

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Leptondale Elementary School
Thursday, February 15, 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 Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room. A moment of silence was given for Parkland, FL victims.

Members Present

Mrs. Crowley

Mr. LoCicero

Mr. Missale

Mr. O'Mara

Mr. Petroccelli

Mr. Spencer

Mr. Andrew Strobach [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mrs. Anderson

Mr. Frisbie

Mr. Palen

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

3. Approve Minutes – [1/18/18 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

Mr. Petroccelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Spencer and carried 6 – 0.

4. Board Committee Reports – Agenda #4

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee has not met since the last Board meeting, but the internal auditors started their work on the State required risk assessment. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 7, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in District Office to review the draft report.

Budget:

Mr. Devincenzi reported that handouts were provided to the Board on the estimated Tax Levy Limit Calculation and projected class sizes. He indicated that the District will submit a Tax Levy within the cap to the State by March 1st that reflects a 2.74% increase. It is the seventh year that the District has been at or below the Tax Levy Limit. Adjustments have been made to the roll-over budget as the District received five (5) retirements and TRS rates have been finalized. Our final State Aid allocation is unknown at this time, but anticipate having that figure after March 31st, if the State has an on-time budget. The District anticipates using approximately \$3,000,000 in fund balance and reserves to help balance the budget. Other areas that still need to be explored are health insurance rates, final BOCES expenses, special education costs and utility costs. As discussed previously, a resolution will be presented to the Board on the March Agenda to establish a capital reserve to cover a period of 15 years and be funded up to \$15,000,000. If approved by the Board, the establishment of the capital reserve would be a separate proposition on the May Budget Vote Ballot. The purpose of the reserve would be to complete capital improvements without having to borrow, but the voters would have to approve the expending of the funds from the Capital reserve. Mr. Castle discussed projected class sizes; the projected average class size at the elementary level is 20 students.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Buildings and Grounds committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The press box is tentatively scheduled to be delivered and installed on March 1st and completed by March 2nd (dependent upon the weather). The next committee meeting will be scheduled in early March.

CDEP:

Mr. O'Mara reported that the CDEP Committee met on February 13, 2018. Mrs. Herrington presented the District's accountability status for the 2016-2017 school year. She explained that under the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA), the accountability system has been changed beginning this year. The U.S. Department of Education approved the State's plan on January 16, 2018. The new plan will take additional variables such as school attendance and the number of students taking advanced classes into consideration when determining accountability status. Ulster BOCES presented the NY State Science Learning Standards to the group and explained that the new standards emphasize hands-on learning. Mrs. Herrington updated the group as to the steps the District is taking to update its Science curriculum maps and provide teachers with professional development. Mrs. Herrington also presented the updated NYS Guidance regulations. She explained that the District guidance department updated its plan two years ago and is currently working with a consultant from Mercy College to update the plan so that it is aligned with the new regulations. Mr. Salamone updated the group on the two high school initiatives: the 1:1 technology plan for 2018-2019 and the Senior Capstone class which will be implemented in 2019-2020. The next committee meeting will be on March 6, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. In addition, there is a committee meeting scheduled with the Board of Education on March 20, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the high school library.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mr. O'Mara reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee 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 has not met since the last Board meeting, but the building safety teams continue to meet on a monthly basis. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2018, at 3:45 p.m., in District Office.

Legislative:

Mr. Petrocelli reported that he attended the UCSBA meeting on January 25, 2018, with Mr. Devincenzi and Mr. Castle, where only two of our legislators attended, Senator Amedore and Assemblyman Cahill. The legislators provided some insight on the Executive Budget and indicated that we most likely will see additional aid, but not as much as we have seen over the last several years. In addition, Mr. Castle and Mr. Devincenzi held separate meetings with Assemblyman Miller, Senator Bonacic, Assemblyman Cahill and Senator Larkin regarding the State Aid formula, flexibility on creating reserves for health insurance and TRS, school funding and programs offered at Wallkill. The State Education Department wants to give districts four years to improve opt-out rates under the new ESSA plan. The next UCSBA meeting will be held on March 8, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at Ulster BOCES with guest speakers to be announced.

