

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education Monday, February 12, 2024; 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
Ms. Patricia Dowse
Ms. Miranda Eldridge
Mrs. Jean Hanson
Mr. Kevin Thompson

Members Absent

Mr. David Lawrence

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 February 12, 2024 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Lawrence absent.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Castiglione and Mr. Labribee reported from the High School the Top 10%, Salutatorian and Valedictorian were announced today, congrats to David Cafarelli, Augusta Cooper, Carmelena Halsdorf, Madeline Holub, Lillian Johnson, Hope Kasowski, Evan Krenav, Jason Natalie, Noah O'Connor, Jayden Quindara, Maggie Raymond and Aidyn Soehl. As well to Salutatorian Ava Muse and Valedictorian Haley Rider. Congratulations to Schalmont's powerhouse Girls Bowling Team who are Section 2 Class B Champions for the 3rd year in a row after their win Thursday! They will continue onto states in early March. Congratulations also to sophomore Brooke Howlan who received an award for High Series with a series of 600. Congratulations to seniors Isaiah Delman, Austin Remillard, Marissa Phillips and Brendan Quick who were honored on January 23rd at Schalmont's Bowling Senior Night! Congratulations to Dan Benedetto, Curtis Brosious, Ryan Delaney, Nick Masick, Noah O'Connor, Isaiah Smith, Donavin Wood and Ryan Woodrow, who were honored along with their families at the Boys Basketball Senior Night on January 30th! Congratulations to senior Gemma Comenzo, whose sculpture "Coral Crest" was chosen for the 2024 Art in Three Dimensions Juried Art Show! Her artwork is on display currently in the W. B. Hessig Art Gallery at Mohon until the end of the month. The Science Honor Society teamed up with Makerspace in the MS library today, working collaboratively on a new board game led by the middle school students. Congratulations to the Schalmont MasterMinds Club for a strong showing at Wednesday's competition! The Varsity team won two out of three matches, defeating Columbia and Rensselaer while only losing to Averill Park in the final question. The JV team had a perfect record on the night with two wins over CBA and Rensselaer. Congratulations to Schalmont's Science Olympiad Team who excelled in their Regional Tournament at Ballston Spa HS on February 3rd! Kyle Larabee and Zara Kushner placed 1st in Ecology! Damean Teagle and Anthony Villano placed 2nd in Astronomy and 4th in Dynamic Planet! Damean and Anthony now have four medals over the last two years! They have placed in the top for Astronomy and Dynamic Planet every year! Congratulations to Maddie Quick, Haley Rider and Evan Krenav who were honored last week at Senior Nights for Dance Team and Swimming, respectively! Congratulations to the newest members of Schalmont High School's Spanish Honor Society! Students were inducted in a ceremony held on Monday January 29th in the auditorium. Schalmont Middle School officially kicks off its Ronald McDonald House Read a thon fundraiser this week! For the next three weeks, we will hold events to help raise awareness and funds in order to help those in need at the Ronald McDonald House in Albany. With our Dodgeball Tournament, Read a thon, Community Readers Event, along with many prizes and challenges, we are sure to show how generous Schalmont Middle School can be. We are also collecting tabs from cans in the Guidance office to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. More information to come as we once again participate in this great cause! - The Schalmont PIT Crew held its first Family Event Friday and it was a huge success! This event was well attended and free of cost to families. Students and family members filled the cafeteria, enjoying a lively night of BINGO and prizes as well as an Ice Cream Social thanks to the generosity of Stewarts and the time and effort of so many PIT Crew Volunteers. Keep an eye out for more information and events coming soon. The link to the PIT Crew website is also up and running on the Middle School Schalmont Page. It will be updated with images and information so please be sure to check it out! This page was created entirely by Middle School students in the Coding Club with Ms. Rea. The students at Jefferson have taken it upon themselves to collect food and other various supplies for the Animal Protection Foundation located in Glenville. Thank you

to our students for always caring. The PTO recently finished up with a series of turn off the screen nights at Jefferson. The month concluded with a family fun night at Jefferson that featured opportunities to play Bingo and Basketball. Jefferson hosted its first K-2(Special Person Dance) on Friday, February 9, 2024. The Dance featured DJ Ketchup and the students enjoyed dancing, as well as some tasty snow cones. The dance was widely attended and we look forward to the Grades 3-4 dance in early March. Both Kindergarten students and first grade students recently attended grade level assemblies to reinforce their understanding of the term perseverance. Thank you to our social workers for their work with our social emotional learning curriculum. The entire first grade class recently attended a play at Proctor's theater entitled Step Afrika. They had a wonderful time! Lastly, the Jefferson PTO has just launched the "Penny Wars." This fundraiser sees students bringing in spare change, which is collected and later totaled with prizes being awarded to grade levels and individual classroom winners.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT and PRESENTATIONS

2024-2025 Budget Update: Dr. Reardon and Mrs. Leitt

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: January 22, 2024
- ✓ Finance Report January 2024: HS/MS Extracurricular
- ✓ CSE/CPSE Recommendations: Dec. 15, 19, 2023; Jan. 17, 23, 29, 2024; Feb. 5, 2024
- ✓ Personnel Matters

• **Instructional Personnel Matters**

Increase

Aimee Yankowski, Math/MS, from 0.9 FTE to 1.0 FTE; effective January 29, 2024

Part-Time Appointment

Name: Kerry Dineen
 Position: Music; MS
 FTE: 1.0
 Effective: February 7, 2024 through March 8, 2024
 Step: 9-MA (as per STA Agreement)

Name: Jenny Koonz
 Position: Grade 4; Jefferson Elem.
 FTE: 1.0
 Effective: February 26, 2024 through May 6, 2024
 Step: 6-MA (as per STA Agreement)

Name: Alyssa Lupinski
 Position: Social Worker; HS
 FTE: 1.0
 Effective: March 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024
 Step: 7-MA (as per STA Agreement)

BOCES Substitute Teacher Appointments

Packet #9 – Keith Sturgess

2024 Spring Coaching Appointments (Stipend in accordance with STA Agreement)

Christopher Teta, Varsity Baseball, Step 8	Brian Croote, Varsity Boys Outdoor Track, Step 8
Bruce McAllister, Modified Baseball, Step 8	Erica Keefer, Varsity Assistant Boys Outdoor Track, Step 4
Steven Kowalczyk, Varsity Softball, Step 3	Caroline Hampton, Varsity Girls Outdoor Track, Step 6
Kaley Brindisi, JV Softball, Step 5	John George, Varsity Assistant Girls Outdoor Track, Step 8
Christina Harvey, Modified Softball, Step 5	Mia Unverzagt, Modified Boys & Girls Track, Step 2
Jason Beck, Varsity Tennis, Step 8	

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

<u>Appointments</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>	<u>Step</u>
Tammy Borkowski	Bus Driver Trainee	Transportation	02/12/24	as needed	1
Rebecca Herrle	Bus Driver Trainee	Transportation	02/05/24	as needed	1

<u>Resignation</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Brandy O'Donnell	Typist	District Office	02/06/24

<u>Substitute Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>
Charlene Tebbano	Security Monitor	District Wide	02/12/24	as needed

<u>Substitute Resignations</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Teresa Kauffman-Iovino	Bus Attendant	Transportation	02/02/24
Jeffery Remillard	Security Monitor	District Wide	02/06/24

Change of Hours

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Old Daily Total</u>	<u>New Daily Total</u>
Lorrie Adams	Bus Driver	Transportation	01/29/24	5.25	6.50
Kimberly Bryant	Bus Driver	Transportation	01/29/24	2.50	5.25
Danielle Nedell	Bus Driver	Transportation	01/29/24	5.25	5.75
Francis Severino	Bus Driver	Transportation	01/29/24	2.50	2.00

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Lawrence absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Health and Welfare Contract: Motion made by Mrs. Hasnon, seconded by Ms. Dowse, 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>
Greater Amsterdam School District	3	\$2,519.43

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Lawrence absent.

Tenure Recommendation: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Eldridge, that the Board of Education approve the following tenure appointment:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Angela Uhl	Teaching Assistant	02/26/24

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Lawrence absent.

Acceptance of Internal Audit: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the Board of Education accept the 2022-23 Internal Audit – Payroll Review.

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Lawrence absent.

Corrective Action Plan: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the Board of Education approve the corrective action plan for the 2022-23 Internal Audit – Payroll Review.

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Lawrence absent.

Swim Team Agreement: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Schalmont School District, Mohonasen School District and Duanesburg School District to join together to operate a combined swim team for the 2024-25 school year.

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Lawrence absent.

BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Santabarbara – Thank you to survey respondents. Thank you students for being here and congratulations to our bowling team.

Ms. Eldridge – Speaking to Kyle Laribee regarding Science Olympic Regional, “Do teams go to state?” Speaking to Nicholas Castiglione regarding Masterminds, “Is it like QuizBowl? Do students get varsity letters?”

Ms. Dowse – Shout out to CTE Month, we have 54 CTE Students.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Eldridge, that the February 12, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Lawrence absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leitt
Clerk of the Board