

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education  
Monday, March 10, 2025; 7:00 PM; Middle School LGI

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** - The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mrs. Jean Hanson

Others Present

Dr. Thomas Reardon, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Brenda Leitt, School Business Administrator  
Mr. Kyle Larabee, Student Representative

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the agenda for the March 10, 2025 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

*Motion carried 5-0.*

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Larabee reported at the High School the Blood drive was last Wednesday. The Concert/art show was last Tuesday and Thursday. Spring sports registration is well under way. Students are excited for the opportunity to play lacrosse. Lyli Rivenburgh went for gymnastics at the 2025 Special Olympics. Last Thursday, Spanish students and Spanish club went to see Flamenco Vivo, a live flamenco performance at Saratoga Spa State Park. Spanish honor society inductions were earlier this month. At the Middle School, the homeroom reading contest was won by Ms. Scotti's 5th grade class. Students participated in the concerts/art shown last Tuesday and Thursday. The Middle school gym was used a Red Cross shelter. At Jefferson Elementary, the Ronald McDonald reading program is under way. "Just Run" program sponsored by Hudson Mohawk Road runners. Ask mom about dance. 100th day of school. 3rd and 4th grade dance is scheduled for this coming Friday, March 7. March madness book bracket.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Strengthening Our Middle and High School Systems for Future Success - Mr. Heckman, HS/MS Principal  
2025-2026 Budget Update – Dr. Reardon and Mrs. Leitt

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

- ✓ Board of Education Meeting Minutes: February 10, 2025
- ✓ Treasurer's Report: January 2025
- ✓ CSE/CPSE Recommendations: Feb. 10, 11, 12, 24, 26, March 4, 5, 2025
- ✓ Personnel Matters

• **Instructional Personnel Matters**

2025 Spring Coaching Appointments (Stipend in accordance with STA Agreement)

Sophia Caprara, Modified Softball Head Coach, Step 2  
Regina Hanson, Varsity Assistant Coach Girls Outdoor Track, Step 6

Appointments: Middle School Advisors 2024-2025 (Stipend in accordance with STA Agreement)

Sarajane Cipperly, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus (*Special Interest Club*)

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Alexandria Malatesta, Kindergarten, Jefferson; effective May 19, 2025 through June 13, 2025

BOCES Substitute Teacher Appointments

Packet #12 – Jennifer Beaudette, Louis Marino, Gail Rawson, John Ryan, Geoffrey Snow, Matthew Weishaupt, Rachel Williams

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

<u>Appointments</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>	<u>Step</u>
Michelle McMullen	Monitor	Jefferson	03/05/25	2.50 to 3.00	2
Neelam Rajkumar	Food Service Worker	Jefferson	02/24/25	3.5 hrs/day	1

<u>Substitute Appointments</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Work Day</u>
Zoraida Allende	Food Service Worker	District Wide	03/11/25	as needed
Felice Calandra	Food Service Worker	HS/MS	03/10/25	as needed
James Campbell	Security Officer	District Wide	03/03/25	as needed
Vittoria Costantini	Monitor	Jefferson	03/10/25	as needed
Donna Kimball	Typist	Jefferson	03/10/25	as needed
Trevon Perez-Tucker	Cleaner	District Wide	02/24/25	as needed
Rasheen Stenson	Bus Driver	Transportation	03/10/25	as needed
David Towns	Bus Driver	Transportation	02/28/25	as needed

<u>Substitute Resignation</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Neelam Rajkumar	Food Service Worker	District Wide	02/23/25

Motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**School Calendar 2025-26:** Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the Board of Education approve the school calendar for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

- 0111 Sex Discrimination and Sex Based Harassment Title IX
- 2245 Ex Officio Student Member of the Board
- 8113 Extreme Heat Condition Days

Motion carried 5-0.

**Lacrosse Merger:** Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that A RESOLUTION approving the merger of the Schenectady City School District’s lacrosse program with the Schalmont Central School District and Mohonasen Central School District’s lacrosse programs. WHEREAS, the Schenectady City School District aims to offer substantial lacrosse programming for all students, through the joining of programs with Schalmont and Mohonasen Central School Districts for the 2024-2025 school year. WHEREAS, the Schenectady City School District and Mohonasen Central School District Board of Educations previously approved the continuation of a combined (merged) interscholastic lacrosse team, in accordance with the provisions of Section II and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, which governs such merged activities. Section II now approves the addition of Schalmont Central School District to the previously approved merger. WHEREAS, to develop a combined or merged program, each participating school district’s Board of Education must annually approve such combined activities. The combined Schenectady-Mohonasen-Schalmont lacrosse teams are expected to function well and there is sufficient interest to keep the combined team going. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The Schalmont Central School District Board of Education approve the request for the combination of the Schenectady-Mohonasen-Schalmont lacrosse programs in one team, for the 2024-25 school year, in accordance with the provisions of NYSPHSAA and Section II, sharing all applicable fees, insurance and related expenses. SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

*Motion carried 5-0.*

**BOARD ITEMS**

Mr. Santabarbara – Thank you for the work with the Red Cross for the displaced families. Thank you Mr. Heckman for your presentation and updates. Pre-K, using our resources for our students.

Mr. Lawrence – Thank you Mr. Heckman for the presentation. I like what you are doing for students.

Ms. Dowse – Jason does an amazing job for all aspects at the District. Thank you!!

Mr. Mau – Thank you for helping out the Red Cross. Thank you John O'Donnell. Thanks to Administration for what you are doing for students.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion made by Mr. Mau, seconded by Ms. Dowse, that the March 10, 2025 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 8:29 PM.

*Motion carried 5-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda Leitt  
Clerk of the Board