

SCHALMONT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education
Monday, January 13, 2025; 7:00 PM; Middle School LGI

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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

None

Others Present

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the agenda for the January 13, 2025 meeting of the Schalmont Board of Education be approved.

Motion carried 6-0.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Larabee and Miss Riccio reported at the High School the Holiday Concert season made its rounds. High School spirit week was the week before holiday break. Our winter sports seasons are well underway. Science Olympiad had their first invitational two weekends ago. The career fair took place last week. At the Middle School, fifth grade had their winter concert! Middle School had a Holiday Spirit Week before the break where they could wear comfy clothes, their favorite holiday character, favorite sweater, holiday colors, and flannels. At Jefferson Elementary, students in Ms. Pink, Mrs. LeRoy, and Mrs. Wood came together to participate in the second Annual Virtual Sing-Along, Kingsway Manor residents also sang to students right before the holiday break. K-2 had a holiday sing along in the gym right before the holiday break as well. Students in Mrs. Brown's Kindergarten class had families visit for Elf Station fun. Mrs. Madej's Kindergarten class had visitors from the High School's English Honor Society, where they received help with their writing projects.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Jefferson Elementary School Update - Mr. Gifford, Jefferson Principal and Mrs. Lisa Young, Assistant Principal Jefferson students and siblings, Chloe and Riley Conrad, were recognized by the Pine Grove Fire Department for their actions before Christmas when their house had a fire. Chloe immediately woke up her family and Riley knew the importance to get low on the floor and crawl. Two important factors they learned in school.

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: December 9, 2024
- CSE/CPSE Recommendations: Sept. 1, Dec. 3, 16, 17, 18, 30, 2024, Jan. 2, 7, 8, 2025
- Personnel Matters
- **Instructional Personnel Matters**
 - Full-Time Probationary Appointment
 - Name: Nicole Burjetka
 - Position: Special Education/MS; 1.0 FTE
 - Effective: January 13, 2025
 - Tenure Area: Special Education
 - Probation: 3 years; January 13, 2025 through January 13, 2028
 - Step: 15-MA (*per STA Agreement*)

Name: Melinda Rose
 Position: Special Education/MS; 1.0 FTE
 Effective: January 6, 2025
 Tenure Area: Special Education
 Probation: 4 years; January 6, 2025 through January 6, 2029
 Step: 15-MA (*per STA Agreement*)

Appointment

Name: Cheryl Barrell
 Position: 5th Grade/MS
 FTE: 1.0 FTE
 Effective: January 21, 2025 through June 30, 2025
 Step: 9-MA (*per STA Agreement*)

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Erica Keefer, Science, HS, effective March 4, 2025 through June 30, 2025

Resignation

Raegan Gleason, Special Education Teacher, MS, effective January 17, 2025

BOCES Substitute Teacher Appointments

Packet #8 – Jenna Giombetti, Sarah Nappi, Cara O’Brien, Jasmine Sardos, Michelle Schwartz, Olivia Tedford
Packet #9 – Gabriela Amoroso, Tristin Bennett, Teagan Breton, Ailish Callahan, John Callender, Jahmari Charles, Kate Quinn, Jennifer Raley, Nate Valero-Catedral

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

<u>Resignation</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Yvonne DeCocco	Bus Driver	Transportation	01/08/25
Delores Mannato	Monitor	Jefferson	12/18/24

<u>Substitute Appointment</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Alexa Abarno-Lazarus	Bus Attendant	Transportation	01/13/25	as needed
Lisa Lucarelli	Bus Attendant	Transportation	01/06/25	as needed

<u>Substitute Resignation</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Richard Carney	Bus Driver	Transportation	12/21/24

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>
Jessica Hanna	Bus Driver	Transportation	01/06/25	5.25	5.75

Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

BJ's Wholesale Club Tax Cert: Motion made by Ms. Dowse, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously authorized intervention in a legal action titled In The Matter Of the Application of BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc.; (Index No. 2024-1548) ("BJ's Wholesale Club") regarding issues related to the 2024 tax assessment of a certain parcel or real property located at and known as 70 Campbell Road (Parcel #: 48.5-3-10.12); and, WHEREAS, the parties have reached settlement under which the assessed value of the relevant property shall be set at Eight Million Six Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$8,675,000.000) for the 2024 assessment year and, WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law § 727 applies to the years 2025, 2026, and 2027; and, WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools and Board Counsel recommend acceptance of this settlement. IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the above referenced action 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.

Motion carried 6-0.

BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Santabarbara – Welcome Back! Love to see we are still evaluating our curriculum.

Mr. Lawrence – You are all willing to do the great work to make the education positive. You are encouraging pride in education, not just the extra-curriculum. When the teachers buy in, the students buy in.

Mr. Thompson – Warms the heart that teachers are doing what they do to make/encourage students.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mrs. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the January 13, 2025 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Brenda Leitt
Clerk of the Board