

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Monday, April 4, 2022; 7:00 PM; Middle School LGI

The April 4, 2022 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 7:12 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Mr. Angelo Santabarbara, President
Ms. Kate Kruk, Vice President
Ms. Patricia Dowse
Mrs. Jean Hanson
Mr. David Lawrence (*virtual*)
Mr. Kevin Thompson

Members Excused

Mr. Kyrish Iyer

Others Present

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Mrs. Hanson seconded by Ms. Kruk that the agenda for the April 4, 2022 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried. Mr. Iyer excused.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Rash and Miss DiCocco reported on student events – student council activities; baseball team going to Florida; physics to Six Flags; pep rally; transportation costs per student.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & PRESENTATIONS

- 2022-23 Budget Update – Mr. Karas
- Capital Project Overview – Mr. Ed Anker and Associates

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mrs. Hanson that the consent agenda consisting of the following items be approved:

- Board of Education Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2022
- Instructional Personnel Matters
Resignations
Mike Salamone, Music Teacher, effective April 14, 2022
Joleen Cordy, School Nurse, effective April 22, 2022

Long Term Substitute

Mary Alice Newell, Music Teacher, effective April 4, 2022 through June 24, 2022, Step 10M

- Noninstructional Personnel Matters (All hourly pay rates as per SSRPA Agreement)
Retirement

Donna Duffy, Bus Attendant and Monitor, effective June 30, 2022

<u>Resignations</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
John Noppa	Bus Driver	Transportation	4/14/22
Nadia Takechand	Substitute Monitor	Jefferson	3/25/22

<u>Substitute Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Hours</u>
LeeAnn McTigue	Monitor	District Wide	3/22/22	as needed
	Food Service	District Wide	3/22/22	as needed
Rebecca Naumowicz	Monitor	District Wide	3/23/22	as needed
	Food Service	District Wide	3/23/22	as needed

<u>Regular Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Lisa Higgins	Monitor	Jefferson	3/21/22	8:30am – 9:30am
Ashley Bailey-Gentile	Monitor	Jefferson	3/21/22	8:30am – 9:30am
Nadia Takechand	Monitor	Jefferson	3/28/22	11:15am – 2:15pm

<u>Change in Hours</u>				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>New Daily Total</u>
Gary Olsen	Bus Driver	Transportation	3/28/22	2.75
Francis Severino	Bus Driver	Transportation	3/28/22	2.75
Theresa Bacchi	Bus Attendant	Transportation	3/28/22	5.0
Susan Schultz	Bus Attendant	Transportation	3/28/22	1.25

Motion carried. Mr. Iyer excused.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Transportation Agreement – Motion made by Ms. Kruk, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that Board of Education approve the summer transportation agreement between the Rotterdam Boys and Girls Club and the Schalmont Central School District.

Motion carried. Mr. Iyer excused.

Budget Proposition – Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the 2022-23 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 \$53,497,990.

Motion carried. Mr. Iyer excused.

Voter Propositions and Budget Notice: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, 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 votes of the Schalmont Central School District at Rotterdam, will be held in the Middle School Building in said District on Monday, April 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review starting April 28, 2022 at each school. 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 17, 2022 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM prevailing time to vote by machine upon the following items. 1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District; 2. To elect three members of the Board for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2025. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual School District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, the following proposition will be submitted.

PROPOSITION I

“Shall the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District be authorized to (A) improve, reconstruct and renovate various School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$6,100,000; (B) expend such sum for such purposes, including the expenditure of \$5,000,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund; (C) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid, the amount expended from the Capital Reserve Fund and any grant money received; and (D) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?”

PROPOSITION II

“Shall the proposition set forth in the notice of this meeting authorizing the purchase of six (6) school buses at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$540,000 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.”

PROPOSITION III

“Shall the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District is hereby authorized to (1) create a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Education Law § 3651(1) for the purpose of financing construction projects for the general improvement, reconstruction, renovations or additions to the District’s buildings, including the acquisition of sites (land and/or buildings), site work, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, acquisition and installation of technology equipment, or other apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used, and for purchases subject to voter approval; (2) the maximum amount for such fund shall be capped at \$5,000,000; (3) deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund such unallocated fund balance of the General Fund as determined by the Board of Education; State Aid related to expenditures from the capital reserve fund; and interest income related to investment monies in the fund. The probable duration of the Capital Reserve Fund is ten (10) years.”

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 2022-2023 may be obtained by any residents of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, April 26, 2022. 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 Tuesday, April 19, 2022 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. 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 17, 2022.

Motion carried. Mr. Iyer excused.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Ms. Dowse – excited that budget is approved and does not retract any services; excited to be a Board of Education member; any question can go to Dr. Reardon; please vote May 17th

Mrs. Hanson – very happy about budget; thank you for presentation for project

Ms. Kruk – excited and thank you for capital project; echo Pat – come out and vote even with a 0% budget levy; great to hear what we can do for boys and girls club

Mr. Thompson – thank you Mr. Anker for presentation; better understanding to see; changes due to covid-more students driving in rather than using school bus. Like Pat said even though there is a 0% levy increase, please come out and vote.

Mr. Santabarbara – thank you for all the details; excited that we are investing in our community; 0% is a testament of the Board of Education and administration to give our best bank for our buck. Please vote and have your voice heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Kruk, seconded by Mrs. Hanson that the April 4, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 8:35 PM, not to reconvene.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Karas
Clerk, Board of Education