

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education Monday, January 22, 2024; 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. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Eldridge, that the agenda for the January 22, 2024 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 a big congratulations to the Varsity Indoor Track team who broke the school record for girls 4x200 relay with a time of 1:51.72 at The Armory in NYC. Last week the Career and Financial Management classes held their first semi-annual Career Fair. HS students discussed and showed how much education their chosen career requires, along with typical salaries. This week is mid-term regent's week. The HS Sabre's Edge School Newspaper released their winter issue last Friday. The HS Drama Club is underway with rehearsals for their production of The Addams Family. Dates of this production will be April 10, 11, 12. Introspection won Superior rating for their 2023 literary magazine MERAK, and the school is very proud of their accomplishment and congratulates everyone who submitted work and put together their publication. The HS Science Olympiad team is preparing for their regional competition at Ballston Spa HS on February 3rd. We wish them luck! The HS English Honor Society is asking for donations for their book drive. They are planning on installing three separate libraries across the elementary, MS and HS, curated by these donations. The Middle School had another successful and well attended Sabre City with nearly 300 students in attendance. This event is made possible by the numerous parent volunteers. The HS's very own 10th grader, Gavin Hariprashad, was the DJ for this event. The MS PIT Crew is full steam ahead with another great event happening Friday, February 9 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Enjoy the night with BINGO and an Ice Cream Social. Congratulations to Riley Benkoski, the winner of the MS's annual Spelling Bee. Riley will represent the MS at the Regional Spelling Bee. The Middle School Engineering Club, led by Mrs. Brandy Pedinotti, won two awards at the Future Cities Regional Competition last Saturday! The team was awarded Best Transportation Planning and Best Transportation System at the event, as they have been working diligently each week since September to create a Future City, meeting the needs and challenges they are presented with each year. Last week at Jefferson Elem., students learned how to spell their names using sign language, as Ms. Kaitlyn Desautels (Ms. Sara O'Brien's niece) visited. Ms Desautels is fluent in American Sign Language. Jefferson's PTO's Turn off the TV nights are up and running. Stay tuned for upcoming news. Mr. Gifford's, Coffee Hour and the PTO meeting have been rescheduled for January 23rd from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

2024-2025 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: January 8, 2024
- ✓ Financial Reports – November/December 2023
- ✓ CSE/CPSE Recommendations: Dec 15, 18, 19, 2023, Jan. 4, 9, 16, 2024
- ✓ Personnel Matters

- **Administrative Personnel Matters**

- Resignation

- Aileen Ryan, Assistant Principal, Jefferson Elem; effective February 8, 2024

- **Instructional Personnel Matters**

- Resignation

- Lisa Ash, Social Worker, HS; effective February 16, 2024

- BOCES Substitute Teacher Appointments

- Packet #8 – Islan Storm Miller

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

- None

Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Santabarbara – Thank you to the Transportation Dept. for getting everyone home safe last Tuesday during the snow fall. Heard great things about Sabre City.

Mr. Lawrence – All County Music Festival is this weekend. Good to see so many events in January.

Ms. Eldridge – Thanks to our Student Reps. Clubs are welcome to present if they want.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the January 22, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leitt
Clerk of the Board