

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

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 7:16 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Angelo Santabarbara, President
Mr. David Lawrence, Vice President
Ms. Patricia Dowse
Mrs. Jean Hanson

Members Absent

Ms. Miranda Eldridge
Mr. Kevin Thompson

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 Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the agenda for the March 11, 2024 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried 4-0. Ms. Eldridge and Mr. Thompson absent.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Castiglione and Mr. Larabee reported from the HS the Music and Fine Arts Departments held a Festival of the Arts concert and art series last week, where the fine arts department displayed student art and creations in the student commons, with a performance of the 7th and 8th grade music ensembles, along with our HS ensembles afterwards. The bands performed last Tuesday, March 5th, and the choruses this past Thursday, March 7th! This was also in honor of Music In Our Schools Month, hosted by the National Association for Music Education and our Tri-M Music Honor Society! You will hear more about the month at our next meeting with a performance from the concert choir! Congratulations to our Varsity Girls Indoor Track Team, who set a new school record in the 4 x 200 meter recently with the time of 1:49.79! Congrats to Abby Stubbs, Zara Kushner, Caelyn Eiser, and Abby Hughes! Congratulations to our Varsity Girls Bowling, team who placed 3rd at states in Syracuse! Congrats and good luck as well to Marissa Phillips! There will be a Jazz concert in the HS auditorium on March 26th, including both the MS and the HS jazz ensembles! Tri-M Music Honor Society is spreading support for the music program at Schalmont, with the society playing a short clip of a song on the announcements, and students guessing the song for a prize! At the MS, on Tuesday, March 12th, the All Male A Cappella group "Much More Chill" will visit Schalmont Middle School. They will visit classes, and perform for grades 5 and 8 throughout the day. This visit is part of the group's StateWide Tour, and promotes A Cappella Music as part of Music in our Schools Month. The 8th Grade Band and Chorus will travel to Albany this Thursday, March 14th to perform at the Empire State Plaza South Concourse from 1:15 - 2:00 pm. These performances are NYSSMA sponsored events, allowing local schools to share their ensembles' musical growth at a large venue. We have been selected and invited as part of Music in our Schools Month. The MS Students and Staff are having fun, breaking records, and making a huge difference this month as we read for the Ronald McDonald House. The theme for the week is "Running", and we will celebrate with the ever popular Dodgeball Tournament on Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 PM in the High School Gym. Come cheer on the teachers, parent, security, and student teams as we have fun for a great cause! Top readers will also pie the Principal in the face at this event. There will be refreshments for sale and a silent auction highlighting local businesses, all coming together to support the Ronald McDonald House. The PIT Crew Website is officially live. Check out the "PIT Crew" link on the MS Page. This webpage was created by the Coding Club students and looks great! Check out our new website for pictures, updates, meeting minutes, and links to the MS Apparel Sale. At Jefferson Elem., the 4th grade will have their concert in the HS auditorium on March 20th, with the first set of classes beginning at 6 PM and the rest at 7 PM. March Madness is in full effect at Jefferson as the students and staff participate in the tournament of books. The school-wide event sees staff members reading books to students (pre-recorded for all to play within their classroom) with the students voting on their favorite titles. Due to popular demand, the Jefferson PTO has also begun a second round of afterschool LEGOS. Seventy students will participate within this 6 week afterschool program on Tuesday afternoons. The PTO has also held dances for both primary and intermediate students. At both dances, students enjoyed tasty snacks and danced with their classmates. Many Jefferson students are currently participating within the Ronald McDonald Read A Thon. All proceeds go directly to the Ronald McDonald House. As we move into the middle of March, there will be a Principal Coffee Hour held at Jefferson on Thursday, March 14 at 9:30 AM, as well as our monthly PTO meeting on Tuesday, March 19.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT and PRESENTATIONS

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

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

- ✓ Board of Education Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2024
- ✓ Personnel Matters

• **Instructional Personnel Matters**

Spring Coaching Appointments (Stipend in accordance with STA Agreement)

Justin O’Neil, JV Baseball, Step 3

Camille Simon, Modified Boys & Girls Track, Program Assistant

BOCES Substitute Teacher Appointments

Packet #10 – Alyssa Blakely, Dianne Chryslar, David Clarkson, Mason Kievit, Garrett Murphy, Matthew Pierce, Alexis Pris

Packet #11 – Cali Beasley, Kaitlyn McGrath, Brandy O’Donnell, Kelly Sagan

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

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>	<u>Step</u>
Renee Bate	Typist	District Office	02/26/24	7 hrs/day	4
Nicole Foley	Food Service Worker	HS	03/05/24	3.5 hrs/day	1
Michael Ricciardi	Bus Driver Trainee	Transportation	03/05/24	as needed	1

Permanent Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Michael Gregg	Maintenance Mechanic	Mechanic’s Garage	02/09/24
Marcia Moraski	Custodian	District Wide	02/21/24

<u>Resignations</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Margaret Raymond	Food Service Worker	HS	03/01/24
Margaret Raymond	Bus Attendant	Transportation	03/01/24

<u>Substitute Appointments</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>
Margaret Raymond	Bus Attendant	Transportation	03/04/24	as needed
Margaret Raymond	Food Service Worker	District Wide	03/04/24	as needed

<u>Substitute Resignation</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Margaret Raymond	Teacher Aide	District Wide	03/01/24

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>
Michelle McMullen	Bus Attendant	Transportation	03/11/24	3.00	4.25

Motion carried 4-0. Ms. Eldridge and Mr. Thompson absent.

NEW BUSINESS

National Board Certified Teacher: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the Board of Education recognize that John Urbanski is a National Board Certified Teacher, and shall be paid \$4,000, in accordance with the Schalmont Teachers Association agreement.

Motion carried 4-0. Ms. Eldridge and Mr. Thompson absent.

School Calendar 2024-25: Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the Board of Education approve the school calendar for the 2024-25 school year.

Motion carried 4-0. Ms. Eldridge and Mr. Thompson absent.

Transportation Contract: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the Board of Education approve the transportation contract between the Schalmont Central School District and Amazing Grace Transportation, to transport (1) student to St. Madeleine Sophie School, at a daily rate of \$105/day.

Motion carried 4-0. Ms. Eldridge and Mr. Thompson absent.

BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Santabarbara – At this time I request a moment of silence for the helicopter crash that occurred in Texas. Our hearts go out to all the families’ involved.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the March 11, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Motion carried 4-0. Ms. Eldridge and Mr. Thompson absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leitt
Clerk of the Board