

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Monday, April 3, 2023; 7:00 PM; MS LGI

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Angelo Santabarbara, President
Ms. Kate Kruk, Vice President
Ms. Patricia Dowse
Ms. Miranda Eldridge
(Ms. Eldridge will be attending
via videoconference from
153 Fabian Drive, Schenectady, NY)
Mrs. Jean Hanson
Mr. David Lawrence
Mr. Kevin Thompson

Members Absent

None

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 April 3, 2023 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Rash and Mr. Castiglione reported that spring sports starts this week. Cultural Fest will be April 19th. There will be an Art Teachers Association, Art Exhibit. One hundred and fifty plus tickets were sold for the Prom. NYSSMA won silver and gold.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT and PRESENTATIONS

2023-2024 Budget Update: Dr. Reardon and Mrs. Leitt
Jefferson SEL Practices: Jefferson Elementary School Staff

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

- Board of Education Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2023
- Personnel Matters
- **Instructional Personnel Matters**
 - Long-Term Appointment (Revised)
 - Name: Christina Limson-Harvey
 - Position: ELA – MS
 - FTE: 1.0 FTE
 - Effective: September 5, 2023 through June 30, 2024
 - Step: 5-BA

BOCES Substitute Teacher Appointments

Packet #12 – Jarrod Bonaro, Abigail Countryman, Bianca Crawford, Jenna Davis, Kyle Kelly, Emma Wegner

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

<u>Substitute Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>
Jackie Anderson	Food Service Worker	District Wide	04/04/23	as needed
Margaret Raymond	Bus Attendant	Transportation	03/23/23	as needed

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Tenure Recommendation: Motion made by Ms. Kruk, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the Board of Education approve the following tenure appointment:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Mary Ann Campagnano	Teaching Assistant	04/08/2023

Motion carried.

Internal Audit–Purchasing Review: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the Board of Education accept the 2021-22 Internal Audit – Purchasing Review.

Motion carried.

Corrective Action Plan: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the Board of Education approve the corrective action plan for the 2021-22 Internal Audit – Purchasing Review.

Motion carried.

TIPS-USA Purchasing Cooperative: Motion made by Ms. Kruk, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, WHEREAS, the Schalmont Central School District (School District) pursuant to the authority granted in General Municipal Law, Article 5A (Public Contracts), Section 103 desires to participate in the TIPS-USA purchasing cooperative; and WHEREAS Section 103 of the General Municipal Law permits the School District to make purchases of apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, or to contract services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment and supplies, may make such purchases, or may contract such services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies, as may be required by the School District therein through the use of a contract let by the United States of America or any agency thereof, any state or any other county or political subdivision or district therein if such contract was let to the lowest responsible bidder or on the basis of best value in a manner consistent with this section and made available for use by other governmental entities: and WHEREAS, the School District desires to participate for the purpose of fulfilling and executing its public governmental purposes, goals, objectives, programs and functions; and WHEREAS, the School District has reviewed the benefits of participating in this program and based on this review has concluded the program will provide the best value to taxpayers of this School District through the anticipated savings to be realized. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District authorizes the School District’s participation in the TIPS-USA Purchasing Cooperative and authorizes the Director of Finance and Human Resources or the Purchasing Agent to register for the TIPS-USA purchasing program on behalf of the School District.

Motion carried.

Charitable Fund: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Thompson, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District hereby creates a Charitable Fund in accordance with Education Law §§ 1804(1) and 1709(12)(b) as follows: “The Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District hereby creates and establishes a Charitable Fund (“Fund”) in accordance with Education Law §§ 1804(1) and 1709(12)(b) to receive unrestricted charitable monetary donations made to such fund for use by the District for public educational purposes.

Motion carried.

Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes Agreement: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Kruk, WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) Section 487 exempts from taxation the increase in value to real property by reason of inclusion of certain energy systems, including solar energy systems, unless a county, city, town, village, or school district opts out of said exemption; and WHEREAS, RPTL Section 487 provides that a county, city, town, village, or school district that has not opted out of said exemption may require the owner of a property which includes a solar energy system meeting the requirements for the exemption to enter into a contract for Payments-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes (“PILOT”); and WHEREAS, Rotterdam Renewables, LLC through Nexamp, Inc., has submitted a Notice of Intent to the Schalmont Central School District that it intends to build one solar energy system of approximately 5 megawatts that meets the requirements for the exemption on parcels of land located within the boundaries of the Schalmont Central School District at 1827 Putnam Road, in the Town of Rotterdam; and WHEREAS, pursuant to RPTL Section 487 the Schalmont Central School District has indicated its intent to require a PILOT Agreement with Rotterdam Renewables, LLC under which the Owner (or any successor owners) will be required to make payments to the School District for each year during the term of the Agreements; and WHEREAS, the Parties intend that, during the term of the 15-year PILOT Agreements, the projects will be placed on an exempt portion of the assessment roll and the Owner will not be assessed for any statutory real property taxes for which it might otherwise be subject to under New York law with respect to the Projects; and WHEREAS, the Parties intend that the Owner of the solar energy system shall make PILOT payments consistent with the PILOT, and said Owner payment increasing 2% annually for each successive payment for the 15-year duration of the PILOT in accordance with the terms of the PILOT Agreement, and that the Owner of Rotterdam Renewables, LLC shall make an Education Contribution Donation to the Schalmont Central School District in the amount of \$224,523.88, in accordance with the respective Education Contribution Agreement; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into a PILOT Agreement, and any amendments thereto or associated Education Contribution Agreements, with Rotterdam Renewables, LLC for the building and operations of the Solar Energy System, in accordance with the above terms and subject to approval by the Superintendent and School District counsel.

Motion carried.

Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes Agreement: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) Section 487 exempts from taxation the increase in value to real property by reason of inclusion of certain energy systems, including solar energy systems, unless a county, city, town, village, or school district opts out of said exemption; and WHEREAS, RPTL Section 487 provides that a county, city, town, village, or school district that has not opted out of said exemption may require the owner of a property which includes a solar energy system meeting the requirements for the exemption to enter into a contract for Payments- In-Lieu-Of-Taxes (“PILOT”); and WHEREAS, Princetown Solar 1, LLC through New Leaf Energy Systems, Inc., has submitted a Notice of Intent to the Schalmont Central School District that it intends to build one solar energy system of approximately 5 megawatts that meets the requirements for the exemption on parcels of land located within the boundaries of the Schalmont Central School District at 248 Kelley Station, in the Town of Duanesburg; and WHEREAS, pursuant to RPTL Section 487 the Schalmont Central School District has indicated its intent to require a PILOT Agreement with Princetown Solar 1, LLC under which the Owner (or any successor owners) will be required to make payments to the School District for each year during the term of the Agreements; and WHEREAS, the Parties intend that, during the term of the 15-year PILOT Agreements, the projects will be placed on an exempt portion of the assessment roll and the Owner will not be assessed for any statutory real property taxes for which it might otherwise be subject to under New York law with respect to the Projects; and WHEREAS, the Parties intend that the Owner of the solar energy system shall make PILOT payments consistent with the PILOT, and said Owner payment increasing 3% annually for each successive payment for the 15-year duration of the PILOT in accordance with the terms of the PILOT Agreement, and that the Owner of Princetown Solar 1, LLC shall make an Education Contribution Donation to the Schalmont Central School District in the amount of \$260,813.20, in accordance with the respective Education Contribution Agreement; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into a PILOT Agreement, and any amendments thereto or associated Education Contribution Agreements, with Princetown Solar 1, LLC for the building and operations of the Solar Energy System, in accordance with the above terms and subject to approval by the Superintendent and School District counsel.

Motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Ms. Eldridge – Thank you to Jefferson students and staff for presentation.

Mr. Thompson - Thank you to Jefferson students and staff for presentation. Congratulations on tenure to Ms. Campagnano.

Ms. Dowse – Congratulations to Musical students. Applaud number of students that visited CR BOCES. Thank you Jason.

Mr. Lawrence – Our District Teacher Social/Emotional Learning is awesome! Great budget presentation.

Mrs. Hanson – Thank you for including students.

Ms. Kruk – Congratulations Ms. Campagnano on tenure appointment. Good luck music students. Congratulations to Art & Music students.

Mr. Santabarbara - Congratulations Ms. Campagnano. Great job students. Can't say enough about the budget preparation, great job! Communication from school last week was great. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the April 3, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leitt
Clerk of the Board