

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Plattekill Elementary School
Thursday, January 19, 2017
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
Mr. Michael Cappuccilli [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

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

3. Approve Minutes - [12/15/16 Regular Board Meeting]

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the December 15, 2016, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

4. Board Committee Reports

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 13th 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:

Mrs. Crowley reported that she met with Mr. Devincenzi to discuss the budget. Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Board was provided a copy of the roll-over budget (4.1% increase) and indicated that areas still need to be explored such as BOCES costs, teacher retirements, health insurance, Special Education inclusion class sizes, elementary class sizes and State Aid. The District anticipates utilizing fund balance and reserves to offset expenses in order to maintain current programming and staffing. Mr. Devincenzi also noted that the percent used to calculate the tax levy limit will be 1.26%.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on January 18, 2017. The committee reviewed the scope of work for Phase II as follows:

- A bathroom facility at the multi-purpose field
- An irrigation system on the baseball field
- A new path behind the bleachers at the multi-purpose field with stairs
- Bleacher renovations
- A new press box with a platform
- Door replacement at large venue spaces – for example gymnasiums and cafeterias

The District architect plans on submitting all items to SED for review around February 6th (bathroom plans will be submitted at a later date.) The recommendation to approve two (2) change orders (credits) is on the January 19th Agenda.

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 met on January 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Anderson, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Hasbrouck and Mr. Pantaleone presented on the revised K-8 Response to Intervention (RTI) plan. Mr. Rydell discussed the Technology, Science and Math grant proposal for a zSpace lab at the high school. Mrs. Herrington reviewed the High School Library Media Center redesign project and shared the district's New York State Education Department Report Card results with the committee. The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 7 p.m., in the high school library.

Health & Safety:

Mr. Missale reported that the Health & Safety Committee met on January 12, 2017. Building safety teams continue to meet on a monthly basis to discuss various topics. The committee discussed various drills, inclusive of lockdown drills, that have been performed through the first semester in each building and provided feedback utilizing the building safety teams, inclusive of law enforcement personnel. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 20, 2017, at 3:45 p.m. in District Office.

Legislative:

Mr. Petrocelli reported that a Legislative Action Committee meeting originally scheduled for January 12, 2017, was rescheduled to January 19, 2017. The Ulster County School Board Association has a meeting scheduled at Ulster BOCES on January 26, 2017, with our legislators; Mr. Castle reported that he will be meeting with Senator Bonacic at this meeting. In addition, Mr. Castle and Mr. Devincenzi have scheduled meetings with Senator Larkin on February 2nd and Assemblyman Cahill on February 9th in order to discuss delinking APPR from student performance and Foundation Aid. A meeting will also be scheduled with new Assemblyman Brian Miller.

Policy:

Mr. O'Mara reported that the Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting will take place on February 7, 2017, 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 will take place on January 23, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. in the high school library. Mrs. Herrington indicated that the committee will review the purchasing of equipment for grades K-3 and 7-8. Mr. Castle commended the teachers, administrators and Board for their support in implementing the technology initiative. Mr. LoCicero also commended the teachers and administrators.

Wellness:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Wellness Committee met on January 17, 2017. The committee reviewed the Wellness Calendar events to date in each building as well as how the goals in each building are progressing. Aramark reported increased nutrition awareness at all buildings and has been buying local products within the State and will continue to do this throughout the year. There has been an increase in activity for all students, especially at the elementary school. There has also been increased involvement in organizations at the high school level such as the SHAC/SADD club, which is up to twenty-five (25) members compared to five (5) from last year. The club is looking for outreach programs to help in the schools and has partnered with the Life Skills class at the high school. In addition, the Health Fair will be at the end of April. Mr. Castle indicated that the District will utilize a consultant to oversee the Food Service Bid process and mentioned the possibility of the consultant working with the Wellness Committee regarding their suggestions for adding more nutritional options.

Student Rep:

Michael Cappuccilli reported the following:

- Students are continuing to surpass the expectations given to them by the administration and have been earning PBIS tickets as a reward for their positive behavior.
- Students have been studying for State and local exams that will take place the week of January 23, 2017.
- The Class of 2017 has started ordering graduation caps and gowns.
- A new elective this year on Journalism is very popular.
- Auditions are taking place for the Coffee House Variety Show to be held on February 1, 2017.
- The wrestling team placed 23 out of 157 teams at the Eastern States Tournament and Michael Fekishazy placed second in his weight class for the whole tournament.
- The Athletes Helping Athletes program is continuing to help promote good sportsmanship at the younger levels as well as the dangers of drugs and alcohol for athletes. The program also models the importance of team commitment.
- Instant admissions is coming to an end with Seton Hall as the final college allowing students to be accepted on the spot.

