

# SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education Wednesday, April 24, 2024; 7:00 PM; Middle School LGI

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** - The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the agenda for the April 24, 2024 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

*Motion carried 6-0.*

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Castiglione and Mr. Larabee reported that the HS music ensembles went to NYSSMA majors last week. On Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, the concert band and wind ensemble traveled to Shaker HS to participate. Concert band received silver for their performance, and the wind ensemble received gold with distinction, the highest rating possible at NYSSMA majors, and is a first in the history of the ensemble. The HS chorus and concert choir went a day later to Queensbury HS, where the chorus received a silver rating for their performance, and the concert choir received a gold rating for theirs! Congrats! Congrats to the newly inducted members of the NYS science honor society! The Schalmont Drama Club produced their spring musical “The Addams Family” a week and half ago, and thank everyone who came to show their support and laugh at the same time! At the Middle School, they has finished another successful year of the Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser. Last week, students and staff presented the Ronald McDonald House with a check for \$4,300. Through a combination of reading, school based events, and fun competitions, we have come together as a learning community to make a difference to those in need at the Ronald McDonald House. The 8th grade class went on a class trip on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to New York City to see Aladdin on Broadway. Teachers worked hard to plan and arrange for the trip. It was a great experience for all who attended, and we are hopeful that this will become a tradition for our 8th grade students in years to come. It's hard to believe, but the final Sabre City was held on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. These events, as you know, are well loved and enjoyed by students in grades 5-8, and made possible by volunteer parents, staff, and PIT Crew members. It was another successful year and plans are already in the works to be bigger and better next year. We will again be holding the annual Young Mind's Expo on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Middle School. This is a popular event where students in grades 4 - 8 can create projects of their choosing and present to friends, families, and the community! Last year we had over 70 student volunteers and we are looking forward to even more this year! Come on out and enjoy this free event, and see students, clubs, class, and other exciting projects and displays. The National Junior Honor Society will be holding its induction ceremony on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. This ceremony will be conducted by the advisor, Mrs. Kate Sinnott as we welcome new members to NJHS. PIT Crew (Partnership, Involvement, Teamwork) will be meeting on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 6:30 pm to plan for the upcoming Young Mind's Expo and the Family Fun Schalmont Middle School, Amsterdam Mohawks game on June 6<sup>th</sup>. All parents, grandparents, and friends of SMS are invited to attend. At Jefferson Elementary, Mrs. Hughes' second graders recently visited Our Lady Queen of Peace, where they visited their preschool buddies. The students enjoyed some snacks together and also practiced throwing, catching, and dribbling within the gym. Jefferson wrapped up school spirit week on Thursday before the start of vacation. It was a "sea of green" at Jefferson. Go Sabres! Kindergarten Orientation was held at Jefferson on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM for all parents of incoming Kindergarten students. The orientation was a success with well over 100 parents/guardians in attendance. Mrs. Brown's Kindergarten class recently enjoyed Earth Day by inviting family members in for an afternoon of painting as they celebrated this special day. Jefferson's annual (buy one get one) spring book fair will begin on Monday, April 29.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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

- ✓ Board of Education Meeting Minutes: April 8, 2024
- ✓ Financial Reports March 2024: Finance Report; HS/MS Extracurricular
- ✓ CSE/CPSE Recommendations: March 4, 13, 14, 19, 21, 22, 26, 27, 2024; April 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 2024
- ✓ Personnel Matters

• **Instructional Personnel Matters**

Retirement Resignation

Colette McKelvey, Speech Language Pathologist, Jefferson Elem., effective June 30, 2024; 24 years of service

Resignation

Kacie Rea, Grade 6 Digital Literacy & Computer Science, MS; effective May 17, 2024 (close of business)

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Joelle Sweet, Physical Education, HS; effective April 22, 2024 through June 26, 2024

Unpaid Leave of Absence (extension)

Kimberly Sherman, Grade 7 Math Teacher, MS; effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Substitute Teacher Appointments

BOCES Packet #14: Lindsey Clark, Mackenzie Flower, Tyler Hufland, Marissa Lewis, Matalyn Vongphouthone, Madison Zophy

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

Long-Term Substitute

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>	<u>Step</u>
Charlene Tebbano	Security Monitor	District Wide	04/15/24 through 06/30/25	7.00/hrs.	4

Substitute Appointments

<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>
Tammy Borkowski	Transportation	04/29/24	as needed
Felice Calandra	Transportation	04/16/24	as needed
Michael Ricciardi	Transportation	04/18/24	as needed

Motion carried 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BOCES Administrative Budget Vote:** Motion made by Ms. Eldridge, seconded by Ms. Dowse, RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany Schoharie Schenectady Saratoga Counties be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of \$14,618,385 during the school year 2024-25 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as required by law.

Motion carried 6-0.

**Annual BOCES Election:** Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that after a canvas of the members present, the Board of Education cast one vote for each of the following two (2) candidates for a term of three years each: Lynne Lenhardt, Kimberly Tully.

Motion carried 6-0.

**Poll Clerks and Inspectors:** Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the Board of Education approve the following individuals as inspectors and poll clerks for the Annual Budget Vote and Election held May 21, 2024.

Inspectors

Deborah Falcone, John O'Donnell

Poll Clerks

Felicia Amoroso, Renee Bate, Courtney Frederick,  
Melissa Gemmett, Deborah McGarry, Donna Woods

*Motion carried 6-0.*

**2024-25 Board Meeting Dates:** Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Eldridge, that the Board of Education approve the following Board meeting dates for the 2024-25 school year.

- July 10, 2024 (Wednesday)
- August 19, 2024
- September 9, 2024
- September 23, 2024
- October 15, 2024 (Tuesday)
- October 28, 2024
- November 12, 2024 (Tuesday)
- November 25, 2024
- December 9, 2024
- January 13, 2025
- January 27, 2025
- February 10, 2025
- March 10, 2025
- March 24, 2025
- April 7, 2025
- April 23, 2025 (Wednesday - coordinates w/BOCES Budget Vote/Election)
- May 6, 2025 (Tuesday – “Meet the Candidate Night” - 14 days prior to Budget Vote)
- May 21, 2025 (Wednesday – day after Budget Vote on May 20th)
- June 9, 2025
- June 23, 2025

*Motion carried 6-0.*

**BOARD ITEMS**

Mr. Santabarbara – Thank you Ms. Dowse for attending BOCES Budget Session, nice to have the information and not simply rubber stamp the budget. Thanks to Ms. Gandrow for organizing the NYC trip for the students.

Ms. Dowse – Enjoyed going to Capital Region BOCES for the Budget Presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the April 24, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 7:28 PM.

*Motion carried 6-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda Leitt  
Clerk of the Board