

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Monday, November 20, 2023; 7:00 PM; MS LGI**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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

None

Others Present

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the agenda for the November 20, 2023 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried 6-0.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Castiglione and Mr. Larabee reported at the High School the Tri-M Music Honor Society held their new member inductions two weeks ago, and this past week the National Honor Society held their inductions. Three seniors signed their national letters of intent to play collegiate level sports next year. Eight HS students were selected to participate in the NYSSMA Area All State Festival held at Proctors for the first time this weekend. The Middle School National Junior Society completed their food drive to benefit “Concerned for the Hungry”. They donated 606 boxes of stuffing. The MS has officially kicked off its Holiday Toy Drive to help out the City Mission. Donations of new and unwrapped toys can be donated through December 6th. This week the MS started 2nd quarter and will celebrate our Student Leaders who have demonstrated the Sabre Citizen characteristics of leadership, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility and honesty. These students will be awarded with breakfast on November 21st. The MS music department is working hard for the upcoming holiday concerts. At Jefferson, Mrs. Hughes’ second grade class recently had pre-school buddies from Our Lady Queen of Peace Church join for the morning as students visited with teaching staff and did a pumpkin project. In honor of Veteran’s Day, Miss Fitzpatrick, second grade, welcomed an Air Force soldier to her classroom where students were able to ask questions. The Jefferson Dominoes Club has taken off with over 40 players each week to create masterpieces.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Academic and Instructional Support Updates: Present and Future - Mrs. Armine Gonzalez

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

- ✓ Board of Education Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2023
- ✓ Finance Report: October 2023
- ✓ CSE/CPSE Recommendations: September 28, 2023; November 3, 6, 7, 2023
- ✓ Personnel Matters

• **Non-Aligned Personnel Matters**

Retirement Resignation

Theresa McCreadie, Director of Technology Operations, District Wide, effective Dec. 29, 2023; 25 years of service

- **Instructional Personnel Matters**

Part-Time Appointment

Name: Betty Gebauer
 Position: Speech Language Pathologist; Jefferson Elem.
 FTE: 0.65
 Effective: December 5, 2023 through June 30, 2024
 Step: MA-13 (prorated) (as per STA Agreement)

BOCES Substitute Teacher Appointments

Packet #5 – Andrew Korn, Mark Lo Giudice, Emily Sloane, Stefon Stilwell, Knut Tyler-Olson

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

<u>Resignation</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Maryann DeThorne	Monitor	Jefferson	11/09/23

<u>Substitute Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Jessica Casso	Nurse	District Wide	11/07/23	as needed
Alexis Mundweiler	Nurse	District Wide	11/20/23	as needed

Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Service Agreement: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Ms. Eldridge, 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 two (2) Teacher of the Visually Impaired Services elevations at \$800.00 each.

Motion carried 6-0.

Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service – National Gas: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Thompson, WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term “municipal corporation” for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and WHEREAS, Schalmont Central School District (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Participant”) is a “municipal corporation” as defined above; and WHEREAS, this board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005 (the “Agreement”), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium (“NYSMEC”) upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Schalmont Central School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Brenda Leitt, Business Administrator, to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas delivered to the city gate of the local utility distribution company for the Participant’s facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity natural gas not to exceed \$.656 cents per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2024, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried 6-0.

Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service – Electricity: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Eldridge, WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term “municipal corporation” for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and WHEREAS, Schalmont Central School District hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Participant” is a “municipal Corporation” as defined above; and WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May 2005 (the “Agreement”), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium (“NYSMEC”) upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Schalmont Central School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Brenda Leitt, Business Administrator, to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity delivered to the delivery point of the local utility distribution company for the Participant’s facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity electricity not to exceed \$.0845 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2024, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried 6-0.

BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Santabarbara – Thank you Armine and thank you Terri McCreadie, congratulations.

Mr. Thompson – Energy, savings. Thanks to Terri McCreadie.

Ms. Dowse – Thank you Armine.

Mr. Lawrence – Nice presentation. You hit the nail on the head.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the November 20, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Brenda Leitt
Clerk of the Board