

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Monday, April 13, 2026; 7:00 PM; Middle School LGI

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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

Mr. Kyrish Iyer

Others Present

Dr. Thomas Reardon, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Rachael France, Executive Treasurer
Miss Giavana Rossetti, Student Representative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mr. Mau, that the agenda for the April 13, 2026 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Iyer absent.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Miss Rossetti reported at the High School, the Drama Club Production of “Mamma Mia” is this week from Thursday-Saturday. Come out and support these students! The International Club traveled to Italy over Spring Break! The Career & Job Fair will be April 21st, where students can network with local businesses who are seeking high school graduates! Four students' artwork was selected at the Regional Juried Exhibition at the Albany Center Gallery. Congratulations to Aubrielle Blanchette, Emma Casso, Makaylin Dailey and Paiton Rider! There are no updates to report at the Middle School. At Jefferson Elementary, the upcoming Kindergarten Orientation has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Elementary School Play Area. There are no updates to report at Woestina Elementary.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

2026-2027 Budget Update – Dr. Reardon and Ms. France

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: March 23, 2026
- ✓ CSE/CPSE Recommendations: February 3, 10, 12, 24, 25, 26, March 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2026
- ✓ Personnel Matters

• **Instructional Personnel Matters**

Retirement Resignation

Erika Filkins, Teaching Assistant, HS, effective June 30, 2026; 26 years of service
Corinne Kinns, Special Education, Jefferson, effective June 30, 2026; 40 years of service

2025-26 BOCES Substitute Teacher Appointments

Packet #12 – Carol Connelly, Madison Herrick, Emma Sellnow, Taylor Shults

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

Resignation

Kaitlyn Shelton

Position

Bus Driver

Location

Transportation

Effective

04/10/26

Substitute Appointment

Natalie Castiglione

Position

Teacher Aide

Location

Jefferson

Effective

04/13/26

Work Day

as needed

Phillip Contompasis

Bus Driver Trainee

Transportation

03/23/26

as needed

Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Iyer absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Proposition: Motion made by Mr. Mau, seconded by Mr. Thompson, Shall the resolution adopted by the Board of Education on April 13, 2026 authorizing the Schalmont Central School District to expend the sum in the amount of \$61,854,952 during the 2026-2027 school year, and to levy a tax therefore, be approved?

Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Iyer absent.

Voter Propositions and Budget Notice: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, 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 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review starting April 28, 2026 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 19, 2026 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 2026-27 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District; (2) To elect two (2) three-year members of the Board commencing July 1, 2026 and expiring June 30, 2029; NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual School District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, the following propositions will be submitted.

PROPOSITION #1 - BUS & VEHICLE RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District be authorized to (a) establish a new Bus & Vehicle Reserve Fund pursuant to §3651 of the New York Education Law in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, with a probable term of five (5) years, for the purpose of financing the purchase of school buses, vans, maintenance vehicles and related equipment; and (b) appropriate funds to such Reserve Fund from time to time from available fund balance and/or other legal available funds?

PROPOSITION #2 - BUS PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Schalmont Central School District be authorized to (a) acquire five (5) school buses, at a cost not to exceed \$764,722.15, which is the estimated maximum cost thereof; (b) finance such purchase by expending \$764,722.15 from the Bus & 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 2026-27 may be obtained by any residents of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, April 28, 2026. 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 20, 2026 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 rfrance@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 19, 2026.

Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Iyer absent.

Donation/Create New Scholarship Fund: Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$15,000 from The Rotterdam Sunrise Rotary to create a new Scholarship Fund titled, *Rotterdam Rotary Service Above Self Scholarship*.

Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Iyer absent.

BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Mau: Good Luck at NYSSMMA.

Mr. Lawrence: Looking forward to Mamma Mia this week!

Mr. Santabarbara: Thankful to the chaperones/teachers on the international trip for being able to make this great opportunity for our students to see the world! Good luck to all of the teachers to get the students prepared for the end of the year and the standardized testing!

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Mau, that the April 13, 2026 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Iyer absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael France
Clerk of the Board