



Schalmont Central School District
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, April 7, 2025; Middle School LGI
Regular Session: 7:00 PM

AGENDA

Directions for dialing in to join this meeting will be posted on Monday, April 7, 2025

Please note that this is a meeting of the Board of Education held in public, not a public Board of Education meeting. For further clarification, please contact Mrs. Brenda Leitt, Clerk of the Board and School Business Administrator.

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** - The meeting was called to order at _____ PM

Members Present

__Mr. Angelo Santabarbara, President
__Mr. David Lawrence, Vice President
__Ms. Patricia Dowse
__Mrs. Jean Hanson
__Mr. William Mau
__Mr. Kevin Thompson

Others Present

__Dr. Thomas Reardon, Superintendent of Schools
__Mrs. Brenda Leitt, School Business Administrator
__Mr. Kyle Larabee, Student Representative
__Miss Angelina Riccio, Student Representative

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - *Recommended Motion:* "That the agenda for the April 7, 2025 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved."

Moved by: _____
Seconded by: _____

4. **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

For the sake of continuing to conduct Board business in a timely fashion, total public comment will be limited to 30 minutes. Welcome to this meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education. If you would like to speak during this portion of the meeting, please complete the blue form and give it to the Clerk of the Board, Mrs. Brenda Leitt, prior to the start of the meeting. Please note the following procedures: The Board of Education is obligated to follow the agenda; questions will be taken; individual Board members do not provide individual responses during Board meetings; as general procedure, three minutes are allocated per speaker.

5. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Unified Sports Update – Mrs. Russell, Director of PE, Health & Athletics
2025-2026 Budget Update – Dr. Reardon and Mrs. Leitt

7. **CONSENT AGENDA** – *Recommended Motion:* "That the consent agenda consisting of the following items be approved:"

Moved by: _____
Seconded by: _____

- Board of Education Meeting Minutes: March 25, 2024
- CSE/CPSE Recommendations
- Personnel Matters

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

Budget Proposition: *Recommended Motion:* "Shall the resolution adopted by the Board of Education on April 7, 2025 authorizing the Schalmont Central School District to expend the sum in the amount of \$60,210,234 during the 2025-2026 school year, and to levy a tax therefore, be approved?"

Moved by: _____
Seconded by: _____

Voter Propositions and Budget Notice: *Recommended Motion:* "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 7, 2025

Moved by: _____
Seconded by: _____

at 7:00 PM prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review starting April 29, 2025 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 20, 2025 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 2025-26 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District; (2) To elect three (3) three-year members of the Board commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring June 30, 2028; NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual School District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 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 \$800,000.00 and (2) expend such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary; and (3) shall be paid from the Capital Bus Reserve?”

CAPITAL BUS AND VEHICLE RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION

“Shall the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District be authorized to (a) establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to §3651 of the New York Education Law to be known as the Bus and Vehicle Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$805,000.00 with a probable term of five (5) years, to be used to pay for the cost of school buses, vans and maintenance vehicles, and (b) appropriate from time to time from available fund balance and/or other legally available funds of the school district to such Bus and Vehicle Reserve Fund?”

“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 2025-26 may be obtained by any residents of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, April 29, 2025. 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 21, 2025 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 20, 2025.”

Order to Discontinue: *Recommended Motion:* “WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously authorized intervention in a legal action titled In The Matter of The Application of City of Schenectady v. The Assessor of the Town Of Rotterdam, The Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Rotterdam, and the Town of Rotterdam (Index Nos. 2021-1533; 2022-1159; 2023-1257; 2024-1588) regarding issues related to the tax assessments of the City of Schenectady (“the City”) property identified as SBL No. 38.-3-8.1; and, WHEREAS, the parties have reached settlement under which the City will discontinue the actions in which the School District has intervened and will waive the rights to any tax refunds for the years 2021-2024 from the School District with the property being granted an exemption by the School District as requested by the City pursuant to RPTL § 406(3); and, WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools and Board Counsel recommend acceptance of this settlement. IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the above referenced actions be settled and discontinued for the recommended terms of settlement; and, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Superintendent of Schools, Board President, and Board Counsel are authorized to execute any documents necessary to settle and discontinue the above referenced action.”

Moved by: _____
Seconded by: _____

9. **BOARD ITEMS**

10. **ADJOURNMENT** - *Recommended Motion:* “That the April 7, 2025 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at _____ PM.”

Moved by: _____
Seconded by: _____

Personnel Matters

• **Instructional Personnel Matters**

2024-25 Mentor (Stipends in accordance with STA Agreement)

Bonnie Barner (mentoring Olivia Santabarbara), \$750

• **Non-Aligned Personnel Matters (as per Management Confidential Agreement)**

Resignation

James Brooks, Computer Technician, District Wide, effective March 28, 2025

• **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>
Rasheen Stenson	Bus Driver	Transportation	03/31/25	5.25	1

<u>Substitute Appointments</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>
Michael Daviero	Security Monitor	District Wide	04/07/25	as needed
Lisa Lucarelli	Monitor	Jefferson	04/08/25	as needed
Lisa Lucarelli	Teacher Aide	Jefferson	04/08/25	as needed
Lisa Lucarelli	Food Service Worker	District Wide	04/08/25	as needed

<u>Termination</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Charlene Tebbano	Security Monitor	District Wide	04/02/25 (close of business)

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>
Vittoria Costantini	Bus Attendant	Transportation	03/31/25	1.00	2.25
Lou Ann Tubb	Bus Attendant	Transportation	03/31/25	1.00	2.50