

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Monday, April 17, 2023; 7:00 PM; MS LGI

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM

Members Present

Mr. Angelo Santabarbara, 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

Ms. Kate Kruk

Others Present

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the agenda for the April 17, 2023 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Castiglione reported that the Concert Choir earned a silver medal at NYSMA. Thirty-five students and four staff went to Italy. Three hundred students are set to attend prom. The spring concert is scheduled for May 12th.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT and PRESENTATIONS

Final 2023-2024 Budget Update: Dr. Reardon and Mrs. Leitt

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: April 3, 2023
- Financial Reports March 2023: Finance Report; HS/MS Extracurricular
- CSE/CPSE Recommendations: Feb. 2, 10; March 7, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31; April 3, 4, 5, 6, 2023
- Personnel Matters

• Instructional Personnel Matters

Long Term Substitute (extension)

Katlyn Cowee, Grade 2 Teacher, effective May 1, 2023 through May 15, 2023, Step 1-MA

Substitute Teacher Appointments

BOCES Packet #13: John Callender, Kim Dreisenstock, Kristen Reamon

• 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>
Bradford McCormack	Bus Driver Trainee	Transportation	04/18/23	as needed	1

<u>Substitute Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>
Eleanor Dodge	Cleaner	District Wide	04/18/23	as needed
Tim O’Brien	Cleaner	District Wide	04/17/23	as needed

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Proposition: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the 2023-24 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 \$55,853,038 during the 2023-24 school year, and to levy a tax therefore, be approved?

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.

Voter Propositions and Budget Notice: Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, 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 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review starting April 25, 2023 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 16, 2023 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 2023-24 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District; 2. To elect two (2) members of the Board for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2026. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual School District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, the following proposition will be submitted.

BUS PROPOSITION

Shall the proposition set forth in the notice of this meeting authorizing the purchase of five (5) school buses at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$665,000 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.

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 2023-24 may be obtained by any residents of the District during business hours beginning Wednesday, April 25, 2023. 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 her office in the District Office not later than Monday, April 17, 2023 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 x4001 or by email at bleitt@schalmont.net. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (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 16, 2023.

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Thompson – Zero levy. Still need people to come out to vote.

Ms. Dowse – Welcome back from vacation. Couple of months to go last hurrah! Cool District to be a part of.

Mr. Lawrence – Proud of budget in this growing District and keeping constituents in mind as we budget. Spring events in full swing. Thank you for your hard work.

Mrs. Hanson – Thank you for zero budget.

Mr. Santabarbara – Reiterate Kevin, come out to vote! We are adding programs and keeping students and community in mind when producing budget.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the April 17, 2023 meeting of the board of Education be adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leitt
Clerk of the Board