

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Monday, May 22, 2024; 7:00 PM; Middle School LGI**

Swearing-in of Elected Board Member

Newly elected Board Member, William Mau, was sworn in.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM.

Members Present

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

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 ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the agenda for the May 22, 2024 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Thompson absent.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Castiglione and Mr. Larabee reported at the High School that students in Mrs. Casalnuovo's Introduction to Engineering and Design classes enjoyed a field trip to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on April 27th for a STEM Day! Thanks to RPI for creating such a wonderful day for our students! Congratulations to Alana Judeikis, Marissa Phillips and Maggie Raymond who were honored along with their families at Varsity Softball Senior Day on April 26th! To help celebrate National Arbor Day last Friday, Schalmont senior Maddy Uhl organized a High School table during school lunches to share information about how students can help preserve and plant trees! Great job! Congratulations to our Varsity Baseball Team seniors and their families who were honored May 5th at Senior Night! Thank you for all your hard work, dedication and representing Schalmont so proudly! Schalmont's Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble took 1st place with superior ratings at the Festival of Music Competition on May 3rd! The Concert Choir also took home the Best Overall Choir Award! Congratulations! Congratulations to our Varsity Boys Tennis Team seniors and their families who were honored the week of May 10th at Senior Night! Thank you for all your hard work, dedication and representing Schalmont so proudly! Congratulations to Caelyn Eiser and Carter Flowers who broke school records in Track & Field also on the week of May 10th. Caelyn broke a record (from 2013) for long jump in Girl's Track & Field with a jump of 16 feet 8 inches. Carter broke a record (from 2018) for 1600 meters in Boy's Track & Field; this is the 3rd school record for Carter as he set the record (from 1973) for 3200 meters earlier this year and 800 meters last year. Dozens of Schalmont High School students explored the writing process with published author Emma Kress this week who visited the library for an interactive writing workshop. Thank you so much for spending time with our students and truly inspiring them! Schalmont High School students enjoyed an Economics class field trip to the Beech-Nut plant in Amsterdam last week where they got an up close look at modern manufacturing, reinforcing concepts from their class. Thank you for hosting our students! The upperclassmen thoroughly enjoyed their prom at Franklin plaza last Friday night! We thank Franklin Plaza for hosting us and we wish all who attended had a great time! Also on May 17th, the Career & Financial Management classes held their 2nd annual career fair in the HS cafeteria where students met with professionals in their field of interest! At the Middle School the music department has already started their end of the year concert series and will continue in a few weeks with a grade 5 concert on Wednesday, June 5th. The Middle School once again held another successful Young Mind's Expo on Tuesday, May 7th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Middle School students, joined by many of our 4th graders and families lined the halls of the Middle School as they shared projects and presentations highlighting their hobbies, talents, and interests. This annual event is entirely student driven and one of our favorites as we bring Jefferson and the Middle School together to spotlight our students! The PIT Crew is thriving as we wrap up the year with two major events. Currently, the MS PIT Crew and SMS students are partnering to help local pets in need with the APF. For the rest of this week we will continue to collect coins and animal food for donations. In addition, students continue to submit original animal artwork as part of a contest to raise awareness and highlight the talented students here. There will also be an SMS PIT Crew sponsored Amsterdam Mohawks Baseball

game taking place on Thursday June 6th at 6:35 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this family event and can get discounted tickets using the Code "SABRES" when purchasing tickets. The night will be filled with fun Schalmont themed activities and events. Come on out and enjoy! Grades 6 - 8 recently finished their state testing in both ELA and Math, while grades 5 and 8 also worked hard and completed the 5th and 8th grade computer based science testing. This was the first time students experienced this format of science testing, and all students, grades 6-8 are to be commended for their hard work! Several grades are preparing for end of the year events and activities including a trip to Thatcher Park, MiSci, Field Days, and a visit from Jared Campbell who is a musician! At Jefferson Elementary, the third and fourth graders recently finished their state exams in both ELA and MATH. Grade 3 is slated to participate in a field test on Thursday. Thank you to our staff and students for always working their hardest. Jefferson recently welcomed a local wildlife rehabilitator who provided an assembly to all Kindergarteners entitled "Birds of Prey." The students learned a ton about some of our feathered friends. Several grade levels at Jefferson are also preparing for up and coming field trips to the Mabee Farm, Howes Caverns, and MiSci in Schenectady. As we enter the month of June, we are excited to once again host some of traditional events such as K-3 field day, the grade 4 picnic and kickball tournament as well as the fourth grade moving up day ceremony. The Jefferson PTO will also be hosting our very first Jefferson Carnival on June 17 from 5- 8 PM at Jefferson. There will be games, music, food, and fun for all. Lastly, we look forward to honoring our graduating class of 2024 in our annual Senior Walk Thru at Jefferson on the morning of June 10.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Project Lead the Way – Mrs. Stearns

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: April 24, 2024
- ✓ Financial Reports April 2024; Finance Report; HS/MS Extracurricular
- ✓ CSE/CPSE Recommendations: March 18, 21, 28; April 12, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30; May 1, 6, 7, 17, 2024
- ✓ Personnel Matters

• **Administrative Personnel Matters**

Full-Time Probationary Appointment

Name: Lisa Young
 Position: Assistant Principal/CSE Chair - Jefferson; 1.0 FTE
 Effective: July 1, 2024
 Tenure: Assistant Principal
 Probation: 3 years; July 1, 2024 through July 1, 2027
 Step: *per SAA Agreement*

• **Instructional Personnel Matters**

Full-Time Probationary Appointments

Name: Carlyn Beaver
 Position: Special Education/MS; 1.0 FTE
 Effective: July 1, 2024
 Tenure Area: Special Education
 Probation: 4 years; September 1, 2024 through September 1, 2028
 Step: 2-MA (*per STA Agreement*)

Name: Alyssa Lupinski
 Position: Social Worker/HS; 1.0 FTE
 Effective: July 1, 2024
 Tenure Area: Social Worker
 Probation: 4-years; March 4, 2024 through March 4, 2028
 Step: 8-MA (*per STA Agreement*)

Name: Lauren Rockenstire
 Position: Family and Consumer Science Teacher/MS; 1.0 FTE
 Effective: July 1, 2024
 Tenure Area: Family and Consumer Science (FACS)
 Probation: 4-years; January 2, 2024 through January 2, 2028
 Step: 4-MA (per STA Agreement)

Part-Time Appointments

Name: Mary Alice Newell
 Position: Music/MS
 FTE: 1.0 FTE
 Effective: May 13, 2024 through June 30, 2024
 Step: 15-MA (per STA Agreement)

Name: Victoria Savallo
 Position: Grade 7 Math/MS
 FTE: 1.0 FTE
 Effective: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
 Step: 7-MA (per STA Agreement)

Retirement Resignations

Sharon Aniolek, Teaching Assistant, HS, effective June 30, 2024 (15 years of service)
 Laurie Macken, Teaching Assistant, MS, effective June 26, 2024 (27 years of service)
 Karen Ryder, Social Studies Teacher, HS, effective August 22, 2024 (33 years of service)
 Wendy Stearns, Technology/Math Teacher, HS, effective July 1, 2024 (23 years of service)
 Michele Williams, Kindergarten Teacher, Jefferson, effective June 30, 2024 (30 years of service)
 Mary Zanta, Grade 5 Teacher, MS, effective June 30, 2024 (17 years of service)

Substitute Teacher Appointments

BOCES Packet #15: Hailey Deguire, Ann Glackin, John Locicero, Hannah Porter, Gracie Stelling
BOCES Packet #16: Isabella Almodovar, Jordan Becker, Laura Campagna, Tyler Dame-Meehan, Clare Kelly, Lucas Maloney, Matthew Sindoni, Halil Tok, Ciara Torrey

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

<u>Substitute Appointments</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>
Kati Bradley	Monitor	Jefferson	05/13/24	as needed
Kati Bradley	Teacher Aide	Jefferson	05/13/24	as needed
Dina Santabarbara	Teacher Aide	Jefferson	05/13/24	as needed

Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Thompson absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Vote and Election Results: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept and certify the results of the 2024-25 Budget Vote and Election held May 21, 2024.

<u>Results:</u>	2024-2025 Budget	In favor: 445; Opposed: 76
	Bus Proposition – Purchase of (5) Buses	In favor: 436; Opposed: 84
	Capital Reserve Fund Proposition	In favor: 438; Opposed: 79
	BOE Member Election: Angelo Santabarbara	405 votes; 3-year Term
	David Lawrence	356 votes; 3-year Term
	William Mau	272 votes; 2-year Term
	Kyrish Iyer	246 votes

Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Thompson absent.

First Read/Board Policies: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the Board of Education approve the first read of the following School Board policies.

1120	School District Records
4772	Graduation Ceremonies
5500	Student Records
5550	Student Privacy

Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Thompson absent.

Girls' Varsity Wrestling Agreement: Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Schalmont School District and Mohonasen School District to join together to operate a combined Girls' Varsity Wrestling team for the 2024-25 school year.

Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Thompson absent.

BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Santabarbara – Gratitude for community for the Budget Vote. New hires and resignation of long-term employees, says a lot.

Mr. Lawrence – Congratulations to William Mau and to new hires. Thank you to all retirees and Mrs. Stearns. Mrs. Zanta will be missed. Thank you. We have great teachers.

Ms. Eldridge – Thank you to the community, teachers and students participating in the Budget Vote.

Ms. Dowse – Schalmont graduates are coming back and working for us.

Mr. Mau – Thank you to the community for coming out and voting. Looking forward to what's ahead.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the May 22, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Thompson absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leitt
Clerk of the Board