



Schalmont Central School District  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Monday, October 23, 2023; Middle School LGI**  
**Executive Session: 6:15 PM; Regular Session: 7:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**Directions for dialing in to join this meeting will be posted on Monday, October 23, 2023**

Please note that this is a meeting of the Board of Education held in public; not a public Board of Education meeting. For further clarification, please contact Mrs. Brenda Leitt, Clerk of the Board and School Business Administrator.

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** - The meeting was called to order at \_\_\_\_\_ PM

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| <u>Members Present</u>               | <u>Others Present</u>                              |
| __Mr. Angelo Santabarbara, President | __Dr. Thomas Reardon, Superintendent of Schools    |
| __Mr. David Lawrence, Vice President | __Mrs. Brenda Leitt, School Business Administrator |
| __Ms. Patricia Dowse                 | __Mr. Nicholas Castiglione, Student Representative |
| __Ms. Miranda Eldridge               | __Mr. Kyle Laribee, Student Representative         |
| __Mrs. Jean Hanson                   |  |
| __Mr. Kevin Thompson                 |  |

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Recommended Motion:* "That the agenda for the October 23, 2023 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved." Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**For the sake of continuing to conduct Board business in a timely fashion, total public comment will be limited to 30 minutes.** Welcome to this meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education. If you would like to speak during this portion of the meeting, please complete the blue form and give it to the Clerk of the Board, Mrs. Brenda Leitt, prior to the start of the meeting. Please note the following procedures: The Board of Education is obligated to follow the agenda; questions will be taken; individual Board members do not provide individual responses during Board meetings; as general procedure, three minutes are allocated per speaker.

**5. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

**6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Board of Education Appreciation – Dr. Reardon  
 The Value of Engagement in the Success of our School - Mrs. Umar and Mr. Ziomek

**7. CONSENT AGENDA** – *Recommended Motion:* "That the consent agenda consisting of the following items be approved:"

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

- Board of Education Meeting Minutes: October 10, 2023
- Financial Reports September 2023: Finance Report; HS/MS Extracurricular
- CSE/CPSE Recommendations
- Personnel Matters

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**Extracurricular Activity Name Change:** *Recommended Motion:* "That the Board of Education approve the High School Extracurricular activity name change from BMX Club to Young Entrepreneurs." Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**First Read/Board Policies:** *Recommended Motion:* "That the Board of Education approve the first read of the following School Board policies." Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4321.12 Timeout and Physical Restraint (All Students)
- 5300.55 Corporal Punishment
- 9520.6 Policy on the Rights of Employees to Express Breast Milk in the Workplace

**NEW BUSINESS (con't)**

**Service Agreement:** *Recommended Motion:* “That the Board of Education approve the service agreement between Oak Hill School and the Schalmont CSD dated Sept. 6, 2023 through June 21, 2024 for one student at the cost of tuition of \$40,753.”

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Agreement:** *Recommended Motion:* “That the Board of Education approve the service agreement between Advanced Therapy P.L.L.C. and the Schalmont CSD dated Sept. 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for one student at the cost of \$58.00 per thirty (30) minutes of therapy services and \$600 per occupational and/or physical and/or speech language pathology evaluations.”

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Media Litigation:** *Recommended Motion:* “WHEREAS, in recent years, it has become apparent that children and teenagers are spending an inordinate amount of time scrolling through various social media platforms, including Meta, Instagram, TikTok; and WHEREAS, while spending time on social media platforms, children and teenagers are often subjected to harmful and exploitative content which is causing them to experience increased anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues at an alarming rate; and WHEREAS, studies have shown that as a result of increased mental health issues secondary to social media use, students are performing worse in school, are less likely to attend school, are more likely to engage in substance use and to act out somewhat violently, all of which affects a school district’s ability to fulfill its educational mission; and WHEREAS, the Schalmont Central School District Board of Education (“BOE”) has been invited to join a nation-wide lawsuit by public entities, including many school districts, against Meta, TikTok, Snap, and YouTube as well as other social media companies; and WHEREAS, the lawsuit alleges that these social media companies have caused a mental health crisis among children and teenagers that severely affects their ability to succeed in school; and WHEREAS, the BOE wishes to join this lawsuit to hold social media companies accountable for their exploitive conduct, send the message to these companies that profits should not be prioritized at the expense of children’s health and safety, and provide the District with financial resources to mitigate this ongoing mental health crisis. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schalmont Central School District Board of Education hereby resolves:  
1. To appoint the law firms of Bond Schoeneck & King, PLLC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages associated with the litigation against Meta, TikTok, Snap, and YouTube as well as other social media companies consistent with the recitals above;  
2. To approve the contract for such legal services; and 3. To authorize the Superintendent to take all steps necessary to become an active co-plaintiff to litigation filed on behalf of school districts by Bond Schoeneck & King and the Frantz Law Group.”

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. BOARD ITEMS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

*Recommended Motion:* “That the October 23, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_PM.”

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personnel Matters**

• **Instructional Personnel Matters**

Part-Time Appointment

Name: Linda Kovel  
Position: Reading, Jefferson  
FTE: 1.0  
Effective: October 2, 2023 through November 24, 2023  
Step: 13 (as per STA Agreement)

Resignations

Erika Boehlke, Nurse, Jefferson/MS, effective October 27, 2023  
Anthony Wasiyo, Jr., Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective October 11, 2023

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Raegan Gleason, Special Education, Jefferson; October 12, 2023 through February 7, 2024

2023-24 Winter Coaching Appointments (Stipend in accordance with STA Agreement)

Josh Cuomo, Varsity Wrestling, Step 8

• **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>Hours</u>
Carmen Echevarria	Cleaner	District Wide	10/16/23	as needed