

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School  
Thursday, March 16, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

*Presentation by East End Bus Lines, Inc.*

*Walk-Through Tour  
Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School @ 6:15 p.m.*

The following are the Superintendent's recommendations:

1. Public Comment - Agenda #1

At 7:04 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- *A Wallkill Youth Lacrosse Coach addressed the Board regarding their community youth program and asked that the Board consider creating a Modified Lacrosse Club at the middle school.*
- *A community member thanked the Board for their support of the Competitive Cheerleading team and asked that the Board consider adding additional coaches and/or volunteers to meet the needs of the growing team.*

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

At 7:11 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Joseph LoCicero in the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson  
Mrs. Crowley  
Mr. Frisbie  
Mr. LoCicero  
Mr. Missale  
Mr. O'Mara  
Mr. Palen  
Mr. Spencer  
Mr. Michael Cappuccilli [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. Petrocelli

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

3. Approve Minutes - [2/16/17 Regular Board Meeting]

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

4. Board Committee Reports

***Audit:***

*Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting will take place with the internal auditors on Monday, March 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at District Office to review the draft internal audit report.*

**Budget:**

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Board met on March 9, 2017 to review the working 2017-2018 budget. He indicated that the 2017-2018 budget currently reflects a 2.59% spending increase, along with an estimated 1.99% tax levy increase (within the tax levy limit). The District is currently waiting for final State Aid numbers and will meet again on April 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school library to review the 2017-2018 budget. A proposed budget will be presented at the April 19, 2017 Board meeting. PTO/PTA budget presentations are all scheduled for 7:00 p.m., and will be held on May 2, 2017 at Ostrander Elementary School, May 3, 2017, at Leptondale Elementary School and May 8, 2017 at Plattekill Elementary School. The Public Budget Hearing will be on May 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school library. The annual budget vote is May 16, 2017.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on March 13, 2017. The committee discussed the Spring/Summer work that the District is looking to complete including, but not limited to, re-sealing the high school parking lot, District-Wide painting, replacing old fencing at the high school, lettering on the front of the middle school and replacing a garage door at the middle school. In addition, the committee reviewed updates on completing work for Phase I and briefly discussed work for Phase II and submission of documents to SED. The committee performed a walk-through of Clare F. Ostrander building prior to the March 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**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 Wednesday, March 22, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the high school auditorium. The CDEP Committee is also scheduled to meet with the Board of Education on April 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the high school library.

**Curriculum/TAG:**

Mrs. Herrington reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee met on March 7, 2017, Mrs. Herrington gave updates on the proposed purchase of Social Studies digital materials for grades K-8 as well as grades K-8 technology. Libbie Werlau, TAG Program Coordinator, presented on the assessments for the TAG program. The final committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 25, 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 but the building safety teams continue to meet on a monthly basis. The next committee meeting will take place on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 3:45 p.m., in District Office.

**Legislative:**

No Committee report.

**Policy:**

Mr. O'Mara reported that the Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. There are two (2) policies on the March 16<sup>th</sup> agenda for second reading. The next committee meeting will take place on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in District Office.

**Technology:**

Mr. Spencer reported that the Technology Committee met on March 6, 2017. Mrs. Herrington presented information on the one-to-one devices for grades K-3 and 7-8 and provided an update on the SMART Boards. Mrs. Herrington and Tom Hein spoke about the one-to-one take home initiative at the high school and middle school and the financial plan that would be needed to implement and sustain the initiative. Margaret Pelosa, middle school social studies teacher and Tom Hein offered a demonstration of GoGuardian, which is being piloted in some classrooms. The final committee meeting will take place on Monday, April 24, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. in the high school library. Mr. Spencer acknowledged the turn-out by administrators, faculty and students who participated in the zSpace Mobile Lab Bus event at the High School on March 7, 2017. Mr. Castle talked more on the one-to-one take home initiative plan that the District is exploring and the benefits it would offer to middle school and high school students.

### **Wellness:**

Mr. Spencer reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The committee was scheduled to meet on March 15, 2017, but due to weather the meeting was canceled and will be rescheduled. The committee continues to work on updating the wellness policy to meet new requirements.

### **Student Rep:**

Michael Cappuccilli reported the following:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, which allowed parents to receive updates on their child's academic progress.
- This month, Modern Law students took place in a mock trial where they put their new skills to the test.
- On March 17-19, 2017, the Panther Players will perform "The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee".
- On March 22, 2017, a Substance Abuse Prevention Presentation by Ken Bartolo will be given to the high school student body at 1:30 p.m. and to the public at 6:30 p.m.
- On March 30, 2017, high school band students are taking a trip to Williamsburg, VA to compete in the Festivals of Music.
- The first week of spring sports was a major success; athletes gave positive feedback and are excited for the season.
- This month there have been four college signings for various sports with more to follow.

