

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Leptondale Elementary School
Thursday, February 18, 2016
7:00 p.m.

*Mr. Rydell presented on the proposed
Academy Model to be offered at the Senior High School*

1. Commendations

The Board recognized Jeff Culty for receipt of a New York State Senate Certificate of Merit from State Senator Bonacic's office in recognition of his 400th career win in wrestling, Sean Butler for receipt of a proclamation from State Senator Bonaic's office for his selection as a member of the 2015 National Association for Music Education All-National Honor Choir and Ashley Contzius for being selected by the New York State Band Directors' Association (NYSBDA) as the Richard H. Snook Outstanding Director for 2016.

2. 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 7:23 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

3. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Agenda #2

At 7:24 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Joseph LoCicero in the Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

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

Mrs. Anderson

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

4. Approve Minutes – [1/21/16 Regular Board Meeting]

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016, 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 February 9, 2016, to review and approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Comptroller's Audit. The internal auditors have started work on a risk assessment in an area identified by the Audit Committee.

Budget:

Mr. McCullough reported that Mr. Devincenzi provided handouts on the estimated Tax Levy Limit Calculation and projected class sizes. Mr. Devincenzi reported that the District will submit the Tax Levy to the State by March 1st that reflects a .9% increase. It is the fifth year that the District has been within or below the Tax Limit. Special Board meetings have been scheduled for March 10, 2016 and April 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the High School Library. Some areas to be reviewed are instructional retirees, class sizes and the creation of a new ENL teacher due to new State mandates to provide additional service hours to ENL students. PTO/PTA budget presentation meetings are all scheduled for 7:00 p.m., and will be held on May 2, 2016, at Ostrander Elementary School, May 3, 2016, at Leptondale Elementary School and May 10, 2016, at Plattekill Elementary School. The Public Budget Hearing will be at 7:00 p.m., on May 5, 2016, in the High School Library.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. However, bids were received for the Capital Project and are currently being reviewed by the architects. A meeting will be scheduled to review the bids with Tetra Tech.

CDEP:

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

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Herrington reported that the Curriculum Committee met on January 25, 2016. Representatives from Orange/Ulster BOCES presented a Mandarin lesson via the Cisco Distance Learning Board in Room 102 at the High School. Following that presentation, Mr. Rydell outlined the Academy Model that the High School is proposing for the 2016-2017 school year. The next meeting of the Curriculum Committee will take place on February 22, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the High School Library.

Legislative:

Mr. Petrocelli reported that the Ulster County Legislative Action Committee met to create one common legislative goal that will be presented to our Legislators. Mr. Castle summarized that the goal of the Ulster County Legislative Action Committee is to have the State provide enough money so that school districts can maintain their current programs. Mr. Castle also indicated that due to the GAP Elimination and the frozen Foundation Aid formula, State Aid has been restricted. Mr. Castle has met with Senator Larkin and Assemblyman Cahill and will be meeting with Senator Bonacic and Assemblywoman Tenney in Albany regarding the proposed elimination of the GEA, Foundation Aid formula and the APPR.

Policy:

Mr. O'Mara reported that the Policy Committee met on February 9, 2016. Six (6) policies were reviewed and are on the February 18, 2016 Board Agenda for first reading. The Policy Committee will review the draft Athletic Handbook with the Athletic Advisory Committee on March 8, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the High School Library.

Technology:

Mr. McCullough reported that the Technology Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting of the Technology Committee will take place on March 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the High School Library. Mrs. Herrington reported that the Smart Bond Investment Plan was resubmitted to the State twice after minor adjustments were made and is currently being reviewed.

Wellness:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The Wellness Committee plans to meet in April to discuss Wellness Month, which is in May.

