

Regular Meeting Board of Education
Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School
Thursday, October 15, 2015
7:00 p.m.

*Al Musico presented on NYLearns
Social Studies Curriculum Mapping*

*Mr. Marti Sassi and Mrs. Jennifer Capicchioni
[Nugent & Haeussler, P.C.] Presented the 2014-2015 Audit Report*

1. Public Comment - Agenda #1

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 7:21 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

Parents of a student at the Wallkill Senior High School addressed the Board regarding the Varsity football program.

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

At 7:29 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. McCullough
Mr. Steve Missale
Mr. O'Mara
Mr. Spencer

Members Absent

Mr. Petrocelli
Ms. Natalie Matikiewicz

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

3. Approve Minutes - [9/17/15 Regular Board Meeting and 10/5/15 Special Board Meeting]

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the September 17, 2015, Regular Board of Education Meeting and the October 5, 2015 Special Board of Education Meeting.

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

4. Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan Acceptance

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan as presented by Marti Sassi and Jennifer Capicchioni [Nugent & Haeussler, P.C.] for the 2014-2015 fiscal school year so as to satisfy New York State Requirements.

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

5. Board Committee Reports

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee met with the external auditors on September 22, 2015, to review the draft Audit Report, which was presented at the Board meeting on October 15, 2015. In addition, the Audit Committee met with the internal auditors to review the timeline for the internal audit and risk assessment. The internal auditors are scheduled to perform their annual audit starting on October 26, 2015. After completing the State required internal audit, they will meet with the Audit Committee and schedule the risk assessment that will be completed after the New Year.

Additionally, during the Audit presentation given by Marti Sassi, the District's external auditor, he shared that the District has put itself in a solid position financially due to multi-year budget forecasting, establishment of reserves and fund balance. Due to the aforementioned items, the District has been able to survive multiple years of State Aid reductions. Mr. Devincenzi added that based on current trends of the CPI, the 2016-2017 tax levy increase is trending to be at or near 0%. If the tax levy cap is at 0%, the District will use additional fund balance and reserves to help balance the budget.

Budget:

Mr. McCullough reported that the Tax Freeze Government Efficiency Plan that was submitted by the District has been approved by the New York State Division of the Budget and will be forwarded to the Department of Taxation and Finance. Mr. Devincenzi reported that all eligible property owners will receive a rebate this year and the amount they receive will be the total of the rebate amount they received last year in addition to the increase in their 2015-2016 school tax bill. Mr. Devincenzi also reported that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate came out today and is trending to be at or near a 0% increase.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next Committee meeting will be scheduled in November. Mr. Devincenzi reported that there are no new updates yet from State Ed Facilities Planning with regard to the approval of the Capital Project. Poster boards are up in each of the buildings outlining the facility upgrades, such as security and athletics. Updates will be posted on the website as they become available.

CDEP:

Mr. O'Mara reported that the CDEP Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The CDEP Committee will meet again on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum Committee met on October 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the High School Library/Media Center. Mrs. Hasbrouck shared elementary summer school data. Mr. Pantaleone shared middle and high school summer school data. Mr. Rydell and Amy Schablon, High School Spanish teacher, proposed that, McGraw-Hill's *Así Se Dice*, a textbook series with digital resources, be purchased in 2016-2017 for the high school Spanish classes. Mrs. Herrington discussed the distance learning Mandarin program at the high school and reviewed the new six-day schedule for AIS courses at the elementary school. Libbie Werlau presented on the district-wide SNAP enrollment, as well as the TAG/SNAP enrichment programs planned for 2015-2016.

Legislative:

Mr. Castle reported that Governor Cuomo has formed a Common Core Task Force comprised of fifteen (15) members. The Task Force will review and reform the Common Core State Standards, review New York State's curriculum guidance and resources, develop a process to ensure tests are aligned to the Standards, examine the reduction and duration of tests and review the quality of the tests. The report is due at the end of the calendar year. Mr. Castle also mentioned that a letter was received from the State requesting that teachers be involved in the process of designing the State Assessments. We will be submitting the names of teacher volunteers to represent the school district.

Policy:

Mr. O'Mara reported that the Policy Committee met on October 8, 2015, to continue to review existing policies from the Board Policy Manual. The next Policy Committee has not yet been scheduled. Mr. Castle reported Mr. Pantaleone will be establishing an Advisory Committee to review our Athletic and Parent Codes of Conduct, as well as, the expectations of our athletes. The committee will consist of coaches, parents, students and Board members. The goal of the committee is to bring any changes and/or updates to the Policy Committee in May for review and approval. In addition, Mr. Pantaleone will be presenting to the Board of Education in November a program that we will be recommending for approval titled, "Athletes Helping Athletes (AHA)." The goal of the program is to provide lessons based upon life skills, sportsmanship and substance abuse, which will be taught by our high school athletes to our younger students.

Technology:

Mr. McCullough reported that the first Technology Committee meeting will be held on October 20, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. in the High School Library/Media Center. On the agenda will be discussion of the Smart Bond and review of the parent and student surveys that were completed regarding the Technology Plan.

Wellness:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Wellness Committee met on October 7, 2015. The Wellness Committee discussed establishing a wellness calendar for the website, as well as the success of the food carts in the schools. The next committee meeting will be scheduled in November.

Student Rep:

Natalie Matikiewicz reported the following:

- Students have adjusted well to their schedules and followed the rules and expectations that were presented to them by Mr. Rydell and Mr. Pantaleone at the grade level meetings last month.
- S.G.A. did an amazing job coordinating the homecoming dance.
- In addition to homecoming week, pep rallies at John G. Borden Middle School and Ostrander Elementary were a great success as students responded positively and felt inspired to show their pride in the District.
- Meetings with guidance counselors are being wrapped up for seniors who plan on applying to college.
- Guidance counselors met with freshmen this month and welcomed them to the high school.
- N.H.S. met to discuss future community service activities and ambitions including the Panther-Cub Program and the Annual Faculty Tea.
- Spanish Honor Society met to discuss goals for the school year and enjoyed a little día de los muertos fiesta.
- Juniors took the PSAT on October 14, 2015, while the rest of the classes attended an assembly on bullying sponsored by the TeenTruth.net organization.
- Fall sports are coming to an end and sign-ups for Winter sports are taking place this week at the high school.
- Senior Night for the Varsity football and cheerleading programs will be on Friday, October 16th.

6. Consent Agenda

Mr. O'Mara moved items 6A through 6K, 7.A.1, 7B through 7D and 7F through 7J be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. McCullough and carried 8 – 0.

Accept Resignations – Non-Instructional – Agenda #6.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Laura Gilberto** from the position of Part-Time [0.75 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, assigned to Plattekill Elementary School, effective October 16, 2015.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Than Harrington** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Director of Facilities II, assigned District-Wide, effective October 7, 2015.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Eric McCartney** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, assigned to the Wallkill Senior High School, effective October 15, 2015.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Eric Meyer** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Building Maintenance Leader, assigned District-Wide, effective October 9, 2015.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Janine Mickle** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide/Clerk, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School, effective October 15, 2015, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Clerk.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Ursula Petricek** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Registered Nurse, assigned to the Wallkill Senior High School, effective October 16, 2015.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Janine Mickle** to a 90-Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Clerk position, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School, effective October 16, 2015, at a salary of \$25,344.00 pro-rated [\$17.60 per hour, (7.5 hours per day) Step 15 of the CSEA Contract]. Ms. Mickle replaces Barbara Gessner, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Katarzyna Scheerer** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Wallkill Senior High School, effective October 16, 2015, at a salary of \$10.41 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day). Ms. Scheerer replaces Eric McCartney, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Loren Vangelatos** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, assigned to the John G. Borden Middle School, effective October 16, 2015, at a salary of \$10.41 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day). Ms. Vangelatos replaces Melissa Matthews, who resigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Tammy Wood** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School, effective October 16, 2015, at a salary of \$10.41 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day). Ms. Wood replaces Dorothy Barnett, who resigned.

Accept Resignation – Instructional – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Francis Nicholas Mancuso** from the position Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position assigned to the John G. Borden Middle School, effective October 15, 2015.

Approve Substitute Leave Replacement – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Francis Nicholas Mancuso** to a Substitute Leave Replacement position at the Wallkill Senior High School at a salary of \$47,124 pro-rated (1NBA + 0 credits), effective October 16, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Mr. Mancuso replaces William Earl, who is on a leave of absence from the position of Physical Education Teacher, effective October 5, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Accept Resignation – Coaching – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Rory Boice** from the position of Varsity Football Coach, effective October 7, 2015.

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #6.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointments for the 2015-2016 school year Winter season:

High School:

Jeff Culty	Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$4,749
Thomas Palazzo	Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$3,561
Bryan Culty	Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach	Unpaid
Brian Masopust	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$5,598
Hunter Andrews	Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$3,839
Arthur Higby	Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$5,978
Sean Murphy	Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$3,939
Leo Sladewski	Varsity Indoor Track Coach	\$4,339
Dean Wood	Assistant Varsity Indoor Track Coach	\$3,071
Nick Mancuso	Varsity Nordic Ski Coach	\$4,189
Steve Dabroski	Assistant Varsity Nordic Ski Coach	Unpaid
Nicole Pluchino	Varsity Gymnastics Coach	\$4,039
Roberta Tejada	Varsity/JV Cheerleading Coach	\$2,076

Middle School:

Kristin Musch	Modified Girls Basketball Coach	\$2,587
Brian Mahan	Modified Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,547
Cathy King	Modified Cheerleading Coach	\$1,038
Dave Moore	Modified Wrestling Coach	\$3,107

Approve Resolution – Certification of LEAD Teacher Evaluator – Agenda #6.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following personnel as Lead Teacher Evaluator for the 2015-2016 school year after having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8NYCRR §30-2.9(b):

William Earl

Approve Resolution – Asbestos (LEA) Designee: AHERA – Agenda #6.H.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District designated Than Harrington as the District's Asbestos Designee pursuant to the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act ("AHERA") on or about July 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrington has resigned his position effective October 7, 2015;

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 October 16, 2015.

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #6.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 #6.J.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #6.K.

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

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #7.A.1

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Plattekill Elementary School Gymnasium by **Town of Plattekill Recreation** [for Skills and Drills Basketball, Indoor Soccer and Adult Volleyball] as indicated below:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays November 3, 2015 – March 4, 2016 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Accept Treasurer’s Report – Agenda #7.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education has reviewed and accepts the Treasurer's Reports as of September 30, 2015 and Revenues as of September 30, 2015.

Approve Resolution – Side Letter of Agreement – Agenda #7.C.

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, and employee **Steven Rossi** to serve as Head Custodian with District-wide duties in accordance with the terms of an agreement on file with the District Clerk.

Approve Resolution – Employment Contract – Agenda #7.D.

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 Employment Contract with **C. William Chesser** to serve as the District’s Temporary Director of Facilities in accordance with the terms of an agreement on file with the District Clerk.

Approve Resolution – Authorize Official to Perform Duties Regarding Tax Roll Corrections – Agenda #7.F.

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

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District (“Board”) wishes to delegate to an official the responsibility of performing the duties regarding the correction of errors on the tax roll as set forth in section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board delegates to Assistant Superintendent for Support Services the authority to examine applications for the correction of errors on the tax rolls, and approve or reject such applications for the

correction of errors on the tax rolls, which are levied upon by the Board, under Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law.

2. That this delegation of authority is applicable only where the recommended correction is no greater than Twenty-Five Hundred (\$2,500) Dollars.
3. That this delegation of authority shall be effective only for the calendar year in which the school tax rolls are being levied.

Approve Resolution – ABC Realty Tax Roll Correction – Agenda #7.G.

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

WHEREAS, ABC Realty, Ltd (“Owner”) owns taxable real property in the Town of Plattekill identified on the Town of Plattekill tax map as: SBL # 94.4-2-11; and

WHEREAS, the Owner submitted an Application for Corrected Tax Roll for 2015 (“Tax Roll Correction Application”) pursuant to RPTL §554 on or about September 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Director of Real Property Tax Service approved the Tax Roll Correction Application on or about September 24, 2015 and has recommended the correction of the tax roll and the issuance of a new tax bill for the reasons set forth in a letter bearing that date and the attached documentation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District (“District”), pursuant to its authority set forth in RPTL §554[5], hereby authorizes and confirms the following actions:

1. Determines that a clerical error exists by the Town Assessor for the reasons set forth in the letter dated September 24, 2015 from the Ulster County Director of Real Property Tax Service;
2. Approves the Tax Roll Correction Application;
3. Orders a correction of the 2015-16 Tax Roll of the Wallkill Central School District so that the tax levied on real property identified on the Town of Plattekill tax map as SBL # 94.4-2-11 be reduced from \$32,535.20 to \$28,772.20; and
4. Directs the District’s School Tax Collector to issue a corrected tax bill in the sum of \$28,772.20 to the Owner, together with a notice indicating that the Tax Roll Correction Application has been approved.

Approve Resolution – Blind-O-Corp Tax Roll Correction – Agenda #7.H.

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

WHEREAS, Blind-O-Corp (“Owner”) owns taxable real property in the Town of Plattekill identified on the Town of Plattekill tax map as: SBL # 94.4-5-21.1; and

WHEREAS, the Owner submitted an Application for Corrected Tax Roll for 2015 (“Tax Roll Correction Application”) pursuant to RPTL §554 on or about September 11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Director of Real Property Tax Service approved the Tax Roll Correction Application on or about September 14, 2015 and has recommended the correction of the tax roll and the issuance of a new tax bill for the reasons set forth in a letter bearing that date and the attached documentation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District (“District”), pursuant to its authority set forth in RPTL §554[5], hereby authorizes and confirms the following actions:

1. Determines that a clerical error by the Town Assessor exists by the Town Assessor for the reasons set forth in the letter dated September 14, 2015 from the Ulster County Director of Real Property Tax Service;
2. Approves the Tax Roll Correction Application;
3. Orders a correction of the 2015-16 Tax Roll of the Wallkill Central School District so that the tax levied on real property identified on the Town of Plattekill tax map as SBL # 94.4-5-21.1 be reduced from \$111,526.56 to \$105,758.64; and
4. Directs the District’s School Tax Collector to issue a corrected tax bill in the sum of \$105,758.64 to the Owner, together with a notice indicating that the Tax Roll Correction Application has been approved.

Approve Resolution – Dindial Tax Roll Correction – Agenda #7.I.

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

WHEREAS, Nankumar Dindial & Cynthia Glynn-Dindial (“Owner”) own taxable real property in the Town of Plattekill identified on the Town of Plattekill tax map as: SBL # 102.1-8-20; and

WHEREAS, the Owner submitted an Application for Corrected Tax Roll for 2015 (“Tax Roll Correction Application”) pursuant to RPTL §554 on or about September 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Director of Real Property Tax Service approved the Tax Roll Correction Application on or about September 28, 2015 and has recommended the correction of the tax roll and the issuance of a new tax bill for the reasons set forth in a letter bearing that date and the attached documentation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District (“District”), pursuant to its authority set forth in RPTL §554[5], hereby authorizes and confirms the following actions:

1. Determines that an error by the Town Assessor in essential fact exists for the reasons set forth in the letter dated September 28, 2015 from the Ulster County Director of Real Property Tax Service;
2. Approves the Tax Roll Correction Application;
3. Orders a correction of the 2015-16 Tax Roll of the Wallkill Central School District so that the tax levied on real property identified on the Town of Plattekill tax map as SBL # 102.1-8-20 be reduced from \$8,068.84 to \$4,360.15; and
4. Directs the District’s School Tax Collector to issue a corrected tax bill in the sum of \$4,360.15 to the Owner, together with a notice indicating that the Tax Roll Correction Application has been approved.

Approve Resolution – Kratochwil Tax Roll Correction – Agenda #7.J.

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

WHEREAS, David & Roberta Kratochwil (“Owner”) own taxable real property in the Town of Plattekill identified on the Town of Plattekill tax map as: SBL # 101.1-7-40; and

10. 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 7:54 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

11. Executive Session - Agenda #9

At 7:54 p.m. Mr. O'Mara moved the Board enter Executive Session to review litigation.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

12. Close Meeting - Agenda #10

At 8:41 p.m. Mr. O'Mara moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk