

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education

Monday, March 25, 2024; 7:00 PM; MS LGI

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

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 ALLIGANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the agenda for the March 25, 2024 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Thompson absent.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Castiglione and Mr. Larabee reported from the High School a Congratulations to Michaela DiCocco and Jacob Sawyer whose artwork has been selected for the 25th Annual High School Regional Juried Exhibition! Their artwork will be on display at Sage College's Opalka's Gallery through April 13th! The music department is heading to NYSSMA Majors once again in April, with the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble participating on April 15th and the Chorus and Concert Choir on April 16th. Good luck to our music students! Mrs. Ryder brought her last participation in government class to the NY capital this past Friday March 22nd, where students went on a guided tour of both legislative houses, along with the state museum and the Corning tower. Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara also presented a proclamation from the assembly to recognize Mrs. Ryder's service to the Schalmont and Capital Region community. Congrats Mrs. Ryder! The English Honor Society is traveling once again to Jefferson to read to the students in honor of their launch of the free book library! The Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble are traveling to NYC on Thursday, March 28th to see the Broadway musical, Six, and go on a guided tour of Lincoln Center! The Middle School and Jefferson Elementary students are again raising money and awareness for Ronald McDonald House of Albany by reading in March! Schalmont Middle School's Student Council kicked off their fundraising efforts by encouraging students to participate. Their challenge also includes opportunities to run and write as well as read to raise money. Jefferson continues to celebrate March Madness by selecting their favorite books which are read by Jefferson staff members. Jefferson students and staff have also participated in hat day, mismatch day, and patriotic day this month. A group of Middle School student leaders recently visited Jefferson to work with first grade students in Miss Pink and Mrs. LeRoy's classes. The students made sensory jars, which demonstrated how feelings can get mixed up, yet settle down. In addition, the students also made wreath crafts, which will later be delivered to a local assisted living facility. Mrs. Mankuski's kindergarten class recently celebrated agricultural week by welcoming personnel from the NYS Department of Agricultural Markets and Cornell Cooperative Extension. The students learned about strawberries and even had some for a tasty treat. Mrs. Madej's kindergarten class was recently visited by Shelby Wimmet-Himelrick of Hop on Home Rabbit Sanctuary. Mrs. Himelrick visited the classroom and taught the students about bunnies. She also brought along her furry friends to accompany her presentation! Jefferson will host a Kindergarten orientation for parents on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 PM within the play area.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT and PRESENTATIONS

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

A Celebration of Music in our Schools Month - Mrs. Lancto and Select Choir

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: March 11, 2024
- ✓ Financial Reports February 2024: Finance Report; HS/MS Extracurricular
- ✓ CSE/CPSE Recommendations: Dec. 15, 2023; Jan. 17, 2024; Feb 6, 9, 13, 15, 26, 2024; March 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 2024
- ✓ Personnel Matters

- **Instructional Personnel Matters**

- BOCES Substitute Teacher Appointments

- Packet #12 – Lindsey Maguire, Lilianna Matala, Katrina Pearl, Catherine Rumfelt, Madison Usyk
 - Packet #13 – Margaret Cahill, Carol Connelly, Jonah Dworkin, Shannon Roberts

- **Non-Aligned Personnel Matters**

- Appointment (as per Management Confidential Agreement)

- Hunter Blain, Computer Technician, District Wide, effective April 1, 2024

- **Noninstructional 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> |
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| Vittoria Costantini | Bus Attendant | Transportation | 03/18/24 | 2.75/hrs. | 1 |

| <u>Substitute Appointments</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Effective</u> | <u>Work Day</u> |
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| Kasey Laboy | Monitor | Jefferson | 03/25/24 | as needed |
| Kasey Laboy | Teacher Aide | Jefferson | 03/25/24 | as needed |

- 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> |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Theresa Bacchi | Bus Attendant | Transportation | 03/18/24 | 5.75 | 7.25 |
| Kristen Fratus | Bus Attendant | Transportation | 03/18/24 | 2.50 | 3.75 |
| Joseph Mastrianni | Bus Driver | Transportation | 03/18/24 | 5.50 | 7.50 |

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Thompson absent.

NEW BUSINESS

External Auditor: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the Board of Education approve Ray Preusser CPA as the external auditor for the 2024-25 school year.

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Thompson absent.

BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Santabarbara – New brochure is very nice. Thanks to Dr. Reardon regarding April 8th, Solar Eclipse Day.

Ms. Dowse – Love brochure, great tool. Reinforces what Jason does.

Mr. Lawrence – Very busy time of year for students with fundraisers etc. Parents, students, teachers and staff are awesome.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the March 25, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Thompson absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leitt
Clerk of the Board