Student Rep:

Natalie Matikiewicz reported the following:

- The 3rd quarter started off very smoothly as students have successfully completed their midterms and other testing throughout the final week of the 2nd quarter.
- The AP classes are beginning to review for the AP tests, which will be held in early May.
- Arena scheduling happened this week which allowed our students to create their schedules for next year.
- NHS had its annual fundraiser, "Rent an NHS Member Day," on February 10, 2016. This fundraiser was successful as it raised a large sum of money for the community-supporting organization. NHS also had a bake sale this month.
- The SGA's school store is a success as students are purchasing items during their lunch periods. SGA held a senior class meeting to discuss Senior Ball and other upcoming Senior activities.
- The Student Athletic Leadership Team (SALT) met February 17, 2016, to discuss the general guidelines of the program and the organization's first orientation/training is February 22, 2016.
- SHAC/SHADD is currently working on the upcoming health fair.
- Seniors are beginning to select their colleges and are filling out scholarships offered within the guidance department. Of mention is Varsity Girls Basketball team captain, Jenna Lee, who signed with Buffalo State to play college ball.
- In Sports - the Gymnastics Team is the MHAL and Section IX Champions (since 1994) and 4 out of 6 of the girls will be competing for States. Nordic Girls and Boys Teams are Section IX Champions and Joey Riley Scott won the individual Boys Champ. Garrett Betcher and Michael Fekishazy both recently accomplished 100 wins and are Section IX Champions for wrestling. While Winter sports are coming to an end, Spring sports sign-ups are taking place.

6. Consent Agenda

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

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

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Jane Duryea** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Computer Teacher Aide, assigned to the Leptondale Elementary School, effective June 30, 2016.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Megan Migliore** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, assigned to Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, effective February 18, 2016, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Michael Provenzano** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Heating & Ventilating Building Maintenance Specialist, assigned District-Wide, effective February 9, 2016.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Steve Bayer** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Groundskeeper position, assigned District-Wide, effective February 29, 2016, at a salary of \$28,299 pro-rated (Step 3, Grade 12, of the CSEA Contract) [8.0 hours daily]. Mr. Bayer replaces Kevin Kessler, who has been reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Megan Migliore** to a 90 Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, effective February 19, 2016, at a salary of \$13,341.12 pro-rated [\$10.69 per hour, (6.5 hours per day) Step 4 of the CSEA Contract]. Ms. Migliore replaces Wendy Rettig, who resigned.

Accept Resignations/Retirements – Instructional – Agenda #6.C.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Sandra Gottesman** from the Wallkill Central School District [Special Education Teacher], assigned to the Wallkill Senior High School, effective June 30, 2016.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Alexander Musico** from the Wallkill Central School District [Social Studies Teacher], assigned to the Wallkill Senior High School, effective June 30, 2016, with full retirement incentive benefits.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Kelly Wright** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position assigned to the Senior High School, effective February 11, 2016.

Approve Appointment – Instructional – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Ruby Sabillón**, certified in English to Speakers of Other Languages, to a 4-Year Probationary period in the English as a Second Language tenure area. The probationary period shall commence on February 19, 2016 and shall be subject to the provisions of the New York Education Law and the Commissioner’s Regulations. Ms. Sabillón’s salary will be \$52,279 (1NMA + 6 credits) pro-rated, effective February 19, 2016, replacing Rebecca Punsoni, who has retired.

Approve Appointment – Co-Curricular – Agenda #6.E.

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.

Amanda Winters	SADD Advisor	\$900	[pro-rated]
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Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #6.F.

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

High School:

T.D. Mills	Varsity Baseball Coach	\$4,339
Mike Strano	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	\$3,471
B.J. Masopust	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Unpaid
Stephanie Cartica	Varsity Softball Coach	\$4,089
Sean Murphy	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	\$3,071
Amanda Murphy	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	Unpaid
Eric McLaud	Varsity Boys Track & Field Coach	\$4,339
Natasha Kennedy	Varsity Girls Track & Field Coach	\$4,239
Jennifer Gravelle	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	\$3,621
Francis N. Mancuso	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	\$3,071
Jeff Hansen	Varsity Lacrosse Coach	\$3,789
Jordan Hansen	Assistant Varsity Lacrosse Coach	\$3,071
Russel Alger	Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	\$3,021

Middle School:

John Shanley	Modified Softball Coach	\$2,036
Ryan Atkins	Modified Baseball Coach	\$1,996
Sue McGowan	Modified Girls Track & Field Coach	\$2,476
Leo Sladewski	Modified Boys Track & Field Coach	\$2,596

Approve First Readings – Policy – Agenda #6.G.

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

1. Policy #5620 Operation and Maintenance of Facilities
2. Policy #5622 Handling of Toxic Substance by Employees
3. Policy #5700 Transportation Program
4. Policy #7441 Law Enforcement Officials
5. Policy #7442 Interrogations
6. Policy #7521 Selection/Classification Process

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

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #6.J.

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

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #7.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Varsity Lacrosse Field by **Wallkill Youth Lacrosse** [for Games and Practices] as indicated below:

Mondays – Fridays	March 1, 2016 – June 24, 2016	5:30 p.m. to Dusk
Saturdays and Sundays	March 5, 2016 – June 19, 2016	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School and Wallkill Senior High School Gymnasiums by the **Wallkill Panthers AAU** [for Basketball Practice] as indicated below:

Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School:

Mondays and Thursdays	March 3, 2016 & April 4, 2016 – June 2, 2016*	4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
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*[*Excluding April 14, 2016 and May 2, 19, & 30, 2016]*

Wallkill Senior High School:

Mondays	March 7, 2016 – June 20, 2016*	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesdays and Thursdays	May 4, 2016 – June 23, 2016	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

*[*Excluding March 21 & 28, 2016]*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Plattekill Elementary School Gymnasium by the **Special Olympics New York-Hudson Valley Region** [for Practice] as indicated below:

Mondays and Wednesdays	March 9, 14, 16, 30, 2016	6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
April 4, 2016 – April 20, 2016		6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Wallkill Senior High School Track by the **Special Olympics New York-Hudson Valley Region** [for Practice] as indicated below:

Mondays and Wednesdays	April 11, 2016 - April 20, 2016	6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
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The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Wallkill Senior High School, John G. Borden Middle School, and Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Gymnasiums by the **Wallkill Panthers AAU** [for Basketball Tournaments] as indicated below:

Friday	April 29, 2016	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 30, 2016	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	May 1, 2016	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 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 January 31, 2016 and Revenues as of January 31, 2016.

7. Approve Resolution – Academy Model at the Wallkill Senior High School – Agenda #7.C.

Mr. McCullough moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, students entering the High School as a freshman in the 2016-2017 school year will be assigned to either the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) or Humanities Pathway.

WHEREAS, the pathways will provide students learning opportunities with coursework that is required by the State Education Department, along with electives that relate to the specific pathway.

WHEREAS, students’ course of study will include a Freshman Experience class in their Freshman year and a Capstone Course in their Senior year.

WHEREAS, the electives being offered will provide authentic learning experiences through interest based instruction.

WHEREAS, the learning opportunities that will be available to students in each of the pathways will prepare students for post-secondary endeavors, to be life-long learners, engage students in areas of interest and cultivate the skills necessary to be college and career ready.

WHEREAS, students who successfully complete the Pathway sequence will be recognized at the Commencement Ceremony and will receive a designation on their diploma.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Academy Model at the Wallkill Senior High School commencing with the 2016 Cohort.

Motion seconded by Mr. O’Mara and carried 8 - 0.

8. Accept Donation – Agenda 7.D.

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of a HP Deskjet D2330 printer (at a value of \$20), for use within the Leptondale Elementary School Reading Lab, from Dennis O'Mara, PO Box 315, Wallkill, New York 12589.

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

9. 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.

10. Executive Session – Agenda #9

At 7:55 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 8:33 p.m.

11. Close Meeting – Agenda #10

At 8:34 p.m. Mr. O'Mara moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk