget Vote:** Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Thompson, 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 \$12,199,555 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.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**Annual BOCES Election:** Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, 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.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**Shared Services Agreement:** Motion made by Mr. MacEntee, seconded by Mr. Iyer 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.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**Bid for Sale of School District Property:** Motion made by Ms. Kruk, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, 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 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.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

Mrs. Hanson – positive budget; congratulations retirees

**ADIJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Kruk that the April 21, 2021 Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:06 PM.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Karas  
Clerk, Board of Education