

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Monday, April 8, 2024; 6:00 PM; DO Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Members Present

Mr. Angelo Santabarbara, President
Mr. David Lawrence, Vice President
Ms. Patricia Dowse
Ms. Miranda Eldridge
Mrs. Jean Hanson
Mr. Kevin Thompson (Remote)

Members Absent

Mrs. Brenda Leitt
School Bus. Admin.

Others Present

Dr. Thomas Reardon, Superintendent of Schools

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Motion carried 6-0.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - Excused

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT and PRESENTATIONS

2024-2025 Budget Update: Dr. Reardon

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

- ✓ Board of Education Meeting Minutes: March 25, 2024
- ✓ Personnel Matters

• **Non Instructional 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>
Rebecca Herrle	Bus Driver	Transportation	04/09/24	5.25 hrs/day	1

Leave of Absence

Jeffrey Devine, Safety Officer, Jefferson Elem., effective September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
Maria Magliocco, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective April 9, 2024 through June 26, 2024

Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Proposition: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded Mrs. Hanson, that the 2024-25 budget proposition and property tax report card be adopted; that the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District at Rotterdam be authorized to expend sums set forth in the total amount of \$57,880,777 during the 2024-25 school year, and to levy a tax therefore, be approved?

Motion carried 6-0.

Voter Propositions and Budget Notice: Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Eldridge, that “NOTICE OF THE BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING/ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE Schalmont Central School District at Rotterdam, Schenectady County, New York. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified votes of the Schalmont Central School District at Rotterdam, will be held in the Middle School Building in said District on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review starting April 30, 2024 at each school. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that the annual school election of

the qualified voters of the Schalmont Central School district of Rotterdam, will be held at the High School in said District on May 21, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM, prevailing time to vote by machine upon the following items: (1) To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2024-25 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District; (2) To elect two (2) three-year members of the Board commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring June 30, 2027 and one (1) two-year member of the Board commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring June 30, 2026; (3) Capital Project Reserve Proposition. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual School District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, the following propositions will be submitted.

BUS PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District, Schenectady County, New York be authorized to; (1) acquire five (5) School Buses, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$685,000.00; (2) expend such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary; and (3) shall be paid from the current appropriation?

CAPITAL PROJECT RESERVE PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District is hereby authorized to (1) create a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Education Law § 3651 (1) for the purpose of financing construction projects for the general improvement, reconstruction, renovations or additions to the District’s buildings, including the acquisition of sites (land and/or buildings), site work, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, acquisition and installation of technology equipment, or other apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used, and for purchases subject to voter approval; (2) the maximum amount for such fund shall be capped at \$30,000,000.00 (3) deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund such unallocated fund balance of the General Fund as determined by the Board of Education; State Aid related to expenditures from the capital reserve fund; and interest income related to investment monies in the fund. The probable duration of the Capital Reserve Fund is ten (10) years.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District’s budget for 2024-25 may be obtained by any residents of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, April 30, 2024. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the District Office not later than Monday, April 22, 2024 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the applications for Early Mail ballots will be obtainable by calling the District Clerk at (518) 355-9200 x4001 or by email at bleitt@schalmont.net. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Early Mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

BOARD ITEMS

- Mr. Santabarbara – Happy to go to 0% tax levy increase as our growth continues. We have been very fair to tax payers.
- Mr. Lawrence – Ditto Mr. Santabarbara. Great to be looking forward to the future.
- Ms. Dowse – Ditto Mr. Santabarbara and Mr. Lawrence.
- Dr. Reardon – Thank you Board for your support. We are successful because we plan ahead.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the April 8, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leitt
Clerk of the Board