

Regular Meeting Board of Education
Leptondale Elementary School
Thursday, December 17, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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 7:00 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 Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson
Mrs. Crowley
Mr. Frisbie
Mr. LoCicero
Mr. McCullough
Mr. Steve Missale
Mr. O'Mara
Mr. Petrocelli
Mr. Spencer
Ms. Natalie Matikiewicz [Student Rep]

Members Absent

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

3. Approve Minutes - [11/19/15 Regular Board Meeting]

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the November 19, 2015, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

4. Board Committee Reports

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee met on December 2, 2015 with the internal auditors to review the draft audit report. The Board received a copy and there were no findings. The internal auditors will be back in February to perform a Risk Assessment. The internal audit is required by law.

Budget:

Mr. McCullough indicated that the tax cap is trending to be 0%, which is driven by the CPI. Mr. Devincenzi reported that the anticipated 0% will restrict revenue. Reserves and Fund Balance will be used to offset the loss in revenue from the Tax Levy. The Governor will provide State Aid runs in January. The proposed rollover budget will be presented to the Board in January to be followed by meetings in March and April. On December 18, 2015, building allocations of per pupil expenditures will be provided to all departments and building administrators. A meeting was held on December 10, 2015, with elementary principals to review class sizes.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. Bids are scheduled to be posted in January, which are to be approved in March in order to start the Capital Project work in April and May. Meetings have been taking place with vendors regarding the security cameras, the scoreboard and sound and lights for the High School auditorium. The updated project timeline is posted on the website for the installment and completion of the Capital Project. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet again on January 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at District Office.

CDEP:

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

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The Curriculum Committee will meet again on January 25, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library/Media Center.

Legislative:

Mr. Petrocelli reported that Fair Funding will be holding a forum called "Who's Driving the Bus" on January 5, 2016, at Monroe-Woodbury High School, at 7:00 p.m. regarding how money is allocated in the State. On December 8, 2015, Commissioner Elia visited Ulster BOCES to discuss the recommendations of the Common Core Taskforce. Mr. Castle reported that last week President Obama signed a law overhauling No Child Left Behind. The overhaul ends federal policies dictating accountability and improvement. The law will give states more control over education, particularly over standards and testing.

Policy:

Mr. O'Mara reported that the Policy Committee met on December 2, 2015. At the meeting the committee reviewed policies 5700 through 5761. The Athletic Advisory Committee and the Policy Committee are scheduled to meet on January 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the High School in order to continue the review of the Athletic Code of Conduct. The Policy Committee will meet again on February 9, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office.

Technology:

Mr. McCullough reported that the Technology Committee met on December 1, 2015. Tom Hein, District Technical Services Specialist, presented potential 1:1 student devices to the committee. The Committee discussed the rollout plan for the New York State Education Department Technology Investment Plan. Per the timeline created by the committee, the Smart Schools Investment Plan was posted on the District website on December 16, 2015. Public comment will be accepted until January 13, 2016. The plan will be presented to the Board of Education on January 21, 2016. The Technology Committee will meet again on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. at the Leptondale Elementary School in order to demonstrate a Smart Board.

Wellness:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The Wellness Committee will meet again on January 11, 2016, at 3:15 p.m. in the High School Library/Media Center.

Student Rep:

Natalie Matikiewicz reported the following:

- The 5 week marking period is December 18, 2015, and students, teachers, and the faculty are very excited about the upcoming winter break.
- S.G.A. has been very active with a coat drive, which goes until the end of January; anyone who would like to participate should drop coats off at any of the three (3) elementary schools or the high school. The S.G.A. also participated in a food drive and collected over 1,500 cans which produced 50 boxes of food that was equally distributed to the St. Charles Parish and to the Our Lady of Fatima Parish.
- SHAC/SADD held a blood drive on December 10, 2015.

- *N.H.S. met this month regarding the Panther-Cub mentoring program, where Secondary students mentor elementary students and the Panther-Cub back-pack program, which provides food for the underprivileged elementary students on the weekends.*
- *The Spanish Honor Society will visit Ostrander on Tuesday, December 22nd, to give the elementary students a Spanish lesson.*
- *The music department held its Winter Concert on December 16, 2015.*
- *Winter sports are in full swing.*
- *Mr. Rydell approved a senior section in the library that will only be accessible to seniors.*
- *Alumni Day at the High School is January 7, 2016.*

5. Consent Agenda

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

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

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Francine Eisloeffel** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide, assigned to the Leptondale Elementary School, effective January 3, 2016, pending her appointment to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Stephen Rossi** from the position of Full-Time Head Custodian [1.0 FTE], assigned to the Walkkill Senior High School, effective December 17, 2015, pending his appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Building Maintenance Leader.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Francine Eisloeffel** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, assigned to the John G. Borden Middle School, effective January 4, 2016, at a salary of \$10.41 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract) [5.8 hours daily]. Ms. Eisloeffel replaces Loren Vangelatos, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Stephen Rossi** to a 90 Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Building Maintenance Leader position, assigned District-Wide, effective December 18, 2015, at a salary of \$55,000 pro-rated. Mr. Rossi replaces Eric Meyer who resigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Taylor Wygant** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Special Education Department [District-Wide], for the 2015-2016 school year at a salary of \$10.41 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract) [6.5 hours daily], effective December 18, 2015.

Approve Child Rearing Leave – Agenda #5.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Child Rearing Leave as requested by **Sara Wadsworth** effective December 17, 2015 through June 24, 2016.

Accept Resignation – Instructional – Agenda #5.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Alyssa Crodelle** from the position Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School, effective October 17, 2015.

Approve Appointment – Instructional – Agenda #5.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Alyssa Crodelle** to a Substitute Elementary Ed Teacher position, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year, at a salary of \$52, 482 pro-rated (1NBA + 38 credits), effective December 18, 2015 through June 24, 2016, replacing Sara Wadsworth, who is on a Child Rearing Leave, effective December 17, 2015 through June 24, 2016.

Approve Appointment – Coaching – Agenda #5.E.

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

Brian Pupiales	Modified Assistant Wrestling Coach	Unpaid
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Accept Resignation – Co-Curricular – Agenda #5.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **William Earl** from the Co-Curricular position of Winter Intramural Volleyball Advisor, effective November 30, 2015.

Approve Appointments – Co-Curricular – Agenda #5.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointments of the following individuals to the High School Co-Curricular positions for the 2015-2016 school year.

T.D. Mills	Athletes Helping Athletes Advisor	\$ 937 [prorated]
Karen DeKoskie	Literary Magazine Advisor	\$1,289 [prorated]
T.D. Mills	Winter Weight Lifting Intramurals Advisor	\$1,249

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	January 5, 2016 – April 28, 2016	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 John G. Borden Middle School Gymnasium by **Wallkill Area Little League** [for Practice] as indicated below:

Saturdays	January 30, 2016 – March 19, 2016	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 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 Area Little League** [for Practice] as indicated below:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays	March 8, 2016 – March 16, 2016	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 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 November 30, 2015 and Revenues as of November 30, 2015.

Approve Appropriation – 2016 Senior Celebration – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve an appropriation of \$1,500 in support of the **2016 Senior Celebration**.

6. Approve Memorandum of Agreement – Wallkill Teachers' Association – Agenda #6.D.

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 Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District, and the Wallkill Teachers' Association, dated December 4, 2015, covering the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

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

7. 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 7:29 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

A community member addressed the Board and complimented the District's Music Program.

8. Close Meeting – Agenda #8

At 7:35 p.m. Mr. O'Mara moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk