

*Officers from the Orange County Sheriff's Department  
presented on the SPO Program at the  
Leptondale Elementary School*

1. Commendations – Agenda #1

- The Board recognized Isabelle Ferranti for her achievement in receiving the 2018 Young Champions Award from the 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing stationed at Stewart Air Force Base on Sunday, December 2, 2018.
- The Board recognized the Boys Junior Varsity Soccer Team for their planning and execution of an experience for a student on the opposing Saugerties team by assisting him to compete and score his first goal in a scholastic soccer game.

2. Public Comment – Agenda #2

At 7:16 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- Representatives from the Wallkill Fire District addressed the Board of Education regarding the Fire District's proposal of a new fire station in their Fire District.

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

At 7:46 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Thomas Frisbie in the Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson  
Mrs. Crowley  
Mr. Frisbie  
Mr. McCullough  
Mr. Missale  
Mr. Palen  
Mr. Petrocelli  
Ms. Kaitlyn Bordone [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. LoCicero  
Mr. Spencer

Also present were Superintendent Castle, Assistant Superintendents Devincenzi and Herrington and Administrators Albanese, Anderson, Becker, Brown, Harjes, Hasbrouck, Masopust, Salamone and White.

4. Amend/Approve Minutes – [9/20/18 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #4

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and amend and approve the minutes of September 20, 2018, (Agenda #8.B.) Regular Board Meeting so as to read:

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*Mondays November 12, 2018 – March 11, 2019\* 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

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Motion seconded by Mr. McCullough and carried 7 – 0.

5. **Approve Minutes – [11/19/18 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #5**

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Petrocelli and carried 7 – 0.

6. **Board Committee Reports – Agenda #6**

**Audit:**

*Mrs. Crowley reported that the committee has not met since the last meeting. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. to review the draft internal audit report and discuss the state required Risk Assessment that will be performed in the Spring.*

**Budget:**

*Mr. Devincenzi reported that the 2019-2020 budget process has begun; the proposed rollover budget will be presented to the Board in January. Budget meetings will be scheduled in March and April to update the Board as the budget develops. A meeting was held on November 27, 2018, with the elementary principals and Special Education Department to review preliminary class sizes. On December 21, 2018, building allocations of per pupil expenditures will be provided to all departments and building administrators.*

**Buildings & Grounds:**

*Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on December 3, 2018, to discuss the current capital project work being completed. The roof has been installed on the restroom facilities by the multi-purpose field. The committee also discussed the upcoming Building Condition Survey with the District's architects and engineers. The next Building Condition Survey is scheduled to be completed by 2020 as required by law. The committee discussed beginning the survey work in the summer of 2019. Building walkthroughs will begin in the next couple of months. The next committee meeting will be scheduled in January to discuss the next steps and create a walkthrough schedule.*

**CDEP:**

*Mrs. Anderson reported that the CDEP Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.*

**Curriculum/TAG:**

*Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library.*

**Health & Safety:**

*Mr. Missale reported that the Health & Safety Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The building safety teams continue to meet monthly to review drills and procedures. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2019, at 3:45 p.m. at District Office.*

### **Legislative:**

Mr. Petrocelli reported that the Ulster County Schools Board Association (UCSBA) held at meeting on December 5, 2018, with guest speaker Julie Marlette, Director of Governmental Relations. The next UCSBA meeting is scheduled at Ulster BOCES on January 24, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. to meet the new legislators. He also acknowledged Mr. Castle and the administration for having the foresight on topics such as the importance of having a predictable State Aid formula. Mr. Castle mentioned that Foundation Aid is an important component of this predictability. This is a topic we will be advocating for from the legislators, in addition to the establishment of a teacher retirement reserve. Mr. Petrocelli also referenced a NYSSBA magazine on 2019 legislative priorities that will be shared with the Board.

### **Policy:**

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee met on December 3, 2018, to continue the review of the policy manual. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at District Office.

### **Technology:**

Mr. McCullough reported that the Technology Committee has not met since the last Board of Education meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

### **Wellness:**

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., in the High School Library.

### **Student Rep:**

Ms. Kaitlyn Bordone reported the following:

- Winter Sports started. Boys basketball is 3-1; Girls basketball is 4-3, wrestling is 7-2, the ski team had their first meet on December 18<sup>th</sup>, indoor track competed twice so far with a special mention to Anthony Nelson who broke a high jump school record by jumping 6'7".
  - Mr. Palen shared that he was impressed with how our student athletes cheered on Anthony.
- The high school winter concert was on December 12<sup>th</sup>; a combined musical number with band, choir and strings was a big hit to those who attended. On December 17<sup>th</sup> the Madrigal Choir performed on WALL radio.
- Spirit Week started on December 17<sup>th</sup> with holiday themes each day. Monday – sock/head gear; Tuesday – character day; Wednesday – ugly sweater & holiday helper day; Thursday – pajama day; and Friday – winter wonderland where each class wears a different color (i.e. the seniors wear blue).
- On December 7<sup>th</sup> the Dennis O'Mara Memorial Dedication Ceremony was held where a decal was revealed on the gymnasium floor along with a video honoring Mr. O'Mara.
  - Mr. Palen shared that it was a great evening.
- On January 3, 2019, Alumni Day will be held at the high school.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Anderson moved items 7A through 7G, 7I through 7L and 8A through 8B be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. McCullough and carried 7 – 0.

### **Accept Resignation/Retirement – Non-Instructional – Agenda #7.A.**

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Carmen Coffey** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective November 9, 2018.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **David Tate** from the position of Part-Time [0.50 FTE] Custodial Worker, effective December 31, 2018.

Accept Resignation – Instructional – Agenda #7.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Rebecca Ronk** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position assigned to the Special Education Department, effective November 30, 2018.

Approve Appointments – Instructional – Agenda #7.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Karen Kramer-Ley** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Senior High School for the 2018-2019 school at a rate of \$107.00 per day, effective December 21, 2018.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Margo Tucker** certified as a Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, to a three-year probationary period in the tenure area of Home Economics commencing February 1, 2019 and ending January 31, 2022. To the extent applicable under Education Law Section 3012-d and the accompanying Commissioner's Regulations, in order to be considered for tenure, Ms. Tucker must have received an APPR rating of effective or highly effective in three of the four preceding years and must not receive an ineffective in the final year of the probationary period. Effective February 1, 2019, Ms. Tucker's salary will be \$53,386 pro-rated (1NMA + 0 credits). Ms. Tucker replaces Lori Hughes who has retired.

Approve Leave of Absence – Agenda #7.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the unpaid Leave of Absence for **Melinda Topper**, from the position of Special Education Teacher, assigned to the Wallkill Senior High School, effective November 27, 2018 through January 25, 2019.

Approve Child Rearing Leave Extension – Agenda #7.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the request of **Jenna Medvedev** to extend her Child Rearing Leave through June 26, 2019, instead of January 25, 2019, [previously approved at the May 16, 2018 and amended at the August 23, 2018, Board of Education Meetings].

Approve Substitute Leave Replacement Extension – Agenda #7.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment extension of **Katie Gross** to a Substitute Leave Literacy K-6 Teacher position, assigned to the Leptondale Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year, at a salary of \$54,250 pro-rated (1NMA + 6 credits), effective December 11, 2018 through June 26, 2019, replacing Jenna Medvedev, who is on a Child Rearing Leave, effective December 11, 2018 through June 26, 2019 [previously approved at the May 16, 2018 and amended at the August 23, 2018, Board of Education Meetings].

Approve Appointments – Co-Curricular – Agenda #7.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointments of the following individuals to the Co-Curricular positions for the 2018-2019 school year:

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

<b>Frank Croce</b>	Girls Lacrosse Club Advisor	\$1,297
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**MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

<b>John Shanley</b>	Winter Intramurals Advisor	\$1,297
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Approve Appointments – CSE and CPSE Committees Volunteer Parent Members – Agenda #7.I.

The Board approve the following appointments of volunteer parent members of the Committee of Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) and the Committee of Special Education (CSE) for the 2018-2019 school year:

**Summer Barnhart**  
**Melissa Burriss**

**Helen Edgar**  
**Kim Quick**

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #7.J.

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 #7.K.

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 #7.L.

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 #8.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Senior High School Auditorium for a fundraiser for Senior Celebration Night by the **Senior Celebration Committee** as indicated below:

Friday	March 1, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
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The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Varsity Lacrosse Field [for Practices] and Multi-Purpose Field [for Games] by **Wallkill Youth Lacrosse** as indicated below:

Mondays – Fridays	March 1, 2019 – June 7, 2019	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays	March 2, 2019 – June 1, 2019	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Wednesdays & Thursdays	March 27 & 28, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
	April 3, 4, 10, 11, 24, & 25, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
	May 1 & 2, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Accept Treasurer's Report – Agenda #8.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, 2018 and Revenues as of November 30, 2018.

8. Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #7.H.

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointment for the 2018-2019 school year Winter season and 2019-2020 school year Fall season:

WINTER SEASON:

**High School:**

<b>Dick O'Neill</b>	Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	Unpaid
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FALL SEASON:

**High School:**

<b>Kelly Wood</b>	Varsity Boys Soccer Coach	\$4,932
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Motion seconded by Mr. Missale and carried 7 – 0.

9. Approve Appropriation – 2019 Senior Celebration – Agenda #8.C.

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve an appropriation of \$1,500 in support of the **2019 Senior Celebration**.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 7 – 0.

*Comment: Mr. Frisbie informed the Board that the Senior Celebration committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the evening; he also emphasized the importance of having this event for our seniors.*

10. Public Comment – Agenda #9

At 8:06 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

11. Executive Session – Agenda #10

At 8:07 p.m. Mr. Palen moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

Motion seconded by Mr. McCullough and carried 7 – 0.

The Board reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

12. Close Meeting – Agenda #11

At 8:52 p.m. Mr. McCullough moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Crowley and carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran  
District Clerk