

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Leptondale Elementary School
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Walk-Through Tour
Leptondale Elementary School @ 6:15 p.m.

1. Commendations

The Board recognized an Administrator and Teachers who were awarded Tenure during at the March 17, 2016 Board of Education Meeting; the Boys and Girls Nordic Ski Teams for winning the 2015-2016 Winter Section 9 Championship and Joe Riley-Scotto for winning the Section 9 Boys Individual Nordic Ski Championship; and the Wallkill Senior High School Top Ten Students, including Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 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 7:17 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

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

At 7:18 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. Missale
Mr. O'Mara
Mr. Petroccelli
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, Hasbrouck, Pantaleone, Rydell and White.

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

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the March 17, 2016, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

5. Board Committee Reports

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee met with the Internal Auditors on April 14, 2016, to review the Draft Risk Assessment Report; the Board was provided the final copy of the report. The Audit Committee will next meet on May 31, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in District Office with external auditors, Nugent and Haeussler to review the external audit scheduled for July.

Budget:

Mr. McCullough reported that the recommendation to approve the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget, District Budget Notice and Property Tax Report Card is on the April 20, 2016 agenda. Mr. Devincenzi reported that the proposed tax levy increase is 0% (\$350,000 below the tax cap) and the overall budget increase is 1.48%. The proposed budget is separated into three components - Administrative, Program and Capital. The District was able to establish a proposed budget below the tax cap, while at the

same time keeping class sizes low and maintaining and enhancing programs due to an estimated increase in State Aid, use of fund balance and reserves, consolidated bus runs, decrease in the TRS contribution rate, elimination of the GAP Elimination Adjustment. The proposed budget will include the addition of an Integrated Technology Specialist through BOCES, a new Full-Time Instructional Library Assistant, creation of the Academy Model at the High School while using existing staff, a new Full-Time Social Worker to provide interventions for our students, a new Full-Time English as a New Language (ENL) teacher as required by State regulations, Guidance software at the high school and middle school (curriculum to help students and parents select careers and colleges) and converting from "Spirit Cheer" to "Competitive Cheer" in the Winter Season so that student-athletes can participate in competitions and Sectionals. The 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. The budget vote is on May 17, 2016, from noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Leptondale Elementary School, Plattekill Elementary School and Senior High School.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. There was a building walk-through on April 20, 2016, at the Leptondale Elementary School. Construction work for the Capital Project is scheduled to begin on the main exhibition field on May 2, 2016, with work continuing throughout the Spring and Summer. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in District Office.

CDEP:

Mr. O'Mara reported that the CDEP Committee met on March 31, 2016 with the Board of Education. Building teams presented their School Improvement Team (SIT) plans for the 2016-2017 school year. The final meeting of the CDEP Committee for the 2015-2016 school year will take place on April 27, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Herrington reported that the Curriculum Committee met on April 5, 2016. Libbie Werlau reviewed the SNAP/TAG programs that have concluded at the elementary school and discussed the remaining programs at the middle and high school. Maggie Anderson and Debra Rosenfeld provided an overview of the library redesign project at the John G. Borden Middle School. At the meeting, Mrs. Herrington discussed the proposed changes to the New York State Learning Standards for the Arts, Science and Social Studies. This was the final Curriculum Committee meeting of the 2015-2016 school year. June 6, 2016, has been set aside as an additional meeting date in the event there are updates from the New York State Education Department that need to be reviewed.

Legislative:

Mr. Petrocelli reported that the Times Herald Record had an article on the STAR program, which Mr. Castle reviewed the changes for the STAR rebate program for new homeowners.

Policy:

Mr. O'Mara reported that the Policy Committee met on April 13, 2016. Four (4) policies are on the April 20, 2016 agenda for first reading and policy #6141 for deletion since policy #6142 contained the same language. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Technology:

Mr. McCullough reported that the Technology Committee did not meet since the last Board meeting. The final meeting of the Technology Committee for the 2015-2016 school year will take place on May 9, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Mrs. Herrington reported that she contacted the State with regards to the status of the District's Smart Bond application and was told that it is in level 2 of the review process.

Wellness:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Wellness Committee met on April 7, 2016 to discuss several topics including the Wellness Calendar, which is now posted on the website. On May 24, 2016, 6th Grade Olympics will be held at SUNY New Paltz. A blood drive is scheduled at the high school on June 2, 2016. May is Wellness month as well as Mental Health month; the high school will be hosting a health fair with approximately 35 vendors and the traditional "Battle of the Belts" event. A community forum on substance abuse prevention will be held on April 28, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at Ulster BOCES sponsored by the Ulster County Interagency Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention. Aramark plans on providing more locally sponsored produce on the 2016-2017 menu. The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2016, in the High School library.

Student Rep:

Natalie Matikiewicz reported the following:

- Both students and teachers are reviewing for final exams, Regents, and AP tests.
- Junior Prom will be held Friday, April 29th at West Point.
- NHS met this month to discuss the upcoming induction ceremony on Thursday, May 4th and their Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Applebee's on May 21st.
- There was a prescription drug assembly for the entire school on April 7th, which was presented by two CVS pharmacists describing the dangers of prescription drug use.
- The Spanish 5 classes, along with the Spanish Honors Society officers went to a Spanish play they had studied in class.
- On April 7th Expanded Horizons went to the New Canaan High School Media Center in New Canaan, CT and the Tappan Zee High School Library Media Center in Orangeburg, NY to get a few ideas for the redesign project of the High School Media Center.
- The Music Department went on its annual field trip to Washington D. C. this past weekend.
- The District hosted a group of Australian students on April 19th who attended classes with our students, rehearsed with our high school chorus and then performed at the middle school.
- The Annual College Fair will be taking place soon with over 70 colleges attending. There is a lot of interest in this event since Seniors have already finished local scholarship applications and will now need to make their final college decisions.

6. Consent Agenda

Mr. Petrocelli moved items 6A through 6C, 6E through 6K, and 7A through 7F be taken as consent agenda.

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

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Francine Eisloeffel** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, assigned to John G. Borden Middle School, effective April 20, 2016, pending her appointment to the position of Part-Time [0.94 FTE] Library Clerk.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Tara Swenson** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervising Nurse Practitioner, assigned District-Wide, effective May 13, 2016.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Provisional appointment of **Lemuel Atkins** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Heating and Ventilating Building Maintenance Specialist position, assigned District-Wide, effective April 25, 2016, at a salary of \$42,000 pro-rated [8.0 hours daily]. Mr. Atkins replaces Michael Provenzano, who resigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Francine Eisloeffel** to a 90-Day Probationary Part-Time [0.94 FTE] Library Clerk position, assigned to the Leptondale Elementary School, effective April 21, 2016, at a salary of \$10.70 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract) [5.65 hours daily]. Ms. Eisloeffel replaces Barbara Gessner, who resigned.

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda Item # 6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointments for the High School Seasons:

Spring 2015-2016:

Machele Clark	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	Unpaid
Matt LaSpada	Assistant Varsity Lacrosse Coach	Unpaid

Fall 2016-2017:

Nicole Rivera	Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach	\$3,099
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Approve 2016-2017 District Calendar – Agenda Item #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed District Calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

Approve Resolution – Appointment of Chairman and Inspectors of Election – 5/17/16 Vote – Agenda Item #6.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, Orange and Ulster Counties, New York, has called the annual meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the 17th day of May, 2016; 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:

<u>ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1:</u> Ingrid Malloy Al Meyer	<u>ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2:</u> John Doyle Gillian Batchasingh	<u>ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 3:</u> Tammy Henry Sue Norsby-Ovenshire
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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:

<u>ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1:</u> Eileen Feldt Gwen Feldt Kay Hansen Sherry Palen	<u>ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2:</u> Paula Cook Carol Graham June Hecht	<u>ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 3:</u> Jamie Hoyt Carmela O'Donnell Linda Palkovic
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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.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda Item #6.G.

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

Approve First Readings – Policy – Agenda Item #6.H.

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

1. Policy #6131 Drug-Free Workplace
2. Policy #6190 Sexual Harassment: Employees – Workplace
3. Policy #6142 Instruction and Employment of Individuals with AIDS or who Test Positive to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus
4. Policy #7450 Use of Video Cameras on School Buses

Approve Deletion to the Policy Book – Agenda Item # 6.I.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the deletion of the following policy:

1. Policy #6141 Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and/or Positive Blood Tests to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

Approve Pre-School Special Education Placements – Agenda Item # 6.I.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda Item #6.K.

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

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

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 Schools Gymnasiums (rain nights only) by **Most Precious Blood Summer Basketball League** [for Basketball] as indicated below:

Wallkill Senior High School:

Mondays – Fridays June 20, 2016 – July 1, 2016* 5:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

[*Excluding June 23 & 24, 2016]

John G. Borden Middle School and Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School:

Mondays – Fridays June 20, 2016 – July 29, 2016 5:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.
Saturday July 30, 2016 4:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the John G. Borden Middle School Fields and John G. Borden Middle School and Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Gymnasiums (Rain Days Only) by the **Wallkill Varsity/JV Soccer** [for a Soccer Clinic] as indicated below:

Monday – Friday June 27, 2016 – July 1, 2016 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Accept Treasurer's Report – Agenda Item #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 March 31, 2016 and Revenues as of March 31, 2016.

Approve Employment Contract – School District Computer Technician – Agenda Item # 7.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the employment contract of Mr. Thomas Hein, School District Computer Technician, effective July 1, 2016, to be on file with the District Clerk.

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

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 2016-2017 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.

Elect Ulster BOCES Board Members – Agenda Item #7.E.

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

RESOLVED, that the New Paltz [three year term] board seat be filled by nominee, **Barbara Carroll**.

RESOLVED, that the Rondout Valley [three year term] board seat be filled by nominee, **Gail Hutchins**.

RESOLVED, that the "At – Large" [three year term] board seat be filled by nominee, **Patrick Rausch** [New Paltz].

Approve Ulster BOCES 2016-2017 Administrative Proposed Budget – Agenda Item #7.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed 2016-2017 Ulster County Board of Cooperative Administrative Budget in the amount of **\$3,919,870**.

7. Approve 2016-2017 Proposed Budget, District Budget Notice and Property Tax Report Card – Agenda Item #6.D.
Mr. McCullough moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed 2016-2017 budget in the amount of **\$71,912,252** the District Budget Notice as required by law and the Property Tax Report Card for 2016-2017.

Motion seconded by Mr. Spencer and carried 8 – 0. [Mr. LoCicero complimented the administrative team for their efforts in developing a fiscally responsible spending plan.]

8. Accept Donations – Agenda Item #7.G.

Mr. O'Mara moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of books (at an approximate value of \$258) for use within the Wallkill Central School District, from Ms. Lauren Marcus, Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Shawangunk Correctional Facility, PO Box 750, Wallkill, New York 12589.

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

Mr. Frisbie moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$100 for the Leptondale Engineers of Tomorrow (L.E.T.), from Leif Spencer, 3 Knolls Road, Wallkill, NY 12589

Motion seconded by Mr. O'Mara 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 7:45 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

10. Executive Session – Agenda #9

At 7:46 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved the Board enter Executive Session to review personnel and litigation.

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

The Board reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

11. Close Meeting – Agenda #10

At 8: 44 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk