

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Leptondale Elementary School  
Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

*Walk-Through Tour  
Leptondale Elementary School @ 6:15 p.m.*

1. Commendations – Agenda #1

*The Board recognized Sandra Hecht-Garcia who was awarded tenure during the course of the 2017-2018 school year and the Wallkill Senior High School Top Ten Students, including Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2018.*

2. Public Comment – Agenda #2

At 7:08 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

3. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Agenda #3

At 7:09 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Thomas Frisbie in the Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Crowley

Mr. Frisbie

Mr. Missale

Mr. Palen

Mr. Petrocelli

Mr. Spencer

Mr. Andrew Strobach [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mrs. Anderson

Mr. LoCicero

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

4. Approve Minutes – [3/15/18 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #4

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the March 15, 2018, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

5. Approve Minutes – [4/11/18 Special Board Meeting] – Agenda #5

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the April 11, 2018, Special Board of Education Meeting.

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

6. Board Committee Reports

Audit:

*Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee met on March 19, 2018, to review the Draft Internal Risk Assessment Report. The Board was provided the final copy of the report. The Audit Committee will next meet on June 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in District Office with external auditors, Nugent and Haeussler to review the required yearly external audit scheduled for July.*

**Budget:**

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the recommendation to approve the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget, District Budget Notice and Property Tax Report Card is on the April 18, 2018 agenda. The proposed budget increase is 1.91% and the proposed tax levy increase is 2.74% (within the cap). Due to the fact that the District has been within the tax levy limit, eligible homeowners have received a rebate from the State each year beginning in October 2014 and that will continue next year. State Aid remained relatively flat as the District saw a reduction in building aid due to retiring debt. The District planned for this reduction through multi-year planning and has allocated additional fund balance and reserves to balance the budget. The proposed budget allows the District to keep K-6 class sizes low (20 students), maintain programs and extra-curricular activities and maintain supports to meet the socio-emotional needs of students. In addition, the proposed budget includes the addition of a School Resource Officer (police officer) at the John G. Borden Middle School, an additional security officer (part-time) at the Senior High School and the creation of a JV cheerleading stipend for the fall and winter seasons. There will be a second proposition on the ballot in May to establish a capital reserve. If approved by the voters, the reserve would allow the District to complete capital repairs/improvements to the facilities without having to borrow; the District will receive additional revenue from the State through Building Aid. The reserve would be a 15 year term with a funding limit of up to \$15,000,000. If the reserve is approved, any funds that are to be expended from the reserve must be approved by the voters. PTO/PTA budget presentations are all scheduled for 7:00 p.m. and will be held on April 30, 2018, at Ostrander Elementary School, May 2, 2018, at Leptondale Elementary School and May 7, 2018, at Plattekill Elementary School. The Public Budget Hearing will be on May 3, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the High School Library. The annual budget vote is May 15, 2018, from noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Leptondale Elementary School, Plattekill Elementary School and Senior High School. Additional budget information can be found on the website.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. There was a building walk-through on April 18, 2018, at the Leptondale Elementary School. The press box has been installed at the multi-purpose field. There is some electric work that needs to be finished and that work is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. Opening ceremonies were held on April 13, 2018, for the new baseball field and April 17, 2018, for the new softball field. The recommendation to approve the Extended Warranty Agreement for the generators is on the April 18, 2018 agenda. The next committee meeting will be scheduled at the end of April.

**CDEP:**

Mrs. Herrington reported that the CDEP Committee has not met since the last Board of Education meeting. There are no additional CDEP meetings scheduled for the 2017-2018 school year. Meetings will resume in the 2018-2019 school year.

**Curriculum/TAG:**

Mrs. Herrington reported that the Curriculum Committee met on April 12, 2018. Ms. Anderson and the Middle School Accelerated Math Review Team presented their proposed entry criteria for grades 7 and 8 Accelerated Math Courses. Mr. Salamone shared a proposal for changing the High School Microsoft Office course from a half-year/half-credit course to a full year course. Libbie Werlau, TAG Coordinator, shared the results of the Region 5 Odyssey of the Mind competition, where our team placed second. She also provided an update on SNAP referrals, which are currently underway. This was the final meeting of the Curriculum Committee for the 2017-2018 school year. Meetings will resume in the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Castle acknowledged Mrs. Herrington for her work on the Curriculum committee throughout the year.

**Health & Safety:**

Mr. Missale reported that the Health & Safety Committee met on April 12, 2018. Building safety teams continue to meet on a monthly basis where safety practices and procedures are being reviewed by the building safety teams. The required drills that have been performed to date in each building are being reviewed with the building safety teams that include emergency personnel. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2018, at 3:30 in the High School Library.

**Legislative:**

Mr. Petrocelli reported that along with Mr. Castle and Mr. Devincenzi, he attended the UCSBA & Ulster BOCES meeting on April 9, 2018, in Port Ewen. He acknowledged two Wallkill students for their participation in preparing the dinner. The District received our projected State Aid for the 2018-2019 school year and it is approximately \$150,000 more than the amount the Governor proposed. Mr. Castle indicated that although the Senate passed a bill to reimburse school districts for an SRO program it was not included in the final State budget.

**Policy:**

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee met on March 19, 2018. There are six (6) policies for first reading on the April 18, 2018 Board agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

**Technology:**

Mr. Spencer reported that the Technology Committee did not meet since the last Board meeting. The final meeting of the Technology Committee for the 2017-2018 school year will take place on April 23, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. in the High School Library.

**Wellness:**

Mr. Spencer reported that the next Wellness Committee meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2018, at 3:30 p.m., in room #102, at the high school. The Health Fair is scheduled at the high school on April 24, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There are 38 vendors scheduled to be present throughout the day. Whitsons notified the District that they will not be extending our contract (renewed annually). The District will need to go out to bid; a recommendation to award the bid will be presented at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Student Rep:**

Andrew Strobach reported the following:

- On April 5-8, 2018, the Panther Players presented the "Wizard of Oz."
- On April 13-16, 2018, 49 seniors attended the Senior Class trip to Disney World.
- On April 13, 2018 and April 17, 2018, opening ceremonies were held at the new baseball field and new softball field respectively with a ribbon cutting by Mr. LoCicero, assisted by Mr. Castle. Mr. LoCicero, Mr. Castle, Mr. Devincenzi and Mr. Salamone threw out the first pitches at both games. The softball team won their game against New Paltz.
- Tennis and JV and Varsity Lacrosse teams have new coaches this year; the Modified Lacrosse program was newly created this year. Their seasons are all off to a good start.
- On April 20, 2018, track is hosting an invitational meet with eleven (11) schools attending.
- On April 20-22, 2018, the high school music program is taking a trip to Philadelphia to compete against other schools.

**7. Consent Agenda**

Mr. Palen moved items 7A through 7L, and 8A through 8H be taken as consent agenda.

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

Discussion: Mr. Castle recognized and thanked District Treasurer, Gary Callahan, who is retiring, for his hard work and dedication to the District over the past 23 years.

**Accept Retirement/Resignations – Non-Instructional – Agenda #7.A.**

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Gary Callahan** from a Full-Time Principal Account Clerk/District Treasurer position, effective September 1, 2018.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Priscilla Hassan** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide, assigned to the Special Education Department, effective March 27, 2018.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Lisa Piaquadio** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE, 6.75 hours per day] Library Clerk, effective May 4, 2018, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Library Instructional Assistant.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Roy Vingoe** from the position of Part-Time [0.50 FTE] Custodial Worker, effective March 23, 2018.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Amanda Winters** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Registered Nurse, effective June 1, 2018.

Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional – Agenda #7.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Danielle Mikes** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [0.94 FTE] Library Clerk position, effective April 19, 2018, at a salary of \$11.02 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract) [5.65 hours daily]. Ms. Mikes replaces Lisa Piaquadio, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the provisional appointment of **Lisa Piaquadio** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Library Instructional Assistant, effective May 7, 2018, at a salary of \$22,104 pro-rated (Grade 3, Step 6 of the CSEA Contract). Ms. Piaquadio replaces Donna Atkins, who has resigned for retirement purposes.

Accept Retirement/Resignation – Instructional – Agenda #7.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Silvia Donates** from the Wallkill Central School District [Psychologist], effective June 30, 2018.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Garrett Randall** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position assigned to the Wallkill Senior High School, effective April 12, 2018.

Approve Appointments – Mentor – Agenda #7.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individuals as Mentors for the 2017-2018 school year:

<b>Nicole Hutter</b>	Mentor	\$1,500 [pro-rated]
<b>Brian Vegliando</b>	Mentor	\$1,500 [pro-rated]

Approve First Reading – Policies – Agenda #7.E.

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

1. Policy #4220 Administrative Authority During Absence of the Superintendent of Schools
2. Policy #5650 School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast)
3. Policy #5651 District Wellness Policy
4. Policy #7500 Extracurricular Activities
5. Policy #7502 Management of Funds
6. Policy #7520 Interscholastic Athletics

Approve 2018-2019 Proposed Budget, District Budget Notice and Property Tax Report Card – Agenda #7.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed 2018-2019 budget in the amount of **\$75,098,079**, the District Budget Notice as required by law and the Property Tax Report Card for 2018-2019.

Approve Revised 2017-2018 District Calendar – Agenda #7.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Revised District Calendar for the **2017-2018** school year.

Approve 2018-2019 District Calendar – Agenda #7.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed District Calendar for the **2018-2019** school year.

Approve Resolution - Appointment of Chairman and Inspectors of Election – 5/15/18 Vote – Agenda #7.I.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District, Orange and Ulster Counties, New York, has called the annual meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of a permanent chairman and inspectors of election for said annual district meeting; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District, Orange and Ulster Counties, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The following duly qualified voter of said School District is hereby appointed as the permanent chairman of the annual district meeting referred to in the preambles hereof:

**Joseph LoCicero**

Section 2. The following named are hereby appointed to act as inspectors of election at said annual district meeting as Key Masters, of said annual district meeting, to serve in each Election District as follows:

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1:

**Al Meyer  
John Doyle**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2:

**Gillian Batchasingh  
Mary Decker**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 3:

**Tammy Henry  
Sue Norsby-Ovenshire**

Section 3. The following named are hereby appointed to act as inspectors of election at said annual district meeting as Ballot Masters, of said annual district meeting, to serve in each Election District as follows:

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1:

**Eileen Feldt  
Gwen Feldt  
Kay Hansen  
Sherry Palen**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2:

**Paula Cook  
Carol Graham**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 3:

**Jamie Hoyt  
Virginia Meyer  
Carmela O'Donnell**

Section 4. Each inspector of election appointed for said annual district meeting, as herein provided, shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$125 for each day actually and necessarily spent on the duties of his/her office. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as permanent chairman and inspectors of election for said annual district meeting.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #7.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 #7.K.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #7.L.

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

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #8.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Gymnasium by the **Wallkill Panthers AAU** [for Basketball Practice] as indicated below:

Monday	April 30, 2018	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Mondays & Wednesdays	May 2, 7, 14, 16, 21, & 30, 2018	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Wallkill Senior High School Track by **Wallkill Varsity Track and Field** [for Track and Field Clinics] as indicated below:

Monday – Friday	June 25, 2018 – June 29, 2018*	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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[\*Rain dates – July 2, 3, 5 & 6, 2018]

Accept Treasurer’s Report – Agenda #8.B.

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

Approve Food Service Consultant – Agenda #8.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve HMB Consultants, to provide consultant services for the 2018-2019 Food Service Bid.

Approve Extended Warranty Agreement – Agenda #8.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Extended Warranty Agreement between Cummins, Inc. and the Wallkill Central School District to provide an Extended Warranty Program (10 years) to cover generators at the five (5) school buildings.

Approve Memorandum of Agreement – CSEA – Agenda #8.E.

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

Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., AFSCME, Local 1000 for the Wallkill School Unit of Ulster County Local 856, dated March 20, 2018, covering the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023.

Elect Ulster BOCES Board Members – Agenda #8.F.

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

RESOLVED, that the Highland [three year term] board seat be filled by nominee, **Susan Gilmore**.

RESOLVED, that the Onteora [three year term] board seat be filled by nominee, **Robert Curran**.

RESOLVED, that the “At – Large” [three year term] board seat be filled by nominee, **James Shaughnessy** [Kingston].

RESOLVED, that the “At – Large” [three year term] board seat be filled by nominee, **Vincent Petrocelli** [Wallkill].

Approve Ulster BOCES 2018-2019 Administrative Proposed Budget – Agenda #8.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed 2018-2019 Ulster County Board of Cooperative Administrative Budget in the amount of **\$5,572,388**.

Approve Resolution – Cooperative Bidding – Agenda #8.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following Blanket Resolution for Cooperative Bidding from Ulster County BOCES:

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, adopting this resolution to jointly request bids for certain commodities to be determined by the Superintendent of this school district from time to time for the 2018-2019 school year,

NOW, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Wallkill Central School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, New York, in the joint bidding of commodities to be requested by the school district Purchasing Agent and approved by the Superintendent; and be it further

RESOLVED that the specifications as prepared by the Steering Committee of participating school districts and presented to this Board of Education will be used and that this Board, if it desires to purchase these commodities agrees to purchase said commodities at the lowest bid price recommended by the Steering Committee of the joint school districts; provided, however, that each participating Board of Education in exercising its legal responsibilities, has the right to reject and/or modify the recommendation of the Steering Committee in the awarding of the bid; and be it further

RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the *Kingston Daily Freeman*, the *Middletown Record* and the *Poughkeepsie Journal* in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

8. Accept Donations – Agenda #8.I.

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$3,952 to the Plattekill Elementary School from Hannaford Supermarkets.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 6 - 0. [With Thanks]

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$550 from the Wallkill Valley Federal Savings and Loan to purchase “kinderboxes” for incoming kindergartners at the Plattekill Elementary School.

Motion seconded by Mr. Spencer and carried 6 - 0. [With Thanks]

9. Public Comment – Agenda #9

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

10. Close Meeting – Agenda #11

At 7:32 p.m. Mr. Missale moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran  
District Clerk