

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

**Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Monday June 10, 2024; 7:00 PM; Middle School LGI**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Ms. Miranda Eldridge

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 Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the agenda for the June 10, 2024 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Eldridge absent.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Castiglione and Mr. Larabee reported at the High School Schalmont held a Letter of Intent Signing day last Tuesday to congratulate the following seniors who intend to play collegiate sports next year. Congratulations to: Karissa Antoine – Basketball, Fordham University, Curtis Brosious – Basketball, Lancaster Bible College, Kyle Franke – Baseball, SUNY Brockport, Quinn Frodyma – Baseball, Russell Sage College, Owen Preissler – Football, Hartwick College, Brendan Quick – Bowling, Hudson Valley Community College, Nicholas Ricciardi – Track & Field, Hudson Valley Community College, Andrew Schraa – Baseball, Saint Michael’s College, Dannah Smith – Golf, Monmouth University, Isaiah Smith – Basketball, Utica University, Jurnee Tuttle – Track & Field, Georgian Court University, The top 10% of seniors were congratulated for their achievements last Wednesday. Congratulations to: Haley Rider, Valedictorian, Ava Muse, Salutatorian, David Cafarelli, Augusta Cooper, Carmelena Halsdorf, Madeline Holub, Lillian Johnson, Hope Kasowski, Evan Krenav, Jason Natalie, Noah O’Connor, Jayden Quindara, Maggie Raymond, Aidyn Soehl. Some of our student-athletes recently represented Schalmont at the Colonial Council Youth Sportsmanship Summit! The Junior and senior awards ceremony took place last Thursday. Congratulations to all students who earned an award! At the Middle School, students in 8th and 9th grade science classes enjoyed some hands-on learning last week when they visited Howe’s Cave and Cave House Museum! Congratulations to Schalmont’s newest members of the National Junior Honor Society, who were inducted during Monday evening’s ceremony! From Hawaiian Day to Twin Day to other fun themes, Schalmont Middle School certainly enjoyed last week’s School Spirit Week! The week also provided the school an opportunity to reinforce the importance of kindness as part of each day’s theme. At Jefferson, students in Mrs. DiPiazza and Miss Pink’s classes enjoyed an opportunity last week to learn about service dogs, thanks to guest Trevor Comeau and his service dog, Dray! Mr. Comeau shared some of the amazing things Dray does to help him from retrieving items to turning on the lights to putting away his own dog toys! Ms. Pink’s 1st grade class treated residents of Kingsway Senior Living Community to an old-fashioned Sock Hop last week, as they sang, danced and shared with seniors. Students filled the room with smiles as they danced to songs like “The Twist” and “The Locomotion”. They also led seniors in a sing-along of “What a Wonderful World” and engaged with them by sharing toys from the 1950s and what they learned about them. The annual senior walkthrough at Jefferson took place this morning. It was a wonderful event for both sets of students, and it show cased just how much the seniors have grown during their time in our district.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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: May 22, 2024
- ✓ CSE/CPSE Recommendations: April 18, 25, May 6, 7, 10, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, June 4, 5, 2024
- ✓ Personnel Matters

- **Administrative Personnel Matters**

- Resignation

- R. Scott Ziomek, Principal, MS; effective June 30, 2024

- **Instructional Personnel Matters**

- Full-Time Probationary Appointment

- Name: Nyla Mohrmann
 - Position: English as a New Language/District Wide; 1.0 FTE
 - Effective: September 1, 2024
 - Tenure Area: English as a New Language
 - Probation: 3 years; September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027
 - Step: 21-MA (*per STA Agreement*)

- Summer Program Appointments (salary as per STA contract)

- (July 8, 2024 through August 12, 2024)

Carlyn Beaver, Special Education Teacher	Barbara Marotta, Teaching Assistant
Courtney LaBarge, Special Education Teacher	Brandy Pedinotti, Teaching Assistant
Tracie Perone, Special Education Teacher	Susan Torres, Teaching Assistant
Jessica Torsiello, Special Education Teacher	Hannah Busch, Occupational Therapist
Susan Bird, Teaching Assistant	Marisa Caprara, Occupational Therapist
Sarah Brassard, Teaching Assistant	Debra McCloskey, Speech Therapist
Marisa Caprara, Teaching Assistant	Kathleen Sellnow, Physical Therapist
Bonnie Case, Teaching Assistant	Micaela Williams, Social Worker
Natacha Cruz, Teaching Assistant	Jennifer Linck, Nurse

- 2024-25 Fall Coaches Appointments (Stipends in accordance with STA contract)

- Joseph Whipple, Varsity Football Coach, Step 8
 - Madison Decerce, Varsity Football Assistant Coach, Step 6
 - Michael Williams, Varsity Football Assistant Coach, Step 8
 - Jaren Ramundo, Varsity Football Program Assistant
 - Patrick Houlihan, Varsity/JV Football Assistant, Step 1
 - Mason Foley, JV Football Coach, Step 3
 - Michael Reilly, Modified Football Coach, Step 2
 - Chaluka Brooks, Modified Football Assistant Coach, Step 7
 - Greg Loiacono, Varsity Boys Golf Coach, Step 8
 - Joelle Sweet, Varsity Girls Tennis Coach, Step 7
 - Kelsey Hart, Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach, Step 8
 - Colleen Monaco, JV Girls Volleyball Coach, Step 3
 - Vito Urbano, Varsity Boys Soccer Coach, Step 8
 - Robert DiBella, Varsity Boys Soccer Coach Program Assistant (split)
 - Paul Califano, Varsity Boys Soccer Coach Program Assistant (split)
 - Mark Woodrow, JV Boys Soccer Coach, Step 8
 - Charles (CJ) Goodwin, Modified Boys Soccer Coach, Step 6
 - Jessica Shultis, Varsity Girls Soccer Program Assistant
 - Victoria Savallo, JV Girls Soccer Coach, Step 1
 - Evan Williamson, Modified Girls Soccer Coach, Step 8
 - Caroline Hampton, Varsity (Boys & Girls) Cross Country Coach, Step 7
 - John George, Modified (Boys & Girls) Cross Country Coach, Step 8
 - Trisha Roth, Varsity Fall Cheerleading Coach, Step 3

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

Part-Time Appointment

Lawrence Bennese, Athletic Trainer, District Wide, July 1, 2024 through June 30 2025 (25 hrs/week), \$46,500

<u>Substitute Appointments</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>
Julie Dion	Typist	Jefferson	06/03/24	as needed
Neelam Rajkumar	Food Service Worker	District Wide	06/10/24	as needed
Bonnie Snyder	Food Service Worker	District Wide	06/03/24	as needed

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(July 8, 2024 through August 12, 2024)

Suzanne Pollard, Teacher Aide
 Sandy Schoenecker, Teacher Aide
 Sarah Schultz, Substitute Teacher Aide

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Eldridge absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Acting Middle School Principal: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, in the absence of the Middle School Principal, Dr. Thomas Reardon, is appointed as Acting Middle School Principal from May 31, 2024 until further notice.

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Eldridge absent.

2024-2025 Salary: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, to approve the salary for Mrs. Brenda Leitt, School Business Administrator, for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$125,000.00, as per contractual agreement.

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Eldridge absent.

Probation Extension: Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, **WHEREAS**, Laura Schrepper was appointed to a three-year probationary period as a School Counselor effective August 1, 2021 which expires on July 31, 2024; and, **WHEREAS**, Laura Schrepper and the Superintendent of Schools have agreed to an extension of the probationary period to August 31, 2025. **IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the probationary period of Laura Schrepper is extended to August 31, 2025 and the Agreement between Laura Schrepper and the Superintendent of Schools dated May 20, 2024 extending her probationary period is hereby approved.

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Eldridge absent.

Memorandum of Agreement: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Memorandum of Agreement between the Schalmont Central School District and the Schalmont School Related Professionals Association dated April 4, 2024 establishing a new collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028 is hereby approved.

Motion carried 5-0. Ms. Eldridge absent, Mr. Thompson abstained.

Transportation Contract: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the Board of Education approve the transportation contract between the Schalmont Central School District and Amazing Grace Transportation, to transport (2) students to Hillcrest Academy School, at a total anticipated amount of \$19,190.

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Eldridge absent.

Second Read/Adoption-Board Policies: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the Board of Education approve the second read and adoption of the following Board policies:

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

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Eldridge absent.

Health and Welfare Contracts: Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the Board of Education approve the following health and welfare contracts for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>School District</u>	<u># of Pupils</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Albany City Schools	7	\$7,575.61
Guilderland CSD	4	\$3,452.44
Niskayuna CSD	1	\$865.05
North Greenbush Common SD	1	\$349.09
Schenectady City SD	11	\$17,385.17
Scotia-Glenville CS	11	\$13,705.78
South Colonie CSD	11	\$9,915.18

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Eldridge absent.

2024-25 Cooperative Bidding: Motion made by Mr. Mau, seconded by Mr. Thompson, WHEREAS, The Cooperative Bidding (Purchasing) Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties area (Capital Region BOCES) in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies, contractual items, as well as cafeteria commodities, including but not limited to food, beverages and culinary items, and WHEREAS, The School District named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Capital Region BOCES in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and WHEREAS, this resolution shall not preclude the School District named below from separately bidding equipment, supplies and contractual items in instances where only a single School District is seeking to make a purchase, and WHEREAS, the School District named below may at its option notify the Capital Region BOCES that it elects not to participate in a particular bid, and WHEREAS, The School District named below wishes to appoint the Capital Region BOCES to advertise for, bid, accept, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the School District listed below hereby appoints the Capital Region BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Daily Gazette Newspaper as the legal publication for all related Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the Capital Region BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to and including the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities and services, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the School District listed below agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (3) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Eldridge absent.

BOARD ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, that the June 10, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Eldridge absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leitt
Clerk of the Board