

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Leptondale Elementary School  
Wednesday, April 19, 2017  
7:00 p.m.



1. Commendations – Agenda #1

*The Board recognized various individuals for their outstanding achievements, including Administrators and Teachers who were awarded Tenure during the course of the 2016-2017 school year and the Wallkill Senior High School Top Ten Students, including Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2017.*

2. Public Comment – Agenda #2

At 7:11 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- *Three individuals addressed the Board regarding the new transportation contract.*

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

At 7:26 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Thomas Frisbie in the Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. LoCicero

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

4. Approve Minutes – [3/16/17 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #4

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

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

5. Board Committee Reports

***Audit:***

*Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee met on March 27, 2017, to review the Internal Risk Assessment Report; a copy was handed out to the Board. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 30, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in District Office with external auditors, Nugent and Haeussler to review the external audit scheduled for this summer.*

**Budget:**

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the recommendation to approve the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, District Budget Notice and Property Tax Report Card is on the April 19, 2017 agenda. The proposed tax levy increase is 1.99% (within the cap) and the overall budget increase is 2.47%. The proposed budget allows the District to maintain programs and extra-curricular activities. In addition, the proposed budget includes the addition of a Modified Boys Lacrosse Team, Girls Swim Team (will swim at a neutral site) and a Girls Lacrosse Club. 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, from noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Leptondale Elementary School, Plattekill Elementary School and Senior High School. Budget documents will be made available on the website.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on April 27, 2017, to discuss the progress of Phase I of the Capital Project and future Phase II improvements such as the press box, doors and padding in the gymnasiums. The recommendations to approve the amended agreement with Landscape Unlimited, Inc. and award the fence replacement contract are on the April 19, 2017 agenda. In addition, there was a building walk-through on April 19, 2017, at the Leptondale Elementary School. Mr. Castle reported that the Board will be sending a letter to legislators regarding the construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline.

**CDEP:**

Mr. O'Mara reported that the CDEP Committee met on March 22, 2017. Mrs. Herrington presented an update on the District's technology updates. Building teams reviewed their 2017-2018 SIT Plans in preparation for the April 5, 2017 meeting with the Board of Education. At the meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>, CDEP building teams presented their finalized 2017-2018 SIT Plans to the Board of Education. CDEP Committee meetings have concluded for the 2016-2017 school year, and will resume in the fall of 2017.

**Curriculum/TAG:**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum Committee has not met since the last Board of Education meeting. The final meeting will take place on 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. The next committee meeting will take place on April 20, 2017, at 3:45 p.m., in District Office.

**Legislative:**

Mr. Castle reported that the State Budget did not pass on time, but was passed during Spring Recess and provided the District an additional \$200,000 more than what the Governor projected in January. This has allowed the District to remain within the tax cap and maintain and enhance programs in the District. In addition, the average K-12 class size will remain at approximately 20 students, which will be beneficial to students as the District rolls out new technology into the classrooms.

**Policy:**

Mr. O'Mara reported that the Policy Committee met on April 6, 2017. The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2017, at 6:30 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 2016-2017 school year will take place on April 24, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. in the High School Library.

**Wellness:**

Mr. Spencer reported that the Wellness Committee met on March 30, 2017, with a representative who is helping to prepare the Food Service RFP. Feedback was provided to include more healthy choices into the menu. Starting in the 2017-2018 school year, chocolate milk will no longer be served for breakfast at the elementary schools. Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Food Service RFP bid specs are currently being reviewed by the State, a notice for the RFP will be in the paper on May 10, 2017, the bidder conference will take place on May 18, 2017, and the bid opening will be on June 7, 2017.

**Student Rep:**

Michael Cappuccilli reported the following:

- With fourth quarter beginning, students are preparing for their AP exams which will be taking place in the near future.
- The annual college fair is on April 27<sup>th</sup>. This year the high school guidance department has invited 70 colleges to attend and to answer questions by students who are looking to pursue the college path.
- The Health Fair is on April 26<sup>th</sup>, which helps to promote the importance of staying healthy. It includes a hands-on "Battle of the Belts" competition for students to participate in, which allows for a fun, but knowledgeable experience.
- Junior Prom is on April 28<sup>th</sup> and for the fourth year in a row will be held at Eisenhower Hall in West Point.
- On April 24<sup>th</sup>, a "Not One More" forum will take place in the high school auditorium and will include a panel of knowledgeable guest speakers who have first-hand experience in dealing with teen reckless driving.
- The Senior Class departs for their class trip to Florida on April 21<sup>st</sup> and returns April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The high school band and choir traveled to Virginia over Spring Recess and proudly represented Wallkill in a music competition by showing off their flawless skills by taking the titles "Best Orchestra" and "Best Overall Mixed Choir".
- A representative from the Ulster County Board of Elections will be visiting the high school to register students to vote who are 18 years of age and older.

6. Consent Agenda

Mr. O'Mara moved items 6A through 6J, and 7A through 7K be taken as consent agenda.

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

Accept Resignation – Non-Instructional – Agenda Item #6.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Connie Lloyd** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, assigned to Plattekill Elementary School, effective April 6, 2017.

Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional – Agenda Item #6.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Michelle Greco** to a 26-week Probationary Part-Time [0.75 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School, effective April 20, 2017, at a salary of \$10.57 per hour [Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 4.5 hours daily]. Ms. Greco replaces Janice Caparaso, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Michelle McMann** to a 26-week Probationary Part-Time [0.94 FTE] Library Clerk position, assigned to the Leptondale Elementary School, effective April 20, 2017, at a salary of \$10.86 per hour [Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.65 hours daily]. Ms. McMann replaces Correna Betcher, who was reassigned.

Accept Resignation – Instructional – Agenda Item #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Ruth Wetzel** from the Wallkill Central School District [Part-Time (0.4 FTE) Art Teacher], assigned District-Wide, effective April 19, 2017.

Approve Appointment – Coaching – Agenda Item #6.D.

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

**Joseph Pillitteri**

Assistant Modified Baseball Coach

Unpaid

Approve 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, District Budget Notice and Property Tax Report Card – Agenda Item #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed 2017-2018 budget in the amount of **\$73,687,493**, the District Budget Notice as required by law and the Property Tax Report Card for 2017-2018.

Approve 2017-2018 District Calendar – Agenda Item #6.F.

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

Approve Resolution - Appointment of Chairman and Inspectors of Election – 5/16/17 Vote – Agenda Item #6.G.

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017; 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:

**Gillian Batchasingh  
John Doyle**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2:

**John Gorden  
Dare Thompson**

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  
Carmela O'Donnell  
Linda Palkovic**

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 (*pending completion of Ulster County Board of Election training*).

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda Item #6.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the lists for individuals for teaching and non-teaching substitute positions.



Approve Polling Services Agreement – Agenda Item #7.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Polling Services Agreement between the Ulster County Board of Elections and the Wallkill Central School District for the use of polling equipment, material, staff and services for use in the May 16, 2017, Ulster County School District elections. A copy of this agreement shall be attached to the minutes and on file with the District Clerk.

Approve Resolution – Cooperative Bidding – Agenda Item #7.F.

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 2017-2018 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 Times Herald Record*, and the *Poughkeepsie Journal* in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Approve Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services Contract – Agenda Item # 7.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the terms and conditions agreement for **Yvonne Herrington**, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

Approve Resolution – Separation Agreement and Release – Agenda Item #7.H.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approve the Separation Agreement and Release, dated March 21, 2017, by and between the Wallkill Central School District and Employee #04192017.

Approve Memorandum of Agreement – Wallkill Teachers’ Association – Agenda Item #7I.

The Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and the Wallkill Teachers’ Association regarding a sixth period assignment, to be on file with the District Clerk.

Approve Amended Agreement – Capital Improvement Project Site Work Contract – Agenda Item #7.J.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the amendment to the contract between Landscape Unlimited, Inc. and the Wallkill Central School District, for the Capital Improvement Project Site Work that was previously approved on March 17, 2016; and further authorizes the President or Superintendent to sign the amended contract.

Award Bid – Fence Replacement – Agenda Item #7.K.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the Fence Replacement Contract for the Wallkill Senior High School as indicated below to:

**Ketcham Fencing, Inc.**

19 Borden Street  
Otisville, NY 10963

Total Cost: \$47,450.00

7. Accept Donation – Agenda Item #7.L.

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$2,400 from the Wallkill Alumni and Community Education Foundation Fund to be deposited in a Money Market Account at Key Bank for the purposes of creating the Wallkill Alumni and Community Education Foundation Scholarship Fund.

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

8. Public Comment – Agenda #8

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 7:48 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- *A member of the Orange Residents Against Pilgrim Pipeline addressed the board and thanked them for their support opposing the pipeline proposal across the NYS Thruway.*

9. Executive Session – Agenda #9

At 7:49 p.m. Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board enter Executive Session to review personnel.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

10. Close Meeting – Agenda #10

At 8:43 p.m. Mr. Missale moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran  
District Clerk