

**SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education  
Monday, January 25, 2021; 7:00 PM; Middle School LGI**

The January 25, 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*

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT RESOLUTION**

Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, 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 January 25, 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 Mr. MacEntee, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the agenda for the January 25, 2021 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Miss DiCocco and Mr. Weise reported on school events including: Student Council shirts – distributing them this week and next week.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

"This is Schalmont" - Dr. Reardon, Superintendent of Schools  
State Aid Runs Update - Mr. Karas, Assistant Superintendent for Business

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

*Board of Education Meeting Minutes*

January 11, 2021

Personnel Matters

- Instructional Personnel Matters

Appointments – Substitute Teachers

BOCES Packet #5: Samantha Casale, Beth Chatnik, Kayla Fountain, John Frechette, Ellen Gallagher, Michael Gregory, Kaylee Howard, Emily Malone, Akilah Morris Smith, Emily Mottolese, Morgan Redmond, Arianna Rivera, Natalie Stagnitti, Michael Testa, Daniel Westman

- Noninstructional Personnel Matters

Retirement

Edward Leitt, Security Monitor, High School/Middle School, effective June 25, 2021 (end of business)

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Brian Lehr, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective January 1 through June 30, 2021

<u>Substitute Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>		
William Clark	Cleaner	District Wide	1/26/21	\$16.39		
				<u>Hourly</u>	<u>Total Daily Hours</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>to</u>
Mario Palleschi	Bus Driver	Transportation	1/13/21	\$24.28	4.25	5.00
Patrick Volpicelli	Bus Driver	Transportation	1/13/21	\$19.00	0.00	3.00

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Sale of School District Property:** Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Dowse 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’s Board of Education (“Board of Education”) has previously determined that the Property is not in use and, will not be of further use or value to the District; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interests of the District to sell the Property rather than maintain it without benefit to the District; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interests of the District to sell the Property at auction to obtain the best possible price; and NOW THEREFORE, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Property identified above is declared to be of no further use or value to the District and in fact, continued ownership of Property is fiscally detrimental to the District; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes and approves execution of an agreement permitting Auctions International, Inc. to list the property for sale subject to the Board of Education having final approval of the high bid; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, subject to final approval of the high bid, hereby authorizes the transfer or sale of said Property, plus usual and customary closing costs; and, 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 list the Property for sale at auction and to convey the 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.*

**National Board Certification Stipend:** Motion made by Ms. Kruk, seconded by Mr. Iyer that the Board of Education approve the payment of an annual stipend of \$4,000 to Mary Shands for achieving National Board Certification status. This payment is in accordance with the Schalmont Teachers Association agreement.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**Second Read and Adopt/Board Policies:** Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Kruk, that the Board of Education approve the second read and adoption of the following Board of Education policies:

- 1050 Annual District Election and Budget Vote
- 1120 School District Records
- 1130 News Media Relations
- 1222 Relationship with Booster Organizations
- 1500E.1 Public Use of School Facilities Request Form
- 1550E.2 Public Use of School Facilities Fee Schedule
- 1900 Family Engagement
- 1925 Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Families

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**BOCES Board of Education:** Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Thompson that the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District shall hereby approve the nomination of Brian Backus to serve a three year term on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

Higher risk sports pushed down to the local Department of Health  
Email to community for Board meetings.  
Bethlehem cheating on tests?

**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Iyer, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the January 25, 2021 Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:28 PM.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Karas  
Clerk, Board of Education