Policy:

Mr. O'Mara reported that the Policy committee met on February 6, 2018. He indicated that there is one (1) policy for deletion and six (6) policies for first reading on the February 15, 2018 Board agenda. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in District Office. Mr. Castle indicated that it was recommended by the Policy committee that we explore a no book bag policy at the high school for the 2018-2019 school year. Andrew Strobach, Board Student Representative, will collaborate with Mr. Salamone and the School Improvement and Safety Teams to explore this change, by collecting data and doing research, doing a trial run with no book bags and administering a survey to the student body, faculty and staff. Mr. Salamone and Andrew Strobach will present their findings at the May Policy meeting and May Board of Education meeting.

Technology:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Technology Committee met on January 22, 2018. Mr. Salamone provided the committee with an update on the 1:1 initiative at the high school for the 2018-2019 school year. He has been working with his team to update the user guide for high school students and has been planning for the creation of a student help desk. The high school team will

continue to meet and plan for the implementation of the 1:1 Chromebooks next year. The Smartboards have been installed in the high school ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science classrooms. Teachers have been scheduled to attend professional development workshops to learn about the Chrome operating system, the Smartboard, and various software products that are in use in the District. The State has issued a new framework for the District's technology plan. Mrs. Herrington will be attending a workshop at BOCES to gather more information and will report out at the next meeting. The District has received news that the grant for the high school zSpace equipment has been approved. Mrs. Herrington is working with SUNY New Paltz to coordinate delivery of the equipment with a goal that the lab will be ready for students in the fall of 2018. The next meeting of the Technology Committee will take place on March 5, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. in the high school library.

Wellness:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2018, at 3:30 p.m., in the high school library. Mr. Spencer also indicated he was recently appointed to the Ulster Prevention Council. The council recently commended Sandy Hecht-Garcia and Mr. Castle for their commitment towards the prevention of drug abuse.

Student Rep:

Andrew Strobach reported:

- On January 30, 2018, the Safety Improvement Team visited Scarsdale High School to experiment with their senior program.
- On January 31, 2018, the high school hosted the Coffee House Variety Show.
- On February 6, 2018, the music department visited Newburgh Free Academy to review their music class offerings.
- On February 6, 2018, the 1:1 Chromebook Committee met regarding the 1:1 initiative to be implemented at the high school for the 2018-2019 school year.
- In Sports:
 - The Indoor Boys Track Team won their first MHAL title since 2000; the Girls Track Team placed 3rd.
 - The Cheerleading Team and Boys Basketball Team held their Senior Night on February 15, 2018, and the Girls Basketball Team held their Senior Night on February 8, 2018.
 - The Competitive Cheerleading Team qualified for sectional competition, which will be held on February 17, 2018, at Sullivan Community College.
 - Wrestling Team member Brian Mascaro scored his 100th win and Joseph Pushman will compete in the State wrestling competition.
 - Boys Nordic Ski Team qualified for States.
 - In Gymnastics, Emma Frisbie, Miah Frisbie and Gabby Castro qualified for States.

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Petrocelli moved items 5A through 5K and 6A through 6B be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. O'Mara and carried 6 – 0.

Accept Resignations – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Laura Fenick** from the position of Part-Time [0.69 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective February 9, 2018.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Catherine Padilla** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE, 6.75 hours per day] Library Clerk, effective February 15, 2018, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE, 7.5 hours per day] Main Office Clerk.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Lucy Yanchowsky** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective February 2, 2018.

Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Christine Collard** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [.92 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective February 16, 2018, at a salary of \$10.73 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.5 hours per day). Ms. Collard replaces Tina Smith, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Cris D'Alessandro** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide position assigned to the Senior High School for the 2017-2018 school year, at a salary of \$10.73 per hour [6.5 hours daily], effective February 16, 2018.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Jennifer Ferrante** to a Contingent Permanent Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk position, effective February 16, 2017, at a salary of \$15,868.80 pro-rated [\$11.02 per hour, (7.5 hours per day) Step 3 of the CSEA Contract]. Ms. Ferrante replaces Brea Bartolone, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Priscilla Hassan** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide position assigned to the Special Education Department for the 2017-2018 school year, at a salary of \$10.73 per hour [6.5 hours daily], effective February 16, 2018.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Catherine Padilla** to a 90-Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk position, effective February 16, 2018, at a salary of \$16,675.20 pro-rated, [7.5 hours per day, (\$11.58 per hour, Step 5 of the CSEA Contract)]. Ms. Padilla replaces Janine Mickle, who was reassigned.

Accept Resignations/Retirements – Instructional – Agenda #5.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Sue McGowan** from the Wallkill Central School District [Physical Education Teacher], effective June 30, 2018.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Michael Moran** from the Wallkill Central School District [Social Studies Teacher], effective June 30, 2018.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Alison Woolum** from the Wallkill Central School District [Elementary Education Teacher], effective June 30, 2018.

Approve Appointment – Instructional – Agenda #5.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Allison Haugh** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Special Education Department for the 2017-2018 school year, at a rate of \$105.00 per day, effective February 16, 2018.

Approve Appointment – Mentor – Agenda #5.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individual as a Mentor for the 2017-2018 school year:

Nick Malgieri

Mentor

\$1,500 [pro-rated]

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #5.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointments for the 2017-2018 school year Spring season and 2018-2019 school year Fall season:

SPRING SEASON:**High School:**

T.D. Mills	Varsity Baseball Coach	\$4,433
B.J. Masopust	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	\$3,427
William Earl	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Unpaid
Joe Pilliteri	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Unpaid
Sean Murphy	Varsity Softball Coach	\$3,983
John Shanley	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	\$3,227
Arnold Strauss	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	Unpaid
Eric McLaud	Varsity Boys Track & Field Coach	\$4,433
Natasha Kennedy	Varsity Girls Track & Field Coach	\$4,433
Jennifer Gravelle	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	\$3,697
Ryan Kiernan	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	\$3,097
A.J. Higby	Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	\$3,097
Evan Longinott*	Assistant Varsity Lacrosse Coach	Unpaid

Middle School:

Nicole Rivera	Modified Softball Coach	\$2,206
Brooke Harrington	Assistant Modified Softball Coach	Unpaid
Michael Greco	Modified Baseball Coach	\$2,086
Sue McGowan	Modified Girls Track & Field Coach	\$2,526
Leo Sladewski	Modified Boys Track & Field Coach	\$2,646
David Kelso	Modified Boys Lacrosse Coach	\$2,096

FALL SEASON:**High School:**

Michael Greco	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$3,981
Joe Pillitteri	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$3,981
Kyle Ferraiolo	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$3,981
Robert Koonz	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$3,981
Daniel Croce*	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	Unpaid
Thomas Smith*	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	Unpaid

**Pending issuance of coaching license*

Approve Deletion to Policy Book – Agenda #5.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Policy Committee and approve the deletion of the following policy:

1. Policy #7443 Lockers

Approve First Readings - Policy – Agenda #5.H.

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

1. Policy #5410 Bids and Quotations
2. Policy #7420 Drugs/Controlled Substances and Alcohol (Students)
3. Policy #7421 Drug Detecting Canines
4. Policy #7440 Search By School-Personnel
5. Policy #7460 Corporal Punishment
6. Policy #7480 Weapons in School

Approve Substitute Lists – Agenda #5.I.

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 #5.J.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #5.K.

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

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #6.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Wallkill Senior High School Gymnasium by the **Wallkill Panthers AAU** [for Basketball Practice] as indicated below:

Mondays	February 26, 2018 – March 19, 2018	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday	February 27 & 28, 2018	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Accept Treasurer's Report – Agenda #6.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education has reviewed and accepts the Treasurer's Reports as of January 31, 2018 and Revenues as of January 31, 2018.

7. Public Comment – Agenda #7

At 7:44 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

8. Executive Session – Agenda #8

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Spencer moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and negotiations.

Motion seconded by Mr. Missale and carried 6 – 0.

The Board reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

9. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

At 8:40 p.m. Mr. Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Missale and carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk