

*Dr. Khoury, BOCES District Superintendent provided information relating to Ulster BOCES*

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:11 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No Comment

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

At 7:12 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Joseph LoCicero in the Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Crowley

Mr. Frisbie

Mr. LoCicero

Mr. Missale

Mr. O'Mara

Mr. Palen

Mr. Petrocelli

Mr. Michael Cappuccilli [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. Spencer

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

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

Mr. Frisbie moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. O'Mara and carried 8 - 0.

4. Board Committee Reports

***Audit:***

*Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee met with the internal auditors on December 6, 2016, to review the draft audit report. A copy was provided to the Board; there were no findings. The internal auditors will be back in February to perform a Risk Assessment as required by law.*

***Budget:***

*Mrs. Crowley reported that the 2017-2018 budget process has begun and the proposed rollover budget will be presented to the Board in January. Mr. Devincenzi reported that a meeting was held on December 8, 2016, with the elementary principals to review preliminary class sizes. On December 16, 2016, building allocations of per pupil expenditures will be provided to all departments and building administrators. Currently the tax cap is trending around 1%, which is driven by the CPI. While this is an increase from last year when it was 0.12%, it will restrict our revenue. Reserves and Fund Balance will be used to offset the loss in revenue from the Tax Levy. In addition, the RFP for transportation will be opened on January 4, 2017, which will help determine 2017-2018 transportation costs.*

**Buildings & Grounds:**

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. A recommendation to approve the agreement with Tetra Tech for Phase II of the Capital Project is on the December 15<sup>th</sup> Board agenda. Since the project came in under budget, this will allow the District to do additional work. The next committee meeting will take place on January 18, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in District Office. Mr. Devincenzi indicated that most of the project work for Phase I has been completed, but there is still some clean-up work to be done in the Spring on the Baseball and Softball fields.

**CDEP:**

Mr. O'Mara reported that the CDEP Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting will take place on February 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., in the high school auditorium.

**Curriculum/TAG:**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting will take place on January 10, 2017, at 7:00 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. The next committee meeting will take place on January 12, 2017, at 3:45 p.m., in District Office. The building Health and Safety Teams continue to meet on a monthly basis to review safety procedures. All buildings have completed their required safety drills.

**Legislative:**

Mr. Petrocelli reported that he and Mr. White attended a meeting on December 5, 2016, at Ulster BOCES, which included a presentation by Rita Wood on Early Intervention and Special Education programs. Another item discussed at the meeting was the Legislative Action Committee's agenda on decoupling the tax cap from the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and make it a straight 2% cap. In addition, alternate pathways to graduation success for those students who are unable to take and/or pass the Regents Exams (i.e. Capstone Projects) was discussed.

**Policy:**

Mr. O'Mara reported that the Policy Committee met on December 6, 2016. Policy #6430 is on the December 15<sup>th</sup> Board agenda for deletion. The next committee meeting will take place on February 7, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in District Office.

**Technology:**

Mrs. Herrington reported that the Technology Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting will take place on January 23, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. in the high school library. Mr. Castle commented on the technology initiative that has been implemented in the District and is very pleased with how well the teachers and students have embraced the new technology.

**Wellness:**

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting will be held on January 10, 2017, at 3:45 p.m., in the high school library.

**Student Rep:**

Michael Cappuccilli reported the following:

- On December 15, 2016, the high school hosted a blood drive and students truly showed their selflessness by donating blood.
- A topic of interest amongst students is the upcoming rent a National Honor Society member for the day on December 21<sup>st</sup>; all proceeds generated by this fundraiser will go to future NHS events.
- On December 13, 2016 the District hosted the Section 9 Wrestling Duals Tournament; the District placed third in the tournament. In addition, the boys basketball team had their first home game utilizing the new advanced score board.
- On December 14, 2016, the music department showed off their outstanding talent by performing in the winter concert.
- Parent/teacher conferences took place on November 21 & 22, 2016, in order to review student progress for the 1st quarter.
- In December, college coaches from a variety of schools have been recruiting prospective college bound student-athletes.

- Out of 28 sophomores who interviewed and wrote essays, three students, Milana Pla, Samantha Rivera, and Julia Foti were chosen to attend the HOBY leadership program at SUNY Oneonta. This is a three day program that teaches students the importance of leadership. These students will then in turn share the values they learned with their fellow classmates.
- A brand new program has been initiated at the high school called Naviance. This is a web based program that allows students from grades 7 through 12 to prepare for life after high school.
- Instant admissions involving eleven (11) colleges took in approximately 175 applications with a 90% acceptance rate and over 1.3 million in scholarships.

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Petrocelli moved items 5A through 5J and 6A through 6E be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. Frisbie and carried 8 - 0.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Suzanne Martino** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, assigned to Plattekill Elementary School, effective November 18, 2016.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Katarzyna Scheerer** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, assigned to Senior High School, effective December 15, 2016, pending her appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Melanie Pray** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School, effective December 16, 2016, at a salary of \$10.57 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Katarzyna Scheerer** to a 90-Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, assigned to John G. Borden Middle School, effective December 16, 2016, at a salary of \$13,540.80 pro-rated [\$10.85 per hour, (6.5 hours per day) Step 4 of the CSEA Contract]. Ms. **Scheerer** replaces Dana Adkins, who resigned.

Approve Appointment – Instructional – Agenda #5.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Ruth Wetzel** to a Part-Time [0.4 FTE] Art Teacher position, assigned District-Wide, at a salary of \$24,582 pro-rated (2NMA + 33 credits), effective December 16, 2016.

Accept Resignation – Coaching – Agenda #5.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Brian Pupiales** from the position of Modified Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective November 11, 2016.

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #5.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointments for the 2016-2017 school year Winter season:

High School:

<b>Kristen McDonald</b>	Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	Unpaid
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Middle School:

<b>Brian Kinsley</b>	Modified Assistant Wrestling Coach	Unpaid
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Approve Appointment – Mentor – Agenda #5.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individual as a Mentor for the 2016-2017 school year:

<b>Rebekah Leonardi</b>	Mentor	\$1,500 [pro-rated]
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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 #6430 – Political Activities

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #5.H.

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.I.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #5.J.

The Board approve the placement of Special Education students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education in its November 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 **Pine Bush Volleyball Club (Formerly Hudson Valley Alliance Volleyball Club)** [for Volleyball practice] as indicated below:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays	December 20, 2016 – April 27, 2017	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Plattekill Elementary School Gymnasium by the **New York State Authority** [for a public information meeting on the bridge replacement project] as indicated below:

Monday	January 9, 2017*	6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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*\*Snow Date - Thursday, January 12, 2017*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Varsity Lacrosse Field by **Wallkill Youth Lacrosse** [for a Games and Practices] as indicated below:

Mondays, Wednesdays – Fridays	March 13, 2017 – June 16, 2017	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays	March 18, 2017 – June 10, 2017	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 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 November 30, 2016 and Revenues as of November 30, 2016.

Approve Appropriation – 2017 Senior Celebration – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve an appropriation of \$1,500 in support of the **2017 Senior Celebration**.

Approve Transportation Contractor – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve Leonard Bernstein, as a third party contractor for the review of the 2017-2018 Transportation RFP.

Approve Resolution – Science Lab Initiative – Agenda #6.E.

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

**WHEREAS** the Wallkill Central School District is situated within the 103<sup>rd</sup> assembly district of the State of New York;

**AND WHEREAS** the Wallkill Central School District has agreed to participate in the Science Lab Initiative, which aims to encourage scientific curiosity and creativity, build student interest in science, and promote science education in middle and high schools in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Assembly District through the creation of state-of-the-art science labs and accompanying programming;

**AND WHEREAS** the Science Lab Initiative will provide up to \$50,000 toward the creation of such a science lab, and funds can be used for the renovation of space appropriate for a science lab and/or the purchase of science-related equipment;

**AND WHEREAS** The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz will coordinate this effort and be the liaison to all school districts;

**AND WHEREAS** The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz is responsible for purchasing all equipment and supporting construction related to the Science Lab Initiative and thus SUNY New Paltz maintains ownership over said equipment;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District understands this arrangement and, with grateful appreciation, agrees to participate in the Science Lab Initiative.

6. Accept Donations – Agenda #6.G.

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$500 from Wallkill Youth Football, PO Box 277, Wallkill, NY 12589 to the elementary music department for the purpose of a music trip.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 8 - 0. [With Thanks]

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$1,000 from the New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc., 21 North Plank Road, Newburgh, NY 12550 to the elementary music department for the purpose of a music trip.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 8 - 0. [With Thanks]

7. Approve Agreement [Phase II - Capital Project] – Agenda #6.F.

Mr. Frisbie moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the AIA Document for Architectural/ Engineering Services between Tetra Tech Architects and Engineers and the Wallkill Central School District, for Phase II of the Capital Project that was approved on February 3, 2015.

Motion seconded by Mr. Missale and carried 8 - 0.

8. Public Comment – Agenda #7

The book for signing up to speak has been placed in the audience, and each participant will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. At 7:44 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

9. Executive Session – Agenda #8

At 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Anderson moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Motion seconded by Mr. Petrocelli and carried 8 - 0.

The Board reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

10. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

At 8:01 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Missale and carried 8 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran  
District Clerk