

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education  
Monday, August 21, 2023; 7:00 PM; DO Conference Room**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** - The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

Members Present

Mr. Angelo Santabarbara, President  
Mr. David Lawrence, Vice President  
Ms. Patricia Dowse  
Ms. Miranda Eldridge  
Mrs. Jean Hanson  
Mr. Kevin Thompson

Members Absent

Ms. Kate Kruk

Others Present

Dr. Thomas Reardon, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Brenda Leitt, School Business Administrator

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ELECTION OF OFFICER**

**Vice President**

The Board President will ask for nominations for the office of Vice President.

Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the Board of Education nominate Mr. Lawrence for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education.

*Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the agenda for the August 21, 2023 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

*Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.*

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Update on Capital Project and Parking Lots

**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 Reorg/Regular Meeting Minutes: July 12, 2023
- CSE/CPSE Recommendation: July 25, 31; August 3, 15, 2023
- Personnel Matters

• **Instructional Personnel Matters**

Part Time Appointments

Name: Marisa Caprara  
Position: COTA, Jefferson  
FTE: 0.36  
Effective: September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024  
Step: 15

Name: Marisa Caprara  
Position: Teaching Assistant, Jefferson  
FTE: 0.64  
Effective: September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024  
Step: 11

Name: Rachel Curtis  
 Position: Social Worker, HS  
 FTE: 1.0 FTE  
 Effective: September 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023  
 Step: 8-MA

Name: Trista Kapusta  
 Position: Special Education, Jefferson  
 FTE: 1.0 FTE  
 Effective: September 5, 2023 through December 31, 2023  
 Step: 10-BA

Name: Camryn Mesick  
 Position: Social Worker, Jefferson  
 FTE: 1.0 FTE  
 Effective: September 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024  
 Step: 1-MA

Substitute Teacher Appointments

BOCES Packet #1: Carly Benedict, Matthew Griggs, Andrew Hines, Pierre Kablan, Deborah Katz, Sadie Lambert, Lily Li, Kierstin Lynch, Anna Sherman, Theresa Smith

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

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Step</u>
Stephen Blanchette	Bus Technician	Mechanics Garage	08/09/23	6am-2:30pm	4
Christina Cassidy	Food Service Worker	Jefferson	08/23/23	10:30am-2pm	1
Marcia Moraski	Custodian	HS	08/21/23	3pm-11:30pm	8

Probationary Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Michael Gregg	Maintenance Mechanic	Mechanic’s Garage	08/09/23

<u>Retirement Resignation</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Yrs. of Service</u>
Wendy DeSantis	Custodian	Jefferson	09/01/23	30

<u>Resignation</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Marcia Moraski	Cleaner	Jefferson	08/18/23
Laurie Russell	Food Service Worker	Jefferson	07/21/23

<u>Substitute Appointments</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Hours</u>
John Luker	Bus Driver	Transportation	10/14/22	as needed
Michelle McMullen	Bus Attendant	Transportation	08/21/23	as needed
Danielle Nedell	Bus Driver	Transportation	08/14/23	as needed
Margaret Raymond	Teacher Aide	District Wide	08/10/23	as needed
Kristen Reamon	Food Service Worker	District Wide	09/01/23	as needed
Giacomo Rivituso	Bus Driver Trainee	Transportation	08/01/23	as needed
Jennifer Whitney	Cleaner	District Wide	08/22/23	as needed
Jennifer Whitney	Food Service Worker	District Wide	09/01/23	as needed

Food Service Worker – 2023-2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Daily Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u># of Days</u>
Christina Cassidy	3.50	Jefferson	09/06/23-06/25/24	177
Karen Gliot	3.50	Jefferson	09/06/23-06/25/24	177
Karen Gliot	1.75	District Wagon	09/06/23-06/25/24	177
Colleen Hirsch	3.50	Jefferson	09/06/23-06/25/24	177

Deborah Mastroianni	7.00	Jefferson	09/06/23-06/26/24	180
Rebecca Naumowicz	3.50	Jefferson	09/06/23-06/25/24	177
Tammy Waring	6.25	Jefferson	09/06/23-06/25/24	177
Lisa Croce	3.50	MS	09/06/23-06/25/24	180
Josephine Eats	3.50	MS	09/06/23-06/25/24	180
Josephine Eats	1.50	MS	09/06/23-06/26/24	182
Dori Kaszubski	3.25	MS	09/06/23-06/25/24	180
Carol Thompson	3.75	MS	09/06/23-06/25/24	180
Tina Decker	3.50	HS	09/06/23-06/17/24	175
Mena Greisler	2.75	HS	09/06/23-06/17/24	175
Michelle Jasenski	6.25	HS	09/06/23-06/26/24	181
Lori Little	7.00	HS	09/06/23-06/26/24	181
Margaret Raymond	3.50	HS	09/06/23-06/17/24	175

Removal from Service – effective 6/30/23

Devika Baldeo, Substitute Food Service Worker	Laurie Russell, Substitute Bus Attendant
Linda Cianfarani, Substitute Bus Driver	Laurie Russell, Substitute Monitor
Steven DeCocco, Substitute Custodian	Laurie Russell, Substitute Teacher Aide
Yvonne DeCocco, Substitute Bus Driver	Sarah Schultz, Substitute Bus Attendant
Edward Dixon, Substitute Security	Francis Severino, Substitute Bus Driver
Brent Flouton Johnson, Substitute Cleaner	Amber Szady, Substitute Food Service Worker
Kimberly Gemme, Substitute Monitor	Michele Tierney, Substitute Teacher Aide
Nicole Grandstaff, Substitute Teacher Aide	Katelyn Van Woeart, Substitute Monitor
Lori Koslik-Olsen, Substitute Bus Driver	Katelyn Van Woeart, Substitute Teacher Aide
Nicole Nelson, Substitute Nurse	Jacqueline Wood, Substitute Food Service Worker
	Skylar Wood, Substitute Cleaner

*Motion carried 5-0. Ms. Kruk absent and Mr. Thompson abstained.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ratifying Bond Resolution:** Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Schalmont Central School District (the “District”) at a special meeting held on December 14, 2016 approved a proposition authorizing the reconstruction and construction of improvements to various District buildings at a maximum estimated cost of \$13,853,500; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District, in accordance with the aforesaid proposition, adopted a bond resolution on January 9, authorizing the issuance of \$12,353,500 bonds and the expenditure of \$1,500,000 current funds to pay the costs of such project; and WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the District at the annual District meeting held on May 15, 2018, approved a proposition authorizing the construction of a new transportation facility adjacent to the Middle School/High School, including a new access road at a maximum estimated cost of \$9,390,000; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District, in accordance with the aforesaid proposition, adopted a bond resolution, authorizing the issuance of \$5,104,000 bonds, the expenditure of \$840,000 current funds and the reallocation of \$3,446,000 bonds from the bond resolution adopted on January 9, 2017, to pay the costs of such project. WHEREAS, in order to undertake financing of such projects through DASNY, DASNY has requested that the prior bond resolutions be ratified and confirmed and that a legal notice of estoppel be published after adoption of this resolution. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of Schalmont Central School District at Rotterdam, Schenectady County, New York, as follows: Section 1. The (i) reconstruction and construction of improvements to various District buildings for, including site improvements and original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby ratified and confirmed at a maximum estimated cost of not exceeding \$10,407,500 and (ii) the construction of a new transportation facility adjacent to the Middle School/High School, including a new access road, is hereby ratified and confirmed at a maximum estimated cost of \$9,390,000. Section 2. The plan for the financing of project (i) above, after accounting for the \$3,446,000 reallocation to project (ii) above, shall consist of the issuance of \$8,907,500 bonds of said District authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, and the expenditure of \$1,500,000 available funds. The plan for the financing of project (ii) above shall consist of the Issuance of \$8,550,000 bonds of said District authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, and the expenditure of \$840,000 available funds. Such bonds are to be payable from amounts which shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said District, and the faith and credit of said District are hereby pledged for the payment

of said bonds and the interest thereon. Section 3. It is hereby ratified and confirmed that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid objects or purposes is thirty (30) years, pursuant to subdivision 97 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law. Section 5. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law. Section 6. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if: 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said District is not authorized to expend money, or 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Section 7. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary in The Daily Gazette, which is hereby designated as the official newspaper of said District for such purpose, together with a notice of the District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

*Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.*

**Tax Warrant:** Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2023-24 Tax Warrant in the amount of \$29,973,572 and the below tax rates per \$1,000 for each municipality:

<u>2023-24</u>	<u>Guilderland</u>	<u>Florida</u>	<u>Duanesburg</u>	<u>Princetown</u>	<u>Rotterdam</u>
Homestead	17.712600	19.253689	63.467210	61.633426	19.732860
Non-Homestead	13.218815	11.839790	60.071438	55.883275	24.002280

*Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.*

**Health and Welfare Contract:** Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the Board of Education approve the following health and welfare contract for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>School District</u>	<u># of Pupils</u>	<u>Amount</u>
City School District of Albany	5	\$4,798.55

*Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.*

**Code of Conduct:** Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Eldridge, that the Board of Education approve the district’s Code of Conduct for the 2023-24 school year.

*Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.*

**District Wide Safety Plan:** Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the Board of Education approve the district’s District Wide Safety Plan for the 2023-24 school year.

*Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.*

**Hockey Agreement:** Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the Board of Education approve the agreement dated between the Schalmont School District, Scotia-Glenville School District, Guilderland School District, Mohonasen School District and Voorheesville School District to join together to operate a combined ice hockey team for the 2023-24 school year.

*Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.*

**Tenure Recommendations:** Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the Board of Education approve the following tenure appointments:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Sarajane Cipperly	Music	09/01/23
Kate Cole	Elementary Education	09/01/23
Joi Rumbaugh	Teaching Assistant	09/01/23

*Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.*

**Committees:** Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the Board of Education approve the following Board Committee Representatives for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

- Audit Committee ..... Mr. Thompson, Ms. Dowse, Mr. Santabarbara
- Policy Committee ..... Ms. Kruk, Mrs. Hanson, Ms. Dowse
- Technology Committee ..... Ms. Eldridge, Mr. Santabarbara, Mr. Lawrence
- Facilities & Strategic Planning Ms. Eldridge, Ms. Kruk, Mr. Lawrence

*Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.*

**BOARD ITEMS**

Facilities Dept. – Great to acknowledge this department. Picnic was nice.  
 Ms. Dowse – Facebook page are great with events. Watch videos, good for all levels.  
 Mr. Lawrence – Thank you to parents and teachers regarding class supplies etc. You’re going above and beyond. Thank you!! PTO is great. Teachers are working collectively with PTO.  
 Mr. Santabarbara – Confusion regarding Schoology, Clever etc. Are we going to put something out there for parents and grandparents?

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the August 21, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned to at 7:48 PM.

*Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda Leitt  
 Clerk, Board of Education