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Spencer moved items 5A through 5G, 6A through 6E and 6G be taken as consent agenda.

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

Accept Resignation/Retirement – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Michael Wilson** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Night Custodial Worker, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School, effective January 11, 2017.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Trisha Richner** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Senior High School, effective January 20, 2017, at a salary of \$10.57 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day). Ms. Richner replaces Katarzyna Scheerer, who was reassigned.

Accept Resignation – Instructional – Agenda #5.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Jennifer Schiesser** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Special Education Department, effective January 20, 2017.

Approve Resolution – Asbestos (LEA) Designee: AHERA – Agenda #5.D.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District designate Michael O'Rourke as the District's Asbestos Designee effective January 20, 2017.

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #5.E.

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.F.

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 #5.G.

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 #6.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:

Thursday	February 9, 2017	4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Thursdays	February 16, 2017 – June 8, 2017*	2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

*[*Excluding 4/13/17]*

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

Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays	March 7, 2017 – April 26, 2017*	4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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*[*Excluding April 11 & 12, 2017]*

Wallkill Senior High School:

Thursdays	March 9, 2017 – June 15, 2017*	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	May 2, 2017 – June 13, 2017*	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

*[*Excluding March 23, 2017, April 13, 2017, May 9 & 11, 2017]*

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 28, 2017	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	April 29 & 30, 2017	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 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 December 31, 2016 and Revenues as of December 31, 2016.

Approve Foster Children 2015-2016 Tuition Rates – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 2015-2016 tuition rates for foster children attending the Wallkill Central School District as follows:

Handicapped K-6	\$24,048
Handicapped 7-12	\$24,199
Grades K-6	\$ 9,335
Grades 7-12	\$ 9,486

Approve Change Orders – Capital Improvement Project – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following Change Orders:

Transitional Builders:

GC-01 (\$4,943.32)

Landscape Unlimited, Inc.:

SC-10 (\$2,729.65)

Approve Disposal of Surplus Equipment – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following items [non-operational] to be excess and authorize its disposal in accordance with Policy #5250:

Quantity	Item Description	Serial/TAG # If Applicable	Reason for Surplus
1	Hobart Oven	003650	End of Life
1	Hobart Oven	000953	End of Life
1	Powers Milk Cooler	001613	End of Life
1	Warming Oven	000740	End of Life
1	Meat Slicer	N/A	End of Life

Approve Resolution – Natural Gas with Direct Energy Business – Agenda #6.G.

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 Natural Gas with **Direct Energy Business**, which was bid and awarded by Ulster County on December 6, 2016.

6. Approve Resolution – Award of Proposal for Student Transportation Services – Agenda #6.H.

Mr. Spencer moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Wallkill Central School (“District”) received proposals from qualified student transportation service companies in response to a Cooperative Request for Proposal (RFP), to provide the following transportation services to its students: Home-to-School, Field and Sports Trips, and Summer School, commencing on July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, all bid proposals were opened on January 4, 2017 pursuant to the RFP, and subsequently reviewed by District officials, and the Superintendent of Schools has recommended that a contract be awarded to East End Bus Lines, Inc. to provide the aforementioned student transportation services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby awards a contract to East End Bus Lines, Inc. to provide the following transportation services to its students: Home-to-School, Field and Sports Trips, and Summer School, as outlined in the RFP, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and/or Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute all documents in furtherance of this resolution, subject to attorney review.

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

7. Accept Donation – Agenda #6.I.

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the donation of \$500 to purchase science education resources and experiences for students at the John G. Borden Middle School, from the American Association of Chemistry Teachers, 1155 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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

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 7:43 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

9. Executive Session – Agenda #8

At 7:44 p.m. Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 9 - 0.

The Board reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

10. Approve Resolution – Side Letter of Agreement – Agenda #6.F.

Mr. O'Mara moved 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 Side Letter of Agreement between the District and CSEA, Inc., AFSCME Local 1000 for the Wallkill School Unit of Ulster County Local 856, regarding the Building Maintenance Leader position duties in accordance with the terms of an agreement on file with the District Clerk.

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

11. Add Item to Agenda – Accept Resignation – Non-Instructional

Mr. O'Mara, moved Accept Resignation – Non-Instructional be added to the agenda.

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

12. Accept Resignation – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5A

Mr. Missale moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of Louene Ruggiero from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, assigned to the Senior High School, effective January 15, 2017.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 9 - 0.

13. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

At 8:17 p.m. Mr. Palen moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk