

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Plattekill Elementary School

Thursday, January 18, 2018

7:00 p.m.

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:00 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No Comment

2. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Agenda #2

At 7:01 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Joseph LoCicero in the Plattekill Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Crowley

Mr. Frisbie

Mr. LoCicero

Mr. Missale

Mr. O'Mara

Mr. Palen

Mr. Petrocelli

Mr. Spencer

Members Absent

Mr. Andrew Strobach [Student Board Member]

Also present were Superintendent Castle, Assistant Superintendents Devincenzi and Herrington, and Administrators Albanese, Anderson, Becker, Brown, Pantaleone, Salamone and White.

3. Amend/Approve Minutes – [11/16/17 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and amend and approve the minutes of the November 16, 2017, (Agenda #5.H.) Regular Board Meeting so as to read:

Current Minutes: Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment for the 2017-2018 school year Winter season:

High School:

Jim Greenhall

Assistant Varsity Gymnastics Coach

\$3,697 pro-rated [concluding December 31, 2017]

Amended Minutes:

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\$3,697

Motion seconded by Mr. Spencer and carried 9 - 0.

4. Approve Minutes – [12/20/17 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #4

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the December 20, 2017, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Spencer and carried 9 - 0.

5. Board Committee Reports – Agenda #5

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The Internal auditors are scheduled to be in the District the week of February 12th to perform the State required risk assessment. After the risk assessment is completed the committee will schedule a meeting to review the draft report.

Budget:

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Board received a copy of the roll-over budget that currently reflects a 3.14% increase. He indicated that some areas that still need to be explored are BOCES costs, teacher retirements, health insurance, special education inclusion class sizes, elementary class sizes and an analysis of State Aid. The District received notification that the CPI that will be used in the tax cap formula will be 2%. The goal is to maintain and enhance programs. Like the past five years, the District anticipates being within the tax cap and will utilize fund balance and reserves to offset expenses. The projected tax levy limit will be submitted by March 1st to the State Comptroller.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on January 10, 2018. The committee reviewed and discussed the potential for establishing a capital reserve. The purpose of the reserve would be to pay for future capital project work in order to limit and/or eliminate borrowing to pay for these projects. A recommendation to approve the reserve will be presented to the Board on the March Agenda. If approved by the Board, the establishment of the capital reserve would be a separate proposition on the May Budget Vote Ballot. Mr. Frisbie also noted that on the January 18th Board agenda is the recommendation to approve the contract for electric supply with Direct Energy Business. Phase II work on the well is being completed and work on the press box and bleachers is scheduled to resume in March 2018.

CDEP:

Mr. O'Mara reported that the CDEP Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., in the High School Auditorium.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee met on January 9, 2018. Mrs. Herrington reviewed the District's 2016-17 school report card and spoke about the grades 3-8 ELA, Math, and Science accountability ratings and presented the secondary accountability ratings. In addition, she discussed the new accountability system in the Every Student Succeeds Act Plan. The committee discussed the pre-requisites for the High School Mandarin course for the 2018-19 school year, which now requires the completion of Spanish 3 rather than Spanish 4. Mrs. Herrington also presented an update on the High School Capstone Course. Mrs. Werlau, TAG Coordinator, spoke about the TAG programs that have been scheduled throughout the school year. The Lego Team will compete on Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 9:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at Sandfordville Elementary School located in Warwick. The Odyssey of the Mind Team will be competing on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Orange Ulster BOCES, time to be determined. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the high school library.

Health & Safety:

Mr. Missale reported that the Health & Safety Committee met on January 10, 2018. Building safety teams continue to meet on a monthly basis to review the drills that have been performed and the procedures within the buildings. At the meetings, feedback was provided regarding the drills that have been performed. The buildings will begin to complete their required second semester emergency drills in the near future. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2018, at 3:45 p.m., in District Office.

Legislative:

Mr. Petrocelli reported The Ulster County School Board Association meeting is scheduled on January 25, 2018, at Ulster BOCES with our legislators. He also indicated that Governor Cuomo released the 2018-2019 State Budget and proposed a \$769 million increase in State Aid and \$338 million increase in Foundation Aid (1.5 % increase). Mr. Castle indicated that he and Mr. Devincenzi met with Assemblyman Brian Miller on January 18th; focal points of discussion included topics such as State Aid, Foundation Aid, the flexibility to establish reserves (i.e. TRS) and the tax levy cap. Additional meetings are scheduled with Senator Bonacic, Senator Larkin and Assemblyman Cahill.

Policy:

Mr. O'Mara reported that the Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. There are three policies for second reading on the January 18th Board agenda. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in District Office.

Technology:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Technology Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2018, at 3:30 p.m., in the high school library.

Wellness:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Wellness Committee met on January 9, 2018. At the meeting, Amy Bishopp discussed upcoming events such as guest chefs throughout the District, a noodle bar at the high school on January 30th and a taste test scheduled on January 19, 2018, at the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School. Leptonale is going to start their "Taste Test Tuesday's" again for kindergarten students in order to expose them to new foods. February 2nd will be Wear Red for American Heart Association Awareness Day and all schools were encouraged to participate. In addition, all the elementary schools will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart in February. There was a blood drive scheduled for January 17th at the high school, but due to a snow day will be rescheduled. The Health Fair at the high school is scheduled for April 24th. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2018, at 3:30 p.m., in the high school library.

Student Rep:

Mr. Palen reported the following on behalf of Andrew Strobach:

- Boys' Varsity Basketball has a record of 4-6 with games scheduled on January 18th at Rondout and on January 19th versus Saugerties.
- Girls' Varsity Basketball has a record of 5-4 with a game scheduled on January 19th at Saugerties.
- The Wrestling Team is off to a strong start with a win against Middletown and has their first home meet on January 18th.
- The Competitive Cheer Team placed 2nd at the Monticello competition and is working on a special half-time performance for the Boys' Varsity Basketball home game on January 26th.
- The Indoor Track Team is going to Yale University for a meet on January 19th.
- The Nordic Ski Team has had 3 meets so far with their first home meet on January 18th against New Paltz and Monticello.
- The Gymnastics Team has their first home meet of the season on January 18th against FDR.

6. Consent Agenda

Mr. Frisbie moved items 6A through 6I and 7A through 7D be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 9 - 0.

Accept Resignations – Non-Instructional – Agenda #6.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Brea Bartolone** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE, 7.5 Hours] Main Office Clerk, effective January 18, 2018, pending her appointment to a Full-Time Typist.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Janine Mickle** from the position of Full-Time Main Office Clerk, effective January 18, 2018, pending her appointment to a Full-Time [12-Month 1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk/Extra-Curricular Classroom Treasurer.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Dawn Wager** from the position of Part-Time [.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective January 18, 2018, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Taylor Wygant** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide, assigned to the Special Education Department, effective January 18, 2018.

Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional – Agenda #6.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Brea Bartolone** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Typist position, effective January 19, 2018, at a salary of \$24,621 pro-rated (Grade 7, Step 4 of the CSEA Contract). Ms. Bartolone replaces Grace Petrone, who retired.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **April Byrons** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [.60 FTE] Supervisory School Monitor position, effective January 19, 2018, at a salary of \$10.73 per hour [Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 3.6 hours per day]. Ms. Byrons replaces Mary Curci, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Janine Mickle** to a 90-Day Probationary Full-Time [12-Month, 1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk/Extra Curricular Classroom Treasurer position, effective January 19, 2018, at a salary of \$35,172.20 pro-rated (\$18.13 per hour, [7.5 hours per day] Step 15 of the CSEA Contract). Ms. Mickle replaces Catherine Siano, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Dawn Wager** to 90-Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective January 19, 2018, at a salary of \$14,064.96 pro-rated [\$11.27 per hour, (6.5 hours per day) Step 5 of the CSEA Contract]. Ms. Wager replaces Cynthia Delgado, who retired.

Accept Resignation/Retirement – Instructional – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Melissa Holland** from the Wallkill Central School District [Music Teacher], effective June 30, 2018.

Approve Appointment – Instructional – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Melanie Siano** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to Plattekill Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$105.00 per day, effective January 29, 2018.

Rescind Appointment – Coaching – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and rescind the appointment (10/19/17 Board of Education Meeting) of **Nicole Calderone**, from the position of Assistant Varsity Gymnastics Coach, for the Winter 2017-2018 school year season.

Approve Policies – Second Reading – Agenda #6.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the second reading of the following policies:

1. Policy #5660 – Records Management
2. Policy #5690 – Website Accessibility
3. Policy #7300 – Elementary Promotion, Placement and Retention

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #6.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the lists for individuals for teaching and non-teaching substitute positions.

Approve Pre-School Special Education Placements – Agenda #6.H.

The Board approve the placement of Pre-School Special Education students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education in its December minutes.

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #6.I.

The Board approve the placement of Special Education students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education in its December minutes.

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #7.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of a Wallkill Senior High School Classroom by **SUNY Ulster** [for Orientation and Driver Education Classes] as indicated below:

Wednesday	February 7, 2018	4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Thursdays	February 15, 2018 – June 7, 2018*	3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[*Excluding 3/29/18]

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Wallkill Senior High School, John G. Borden Middle School and Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Gymnasiums by the **Wallkill Panthers AAU** [for Basketball Tournaments] as indicated below:

Friday	April 27, 2018	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	April 28 & 29, 2018	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Accept Treasurer's Report – Agenda #7.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education has reviewed and accepts the Treasurer's Reports as of December 31, 2017 and Revenues as of December 31, 2017.

Approve Foster Children 2016-2017 Tuition Rates – Agenda #7.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 2016-2017 tuition rates for foster children attending the Wallkill Central School District as follows:

Handicapped K-6	\$25,022
Handicapped 7-12	\$25,152
Grades K-6	\$ 9,753
Grades 7-12	\$ 9,883

Approve Resolution – Electric Supply with Direct Energy Business – Agenda #7.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the General Municipal Law §103, Subdivision 16, the Wallkill Board of Education approve the contract for Electric Supply with **Direct Energy Business**, which was bid and awarded by Ulster County on December 6, 2016.

7. Accept Donation – Agenda #7.E.

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$1,000 from Mrs. Princess Fuller to assist with the payment of outstanding lunch account balances at Plattekill Elementary School.

Motion seconded by Mr. Frisbie and carried 9 - 0. [With Thanks]

8. Public Comment – Agenda #8

At 7:31 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

9. Executive Session – Agenda #9

At 7:32 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and negotiations.

Motion seconded by Mr. Spencer and carried 9 - 0.

The Board reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

10. Close Meeting – Agenda #10

At 8:13 p.m. Mr. O'Mara moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Spencer carried 9 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk