

Regular Meeting Board of Education  
Plattekill Elementary School  
Thursday, January 21, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

*Public Hearing – Smart Schools Investment Plan  
Plattekill Elementary School @ 6:00 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.

A student addressed the Board regarding graduation not being held at the Senior High School.

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

At 7:05 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. 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, Brown, Dart, Earl, Hasbrouck, Pantaleone, Rydell and White.

3. Approve Minutes - [12/17/15 Regular Board Meeting]

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

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

4. Board Committee Reports

***Audit:***

*Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee met with the external auditors on January 14, 2016, to review the draft audit report from the Comptroller's Office as required by law. The next meeting will be scheduled in February to create a Corrective Action Plan. The internal auditors are scheduled to begin work on February 16, 2016, to do a risk assessment in an area identified by the audit committee.*

***Budget:***

*Mr. McCullough reported that the Tax Cap came out at .12% (does not include exemptions). The carryover budget was reviewed with the Board. Mr. Devincenzi reported that areas that still need to be explored are Special Education inclusion class sizes, Elementary class sizes, BOCES costs, teacher retirements, health insurance, State Aid, Property Tax Cap and utilities.*

On January 14, 2016, the District received the Governor's State Aid proposal. We are proposed to receive \$27.8 million in 2016-2017. The District anticipates the Tax Levy Limit to be less than 1% for the 2016-2017. The District will submit the Tax Levy Limit to the Office of the Comptroller by March 1, 2016. Mr. Castle indicated that due to the GAP Elimination and the frozen Foundation Aid formula, State Aid has been restricted. Thus, the District plans to fill any budget gap with additional reserves and fund balance in order to keep class sizes low, preserve programs as well as provide new learning opportunities for students, maintain staff and remain at the Tax Levy Limit.

#### **Buildings & Grounds:**

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on January 12, 2016, with the architects and engineers to discuss the Capital Project, specifically the sound and lighting in the auditoriums. The committee also met with a security vendor who demonstrated some of the systems to be used in the buildings. Mr. Devincenzi indicated that the Capital Project Bid was advertised in the paper and a walkthrough of the buildings will take place on January 28, 2016. The bid is anticipated to be awarded in March with projected construction to begin in April/May.

#### **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. At 7:15 p.m., the Mandarin teacher from Orange/Ulster BOCES will present a short lesson via the Cisco Distance Learning Board in Room 102. Mr. Castle indicated that Mr. Rydell will discuss a proposed initiative regarding different pathways (Humanities, STEM) to be made available to students at the high school beginning in 2016-2017.

#### **Legislative:**

Mr. Petrocelli indicated that a 2020 Vision meeting took place at 5:00 p.m. on January 21, 2016, at BOCES. Also, a Legislative Action Committee meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2016 at BOCES in order to prepare for Lobby Day in Albany on February 29, 2016. On January 11, 2016, Mr. Petrocelli and Mr. Castle attended the Ulster County School Boards Association Meeting. Mr. Petrocelli expressed his disappointment regarding the fact that our local Legislators were supposed to be present at the meeting, but sent their representatives instead. Mr. Castle indicated that along with Mr. Devincenzi, he will be meeting with Legislators in February to discuss our State Aid for 2016-2017 and other educational concerns, as well as share feedback received from other districts.

#### **Policy:**

Mr. O'Mara reported that the Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The Policy Committee will meet again on February 9, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office to continue reviewing District policies. The Policy Committee did meet with the Athletic Advisory Committee on January 7, 2016, to review the draft Athletic Handbook and will meet again on March 8, 2016, in the High School Library/Media Center. The revised Student-Athlete policy is anticipated to be presented at the May Board meeting for first reading and at the June Board meeting for second reading.

#### **Technology:**

Mr. McCullough reported that the Technology Committee met on January 14, 2016, at the Leptondale Library and viewed a demonstration of Schoology, a learning management system used for creating, managing and sharing academic content. Stephen Cabarcas, Elementary Library Media Integration Specialist, demonstrated the use of the new SMART Board in the Leptondale Elementary School Library. Mrs. Herrington updated the committee on the Smart Schools Investment Plan that was posted on the District website on December 16, 2015; public comment was accepted until January 13, 2016, with one comment; and a public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. on January 21, 2016. The Smart Schools Investment Plan is on the Board agenda for approval. The committee will meet again on March 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at the High School Library/Media Center.

### **Wellness:**

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Wellness Committee met on January 11, 2016, in the High School Library/Media Center. At the meeting a discussion took place about sending updated information to District Office regarding wellness events so a District-Wide calendar can be created and posted on the website. The breakfast program, which included a list of cereals sold and other breakfast options was also discussed with the committee. Amy Bishopp from ARAMARK, spoke about the options along with their nutritional value and how they fall within the Federal guidelines. The concept of a "Wellness Wednesday" was also discussed being held once a month where a menu would be developed in order to expose students to new healthy choices. Ms. Bishopp will be attending a vendor seminar in order to meet with vendors regarding different options for breakfast and lunch. The next committee meeting will be scheduled in April in anticipation of Wellness Month, which is in May. Mr. Castle thanked Mr. Devincenzi and Ms. Bishopp who attended faculty meetings in order to discuss the breakfast and lunch programs with our faculty.

### **Student Rep:**

Natalie Matikiewicz reported the following:

- Regents week is January 26, 2016 through January 29, 2016.
- Alumni day, which was held on January 7, 2016, was a great success. Alumni from the class of 2015 met with high school seniors regarding how to prepare for college.
- N.H.S. met on January 12, 2016 to discuss their annual fundraiser, "Rent a NHS Member Day," which will be held on February 10, 2016.
- S.G.A. finished a food drive that received over 1,000 cans, which went to Our Lady of Fatima and St. Charles' parishes; held a successful district-wide coat drive and opened up the school store, which sells general school supplies and a specialty item for each grade level class.
- Student Athletes Helping Athletes program advisor, Mr. T.D. Mills selected high school student athletes as team members to work with elementary students and teach them about sportsmanship as a Wallkill athlete.
- In sports, our undefeated Varsity Gymnastics team defeated Kingston's Gymnastics team this month, who was undefeated for twelve years; the Nordic Ski team went on their annual Lake Placid trip; the Cheerleading team attended their first cheer competition on January 16, 2016, in Monticello and are invited to Monroe-Woodbury's cheer competition on Saturday, February 6, 2016; the Wrestling team competed at Eastern States on January 15 & 16, 2016, and our basketball teams and Indoor Track team are also doing well this season.
- TAG students met with Mr. Rydell on January 8, 2016, to discuss the remodel of the Wallkill Senior High School library.
- Scholarships are now available for Seniors in the guidance office.

### 5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Tom Frisbie moved items 5A through 5I and 6A through 6C be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. O'Mara and carried 9 – 0.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Kevin Keesler** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Groundskeeper, effective January 21, 2016, pending his appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Head Custodian.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Wendy Rettig** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, effective December 31, 2015.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Brea Bartolone** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide position, assigned to Leptondale Elementary School, 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 January 22, 2016.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Kevin Keesler** to a 90-Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Head Custodian position, assigned to the Senior High School, effective January 22, 2016, at a salary of \$58,140 pro-rated (Step 20, Grade 17, of the CSEA Contract) [8.0 hours daily]. Mr. Keesler replaces Stephen Rossi, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Tara Swenson** to a temporary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervising Nurse Practitioner position, effective January 25, 2016 through January 31, 2016 and appointment to a provisional Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervising Nurse Practitioner position, assigned District-Wide, effective February 1, 2016, according to the Terms and Conditions for Supervising Nurse Practitioner (attached to the minutes and placed on file with the District Clerk) at a salary of \$60,000 pro-rated (for the period January 25, 2016 through June 30, 2016). Ms. Swenson replaces Charlene Riach, who has retired.

Accept Resignation/Retirement – Instructional – Agenda #5.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Loretta Verity** from the Wallkill Central School District [Elementary Education Teacher], assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, effective June 30, 2016.

Approve Appointment – Instructional – Agenda #5.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Alana Hueston** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position assigned to Plattekill Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$101.00 per day, effective January 22, 2016.

Accept Resignation – Co-Curricular – Agenda #5.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Charlene Riach** from the Co-Curricular position of SADD Advisor, effective January 31, 2016.

Approve Appointment – Co-Curricular – Agenda #5.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individual to the High School Co-Curricular position for the 2015-2016 school year.

<b>Marisol Williams</b>	Sophomore Advisor	\$1,329 [pro-rated]
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Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #5.G.

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.H.

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.I.

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 Driver Education Class] as indicated below:

Wednesday	February 3, 2016	4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Thursdays	February 11, 2016 – June 2, 2016*	2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

[\*Not including 3/24/16]

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, 2015 and Revenues as of December 31, 2015.

Approve Foster Children 2014-2015 Tuition Rates – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 2014-2015 tuition rates for foster children attending the Wallkill Central School District as follows:

Handicapped K-6	\$24,543
Handicapped 7-12	\$24,862
Grades K-6	\$ 9,091
Grades 7-12	\$ 9,410

6. Approve the Smart Schools Investment Plan – Agenda #6.D.

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Smart Schools Investment Plan, which will be submitted to the New York State Education Department for approval in order to receive the District's allocation of \$2,640,175.00 of the Smart Schools Bond.

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

7. Accept Donation – Agenda 6.E.

Mrs. Anderson moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$500 to purchase Elementary Music Supplies, from Raymour and Flanagan, 30 Gibbs Court, Middletown, NY 10940.

Motion seconded by Mr. McCullough 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 7:41 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

No Comment

9. Executive Session – Agenda #8

At 7:42 p.m. Mr. O'Mara moved the Board enter Executive Session to review personnel and litigation.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

10. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

At 8:18 p.m. Mr. Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran  
District Clerk