

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

**Annual Reorganization/Regular Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Monday, September 25, 2023; 7:00 PM; MS LGI**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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
Mr. Nicholas Castiglione, Student Representative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the agenda for the September 25, 2023 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Castiglione reported from the HS the student parking spot painting is rescheduled to Sunday, Oct. 1st. The Club Fair that was early today in the Cafeteria was a great success. Congratulations to Evan Krenay, Nick Ricciardi and Jurnee Tuttle who were honored at the Cross Country Senior Night this past Wednesday. The week of Oct. 2-6 is Spirit Week and Friday, October 6th is Homecoming. Monday, Oct. 2nd is the College Fair with 48 different college representatives in attendance. Financial Aid night is Wednesday, Oct. 4th, starting at 6:30pm in the HS Auditorium. The HS Open House is this coming Thursday from 6 to 8 PM. The MS is working building wide to make sure all students know their math facts. Faculty are traveling the halls, visiting lunch periods with flashcards, helping to practice and reinforce math facts in a fun and competitive way. MS Open House is on Thursday, Oct. 5th from 6 to 7:30 PM. More MS students are taking advantage of after school time and joining clubs and extracurricular opportunities. Jefferson Elementary will hold their Open House on Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 5:15 to 7:05 PM from grades K-1 and grades 2-4 Open House will be Wednesday, Sept. 27th from 5:15 to 7:45 PM. The 4th graders welcomed 120 crayfish on Tuesday morning as part of their unit on life cycles. The Jefferson PTO is hosting a book fair this week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

HS Presentation - "Engaging Students through Curriculum and Connections" – Mr. Heckman and Mrs. Martyn

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

- ✓ Board of Education Meeting Minutes: September 11, 2023
- ✓ Financial Report Summary: July & August 2023
- ✓ CSE/CPSE Recommendations: Aug. 30, 2023; Sept. 5, 8, 13, 19, 20, 2023
- ✓ Personnel Matters

• **Instructional Personnel Matters**

Part-Time Appointment

Name: Carlyn Beaver
Position: Special Education
FTE: 0.7
Location: MS
Effective: September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
Step: 1-MA (*per STA Agreement*)

Appointments: High School Advisors 2023-24 (Stipends in accordance with STA Agreement)

Kathryn Farry, National Honor Society (shared)
 Suzanne Pris, National Honor Society (shared)
 Meghan Mulkerrin, National Art Honor Society (shared)
 Ashley Williams, National Art Honor Society (shared)

BOCES Substitute Teacher Appointments

Packet #2 – Candice Sugarman, Jolie Scerbo, Danielle Nichols

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

<u>Appointments</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Step</u>
James Battaglia	Monitor	HS	09/18/23	9:15am-10:45am	7
Jessica Hanna	Bus Driver Trainee	Transportation	09/12/23	as needed	1
Michelle McMullen	Bus Attendant	Transportation	09/25/23	1.75 hrs/day	1
Michelle McMullen	Bus Attendant	Transportation	10/02/23	1.25 hrs/day	1
Michelle McMullen	Monitor	HS	10/02/23	10:45am-12:45pm	1
Isabelle Rogers	Monitor	Jefferson	09/14/23	12:15pm-2:15pm	1
Susan Shafer	Teacher Aide	MS	10/02/23	7 hrs/day	4
Amanda Stigberg	Cleaner	District Wide	10/02/23	3:00pm-11:30pm	1

<u>Resignations</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Eleanor Dodge	Cleaner	Jefferson	09/13/23
Imants Shrederis	Bus Driver	Transportation	09/19/23
Wendy Spezza	Teacher Aide	Jefferson	10/05/23

<u>Substitute Appointments</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Zachery Attanasio	Cleaner	District Wide	09/26/23
Wendy Spezza	Teacher Aide	District Wide	10/06/23
Edona Rexha	Teacher Aide	District Wide	09/26/23

<u>Substitute Resignations</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Michelle McMullen	Bus Attendant	Transportation	09/24/23
James Woods	Bus Attendant	Transportation	09/19/23

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Re-appoint Superintendent of Schools: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District hereby re-appoints Dr. Thomas Reardon, as Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028, approves the Addendum to his employment agreement, dated September 25, 2023, setting forth any changes in the terms and conditions of Superintendent Reardon’s employment agreement, authorizes payment thereunder, and authorizes the President of the Board to execute said Addendum on behalf of the School District.

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.

Settlement of Vaping Litigation: Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, 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”); and WHEREAS, in or about January 2023, counsel for Juul Labs, Inc. and counsel for the plaintiff school districts reached an agreement in principle to resolve all claims against Juul Labs, Inc., as well as its corporate representatives (the “JUUL Settlement”); and WHEREAS, the JUUL Settlement did not include the resolution or dismissal of any claims as against defendant Altria Group, Inc. formerly known as Phillip Morris Companies, Inc. (the “Altria Claims”); and WHEREAS, following extensive negotiations, counsel for Altria Group, Inc. and counsel for the plaintiff school districts have reached an agreement in principle to resolve the Altria Claims (the “Altria Settlement”); and WHEREAS, the Altria Settlement

provides, in relevant part, that in exchange for a full release of claims against Altria Group, Inc., the District will receive monetary remuneration in the amount of \$9,237.00 (the “Settlement Amount”) to be paid promptly upon the execution of all necessary settlement documentation and obtaining of all necessary court approvals. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District hereby ratifies the Altria Settlement, 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 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.

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

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Meghan Davis	Elementary	09/26/23

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.

BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Santabarbara – At sports game, parent conversation regarding engagement in community with parents, fortunate for students. Congratulations to Meghan Davis.

Ms. Dowse – Spectrum did a great job showcasing the game at Schalmont. Congratulations to the football team.

Ms. Eldridge – Great community involvement. Go to meetings. Do what you can to get involed.

Mr. Lawrence – Julie and Heather, great job heading PTO. Matt and Nicole, nice to hear what you are doing to get kids to school.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Eldridge, that the September 25, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Kruk absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leitt, Clerk of the Board