

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Monday, March 6, 2023; 7:00 PM; MS LGI

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

Members Present

Mr. Angelo Santabarbara, President
Ms. Kate Kruk, Vice President
Ms. Patricia Dowse
Mrs. Jean Hanson
Mr. David Lawrence

Members Absent

Ms. Miranda Eldridge
Mr. Kevin Thompson

Others Present

Dr. Thomas Reardon, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Brenda Leitt, School Business Administrator
Mr. Merrick Rash, Student Representative
Mr. Nicholas Castiglione, Student Representative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Kruk, that the agenda for the March 6, 2023 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried. Ms. Eldridge and Mr. Thompson excused.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Rash and Mr. Castiglione reported that the HS English Honor Society members joined elementary students to read together. The HS Spanish class had a salsa dance lesson and the HS Spanish Honor Society Induction will be March 15th. Good luck to the JV bowling team going to the State champions in Syracuse. The HS musical, Chicago, was very successful. The HS will have a Chorus/Band concert this coming Wednesday.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT and PRESENTATIONS

Budget Update: Dr. Reardon and Mrs. Leitt

Restorative Practices: Mr. Heckman and Mrs. Martyn

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the consent agenda consisting of the following items be approved:

- Board of Education Meeting Minutes: February 13, 2023
- CSE/CPSE Recommendations: February 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 28, 2023
- Personnel Matters

- **Non-Aligned Personnel Matters**
 - Resignation
Anthony Centi, Network & System Technician, District Wide, effective March 17, 2023 (*close of business*)

- **Instructional Personnel Matters**
 - Long-Term Substitute
Kayla Henriquez, Teaching Assistant, Jefferson Elem., February 27 through June 30, 2023, TA Step 2

 - Unpaid Leave of Absence
Allison Barber, Grade 7 English, MS, effective September 5, 2023 through June 30, 2024

 - Spring Coaching Appointments (Stipend in accordance with STA Agreement)
Christopher Teta, Varsity Baseball, Step 8
Anthony Silvestri, JV Baseball, Step 2
Michael DiCocco, Modified Baseball, Step 8
Steven Kowalczyk, Varsity Softball, Step 2
Kaley Brindisi, JV Softball, Step 4

Christina Harvey, Modified Softball, Step 1
 Jason Beck, Varsity Tennis, Step 8
 Brian Croote, Varsity Boys Track, Step 8
 Erica Keefer, JV Boys Track, Step 3
 Colleen Monaco, Modified Boys Track, Step 1
 Richard Kranick, Varsity Girls Track, Step 8
 John George, JV Girls Track, Step 8
 Colleen Monaco, Modified Girls Track, Step 1

• **Noninstructional Personnel Matters** (All hourly pay rates as per SSRPA Agreement)

| <u>Appointment</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Effective</u> | <u>Work Day</u> | <u>Step</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Kimberly Bryant (Revised) | Bus Driver | Transportation | 02/27/23 | 2.50 hrs/day | 4 |
| Jared Nardi | Security Monitor | District Wide | 03/08/23 | 2pm-9:30pm | 4 |

| <u>Resignation</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Patrick Volpicelli | Bus Driver | Transportation | 02/24/23 (close of business) |

| <u>Substitute Appointment</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Effective</u> | <u>Work Day</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Robin Winkelman | Nurse | District Wide | 03/07/23 | as needed |

| <u>Substitute Resignation</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Kimberly Bryant | Bus Driver | Transportation | 02/17/23 |

Change of Hours

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Effective</u> | <u>Old Daily Total</u> | <u>New Daily Total</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Dori Kaszubski | Bus Attendant | Transportation | 02/27/23 | 3.00 | 4.00 |

Motion carried. Ms. Eldridge and Mr. Thompson excused.

NEW BUSINESS

Settlement of Vaping Litigation: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Ms. Kruk, WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Schalmont Central School District (the “District”) previously authorized the District Superintendent to take all steps necessary to join a nation-wide lawsuit by school districts against Juul Labs, Inc. the largest seller of e-cigarettes in the United States and Altria Group, Inc. formerly known as Phillip Morris Companies, Inc. (the “Lawsuit”); WHEREAS, following extensive negotiations, counsel for Juul Labs, Inc. and counsel for the school districts, have reached an agreement in principle to resolve all claims against Juul Labs, Inc., as well as its corporate representatives (the “Settlement Agreement”); WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement provides, in relevant part, that in exchange for a full release of claims against Juul Labs, Inc. and its corporate representatives, the District will receive monetary remuneration in the amount of \$30,680.00 (the “Settlement Amount”); WHEREAS, the Settlement Amount will be paid to the District in five installments pursuant to the following schedule: 62.5% in December 2023; 12.5% in December 2024; 12.5% in December 2025; and 12.5% in December 2026. WHEREAS, in entering the Settlement Agreement, the District is not releasing claims against any other defendants in the Lawsuit, including, but not limited to, Altria Group, Inc.; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District hereby ratifies the Settlement Agreement, a copy of which is incorporated into the minutes of this meeting, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to take any further actions necessary to effect the settlement authorized herein.

Motion carried. Ms. Eldridge and Mr. Thompson excused.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Ms. Dowse – Congratulations to cast and crew of Chicago. Great Show!
 Mr. Lawrence – Echo Pat on musical. Thank you to staff that cleared parking lots of snow this week. We were able to stay open on Saturday. Thank you to Mr. O'Donnell and crew. Though stretch between winter break and spring break. Social and mental health cannot be taken for granted. Awesome job to all in presentation.
 Mrs. Hanson – Thank you for the presentation.

Ms. Kruk – Echo colleagues. We are doing what our prior students asked for in previous survey. Best of luck to the bowling team.

Mr. Santabarbara – Students and programs excelled. We have bright kids. We expect them to be successful and the restorative program allows them to be.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the March 6, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Motion carried. Ms. Eldridge and Mr. Thompson excused.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leitt
Clerk of the Board