### 5. Consent Agenda

Mr. O'Mara moved items 5A through 5C, 5G through 5H, 5J through 5M, 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 **Correna Betcher** from the position of Part-Time [0.94 FTE] Library Clerk, assigned to the Leptondale Elementary School, effective March 16, 2017, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Janice Caparaso** from the position of Part-Time [0.75 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School, effective March 16, 2017, pending her appointment to the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Barbara Figurski** from a Full-Time Special Education Teaching Assistant position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, effective June 23, 2017.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Correna Betcher** to a 90-Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, effective March 17, 2017, at a salary of \$15,638.40 pro-rated, [7.5 hours per day, (\$10.86 per hour, Step 3 of the CSEA Contract)]. Ms. Betcher replaces Ivana Gray, who resigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Janice Caparaso** to a 90-Day Probationary Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide [Greeter] position, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School, effective March 17, 2017, at a salary of \$10.85 per hour, [5.8 hours per day (Step 4 of the CSEA Contract)]. Ms. Caparaso replaces Kelly Smith, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Andrew DeGroot** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [0.50 FTE] Custodial Worker position, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School, effective March 17, 2017, at a salary of \$13,816 pro-rated [4.0 hours daily, (Grade 11, Step 3, of the CSEA Contract)]. Mr. DeGroot replaces Daniel Taylor, who was reassigned.

Approve Appointment – Instructional – Agenda #5.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Kayleigh Buboltz** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position assigned to the Special Education Department for the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$103.00 per day, effective March 17, 2016.

Approve Appointments – Mentor – Agenda #5.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointments of the following individuals as Mentors for the 2016-2017 school year, at a stipend of \$1,500 pro-rated:

<b>Debra Becker</b>	Effective April 18, 2017
<b>Megan Dabroski</b>	Effective March 20, 2017
<b>Michael Strano</b>	Effective April 1, 2017

Approve 2016-2017 Biennial Review of Shared Decision Making – Agenda #5.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and adopt the 2016-2017 Biennial Review of Shared Decision Making CR100.11.

Approve Second Readings – Policy – Agenda #5.I.

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

1. Policy #1530 Quorum and Attendance of the Board of Education
2. Policy #7620 Child Abuse and Neglect/Maltreatment

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #5.K.

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.L.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #5.M.

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

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #6.A.

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

Mondays	March 6, 2017 – March 27, 2017	6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
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The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Gymnasium by **Wallkill High School JV/Varsity Cheerleading** [for a Zumba Fundraiser] as indicated below:

Friday	March 24, 2017	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the John G. Borden Middle fields by **Wallkill Area Youth Soccer** [for Practice and Games] as indicated below:

Mondays-Fridays	April 3, 2017 - June 16, 2017	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays		8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Gymnasium by **Mad Science** [for an After School Science Program] as indicated below:

Fridays	April 7, 21 & 28, 2017	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
	May 5, 2017	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the John G. Borden Middle School Fields and Gymnasiums (Rain Days Only) by the **Wallkill Varsity/JV Girls Soccer** [for a Soccer Clinic] as indicated below:

Monday - Friday	June 26, 2017 – June 30, 2017	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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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:

Tuesdays and Thursdays	July 10, 2017 – July 14, 2017	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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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 February 28, 2017 and Revenues as of February 28, 2017.

Approve Legal Fees [2017-2018 School Year] – Agenda # 6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the hourly rate for legal fees to be \$200 per hour [for attorneys] effective July 1, 2017 and to be \$90 per hour [for paralegal services] effective July 1, 2017. These fees reflect no increase from the 2016-2017 school year.

Approve Resolution – Cooperative Bidding – Agenda #6.D.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the purchases of products or services through a cooperative bid issued by National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), on the basis of best value as defined in State Finance Law §163 and General Municipal Law §103.

Award Bid – Field Maintenance (Grass Fields) – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the Field Maintenance Contract for the Wallkill Senior High School Soccer, Baseball, Lacrosse and Practice Football Fields for the Spring 2017 and 2017-2018 school year as indicated below to:

**Landscape Impressions**

PO Box 306  
Goshen, New York 10924

Total Cost: \$7,000.00

6. Nominate Ulster BOCES Board Representative – Agenda #5.I.

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and nominate **Donald Greene** to a three-year term representing the Wallkill Central School District on the Ulster County BOCES Board of Education.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 8 - 0.

7. Accept Donation – Agenda #6.F.

Mr. Frisbie moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$100 to be used towards construction of the Little Free Library at the Senior High School, from the Wallkill Lions Club, PO Box 456, Wallkill, NY 12589.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 8 - 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 7:35 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- *A community member addressed the Board regarding the BOCES program located at the Plattekill Elementary School.*

9. Executive Session – Agenda #8

At 7:36 p.m. Mr. Missale moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

10. Consent Agenda

Mr. O'Mara moved items 5D through 5F be taken as consent agenda.

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

Award Tenure – Administration – Agenda #5.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Scott Brown** in the area of Elementary Principal effective August 18, 2017.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Anthony White** in the area of Director of Pupil Personnel effective July 1, 2017.

Award Tenure – Instructional – Agenda #5.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Caroline Bell** in the area of Elementary Education effective September 1, 2017.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Daniela Salemo** in the area of Elementary Education effective September 1, 2017.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Irena Smith** in the area of Elementary Education effective September 1, 2017.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Ashley Zahurak** in the area of Mathematics effective September 1, 2017.

Award Tenure – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Angela Dorado** in the area of Teaching Assistant effective September 2, 2017.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Patricia Mistretta** in the area of Teaching Assistant effective September 2, 2017.

11. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

At 8:42 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran  
District Clerk