

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education  
Monday, January 24, 2022; 7:00 PM; Middle School LGI**

The January 24, 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 7:09 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present

Mr. Angelo Santabarbara, President  
Ms. Kate Kruk, Vice President (*virtual*)  
Ms. Patricia Dowse  
Mrs. Jean Hanson  
Mr. Kyrish Iyer (*virtual*)  
Mr. David Lawrence  
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. Merrick Rash, Student Representative

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the agenda for the January 24, 2022 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Rash and Miss DiCocco reported on the upcoming field trips to CTE Programs at the Albany, Mohonasen and Schoharie Campuses. Career drive was last week.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & PRESENTATIONS**

- Preliminary Budget Information

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report: December 2021  
HS Extracurricular Activities Report: December 2021  
MS Extracurricular Activities Report: December 2021

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Recommendations made at meetings held January 12, 13, 19, 2022

Instructional Personnel Matters

Advisor - Resignations

Anthony Cassale, Ski and Snowboard Club

James Sommer, Ski and Snowboard Club

Advisor – Appointment (Stipends in accordance with STA Agreement)

Ryan Little, Ski and Snowboard Club

Non-Instructional Personnel Matters (All hourly pay rates as per SSRPA Agreement)

<u>Regular Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>
Theresa Bacchi	Monitor	HS	01/20/22	10:45am – 12:45pm (2 hrs/day)

<u>Substitute Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>
Sarah Schultz	Teacher Aide	District Wide	01/24/22	As needed

Permanent Appointment

Brandy O'Donnell, Typist, Civil Service, effective January 14, 2022

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget Calendar:** Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the Board of Education approve the 2022-23 budget calendar.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**Surplus Equipment:** Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, 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: Truck Salter (SN: S-16-23-H9152).

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**Creation of Custodian Position:** Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and create one support staff position of full-time Custodian (1.0 FTE), effective February 1, 2022.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**CASHIC Trust:** Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Doswe, **WHEREAS**, Schalmont Central School District is a member of the Capital Area School Health Insurance Consortium (“CASHIC”); and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of CASHIC seeks to adopt a revised Trust Agreement, to ensure the continued effective operation of CASHIC; **NOW, THEREFORE**, due deliberation having been had, **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Schalmont Central School District hereby consents to the adoption of the Trust Agreement proposed by CASHIC’s Board of Trustees. 2. That Joseph Karas be authorized to execute the Written Consent provided by CASHIC’s Board of Trustees. 3. That one (1) certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and sent, along with the executed Written Consent, to CASHIC’s attorneys at the following address: Gleason, Dunn, Walsh & O’Shea, 40 Beaver Street, Albany, NY 12207, Attn: Thomas F. Gleason, Esq.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**Bond Counsel Proposition:** Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Kruk, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (the "School District") that the following proposition be present to the voters at the annual meeting of the School District to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022: **PROPOSITION** 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?

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**SEQRA Jefferson Parking Lot:** Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District ("Board") is considering to undertake a project involving various traffic and parking improvements largely as a reconfiguration of existing parking/traffic areas on the site of the Jefferson Elementary School campus (located at 100 Princetown Road, Schenectady, New York) which will also include some minor new paving, curbing, sidewalks, landscaping, all of which is on existing space and involves no construction of additions or expansion of existing site facilities or any impacts to traffic to entrance roadways to the campus or any changes to existing drainage patterns/systems, HVAC upgrades to existing classrooms, and any associated work with all areas mentioned ("the Project"); and **WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has consulted with its Architects and Engineers with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action and reviewed the completed Short Environmental Assessment Form showing no significant adverse environmental impacts from this Project; and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in the SEQRA Regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 and has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2) and/or (8) of the SEQRA Regulations; **WHEREAS**, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and **WHEREAS**, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations: 1. The proposed action involves various traffic and parking improvements largely as a reconfiguration of existing parking/traffic areas on the site of the Jefferson Elementary School campus (located at 100 Princetown Road, Schenectady, New York) which will also include some minor new paving, curbing, sidewalks, landscaping, all of which is on existing space and involves no construction of additions or expansion of existing site facilities or any impacts to traffic to entrance roadways to the campus or any changes to existing drainage patterns/systems various traffic and parking improvements, HVAC upgrades to existing classrooms, and any associated work with all areas mentioned ("the Project"); 2. The Project represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1) and/or alternatively the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2); 3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact based on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.; 4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

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**SEQRA HS/MS Parking Lot:** Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education

of the Schalmont Central School District (“Board”) is considering undertake a project involving various traffic and parking improvements largely as a reconfiguration of existing parking/traffic areas on the High School/Middle School campus (located at 1 Sabre Drive, Schenectady, New York) which will also include some minor new paving to upgrade an existing driveway to a parent drop off loop and related existing site improvements, all of which is on existing space and involves no construction of additions or expansion of existing site facilities or any impacts to traffic impact to entrance roadways to the campus or any changes to existing drainage patterns/systems, HVAC upgrades to existing classrooms, and any associated work with all areas mentioned (“the Project”); and **WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has consulted with its Architects and Engineers with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action and reviewed the completed Short Environmental Assessment Form showing no significant adverse environmental impacts from this Project; and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in the SEQRA Regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 and has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2) and/or (8) of the SEQRA Regulations; **WHEREAS**, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and **WHEREAS**, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations: 1. The proposed action involves various traffic and parking improvements largely as a reconfiguration of existing parking/traffic areas on the High School/Middle School campus (located at 1 Sabre Drive, Schenectady, New York) which will also include some minor new paving to upgrade an existing driveway to a parent drop off loop and related existing site improvements, all of which is on existing space and involves no construction of additions or expansion of existing site facilities or any impacts to traffic to entrance roadways to the campus or any changes to existing drainage patterns/systems, HVAC upgrades to existing classrooms, and any associated work with all areas mentioned (“the Project”); 2. The proposed Project represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1) and/or alternatively the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2); 3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact based on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4; 4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

Ms. Kruk: Interested in documents that Jason McCord just put out with pathways. Very excited to hear about it. Jefferson student Turn-Off the TV Event. Excited to see the Capital Project. Keep up the good work.

Mr. Thompson: Budget is coming up. Students can voice their needs and thoughts that we would like to hear about with the budget.

Ms. Dowse: Reinforce the work we do with BOCES, hands-on work with our students may work for some of our students and I am excited for the upcoming BOCES event.

Mr. Lawrence: Credit to Jason and Tom as they were asked to showcase our Communications to other Districts.

Mrs. Hanson: Thank you to Tom and Joe as we continue moving forward.

Mr. Santabarbara: Nice to see the Capital Project/Safety. Nice to see pre-time Budget numbers growing our programs, while budget.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Kruk, that the January 24, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 8:02 PM, not to reconvene.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Karas  
Clerk, Board of Education