

Regular Meeting Board of Education

Leptondale Elementary School

Thursday, February 21, 2019

7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance – Agenda #1

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Thomas Frisbie in the Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Crowley

Mr. Frisbie

Mr. Missale

Mr. Palen

Mr. Petrocelli

Mr. Spencer

Members Absent

Mrs. Anderson

Mr. LoCicero

Mr. McCullough

Ms. Kaitlyn Bordone [Student Board Member]

Also present were Superintendent Castle, Assistant Superintendents Devincenzi and Herrington and Administrator Anthony White.

2. Public Comment – Agenda #3

At 7:01 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- *Members of the Ostrander PTO thanked the Board for supporting the Project Fit America Grant.*

3. Proposed Executive Session – Agenda #2

At 7:08 p.m. Mr. Spencer moved the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing prospective candidates for the position of Coordinator of Special Education.

Motion seconded by Mr. Petrocelli and carried 6 - 0.

The Board reconvened at 9:56 p.m.

4. Approve Minutes - [1/17/19 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #4

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Missale and carried 6 - 0.

5. Add Item to Agenda

Mr. Spencer moved item, Approve Appointment – Administrative be added to the Agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 6 - 0.

6. Approve Appointment – Administrative

Mr. Palen moved the Board approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that **Nicole Parete**, certification as a School District Leader (pending), be appointed to the position of Coordinator of Special Education in the tenure area of Coordinator of Special Education provided that she receives her certification as a School District Leader prior to the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. Ms. Parete's start date shall be set by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with Ms. Parete, and her probationary period shall commence upon her start date and end four (4) years thereafter. Ms. Parete's salary will be \$100,000 pro-rated, replacing Bridget Becker, who has resigned.

Motion seconded by Mr. Spencer and carried 6 - 0.

7. Board Committee Reports – Agenda #5

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee has not met since the last Board meeting, but the internal auditors will be in the District beginning February 25, 2019 to start their work on the state required risk assessment in the areas identified by the Audit Committee. The next committee meeting will be scheduled for March to review the draft report when it is completed.

Budget:

Mr. Devincenzi indicated that handouts were provided on the estimated Tax Levy Limit Calculation and projected class sizes. He also reported that the District will submit a Tax Levy to be within the cap to the State by March 1st that reflects a 2.68% increase. It is the eighth year that the District has been within or below the Tax Levy Limit. Since the last Board meeting, the working budget has decreased by \$813,186. Eight (8) teacher retirements made up the majority of the savings. Our final State Aid allocation is not yet known but we hope that there will be an on-time State budget with the final figure expected after March 31st. We are looking to use fund balance and reserves to assist us in balancing the budget as we have done in previous years. There are still areas that need to be explored such as health insurance and final BOCES expenses inclusive of special education costs. Mr. Castle indicated that the working budget increase is currently 2.63%, but the goal is to get it down to 2%. A meeting will be scheduled with the Board in April to finalize the proposed budget.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee was scheduled to meet on February 12, 2019, but the meeting was canceled due to weather; the meeting has been rescheduled for February 26, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in District Office. Final work is being completed on the bathroom facilities at the multi-purpose field.

CDEP:

Mrs. Herrington reported that the CDEP Committee met on February 6, 2019. Cynthia Farrell reported out to the committee the various professional development opportunities that have been provided to the high school teachers this year. All teachers attended a full day differentiated training to assist them in the use of the 1:1 Chromebooks and the classroom Smartboard. She will continue to plan and implement PD based on teacher feedback. She also shared with the committee the professional development and coaching that Emily Russo has provided to the elementary buildings to date. She then presented to the committee on how technology is shaping the world in which we live. Mrs. Herrington presented all of the curriculum work completed K-12 to date and future plans to update all curricular areas to the Next Generation Learning Standards.

Our 7-12 guidance counselors and Mrs. Herrington brought the committee up to date on the progress of the District's 2019-2020 School Counseling Plan. The guidance counselors met with each level: elementary, middle, and high to discuss the plan and seek their feedback. The plan will be presented to the Curriculum Committee and the Board of Education for approval prior to the end of the school year. Mr. Castle presented the State's new accountability system and shared with the committee that we are a District in good standing along with all of our buildings.

Building teams used the remainder of the day to work together to plan their 2019-2020 School Improvement Activities. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. All buildings will present their 2019-2020 plans at an additional committee meeting scheduled with the Board of Education on March 19, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the high school library.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Herrington reported that the Curriculum Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2019, at 7:00 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, but the building safety teams continue to meet on a monthly basis. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2019, at 3:45 p.m., in District Office.

Legislative:

Mr. Petrocelli reported that he attended the Ulster County School Boards Association meeting with Ulster County Legislators on January 24th, along with Mr. Devincenzi and Mr. Castle.

Policy:

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee met on February 5, 2019. At the meeting, the committee discussed and reviewed information about seat belt use on busses. The committee had an opportunity to experience being on a bus and using both a three-point seat belt and a lap belt. The committee decided at this time to not take any further action. Due to some discussion by the Governor, the District will wait to see if the State will mandate seat belt use on busses. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in District office.

Technology:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Technology Committee met on February 4, 2019. Cynthia Farrell, Technology Integration Specialist with Ulster BOCES reported out to the committee the professional development she and Emily Russo have provided to our teachers. Cynthia then did a presentation on artificial intelligence and its impact on the job market. A discussion followed regarding how our students will need skills in communicating, creating, collaboration and critical thinking to be successful in the job market. Mrs. Herrington and Mr. Hein shared with the committee the work being done by the technology department to continue to ensure that our website is accessible. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school library.

Wellness:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., in the high school library.

Student Rep:

Mr. Frisbie reported the following on behalf of Ms. Kaitlyn Bordone:

- On February 14, 2019, an elective expo was held at the high school for students to review all of their elective options.
- Sign up for Spring sports is happening now. Three members of the Nordic Ski Team – Luke Martini, Gregory Marcinik and Mazin Moya qualified for States. In addition, three members of the Gymnastics team - Mia Frisbie, Gabby Castro and Rachel Vassell qualified for States.
- On February 8th the Mandarin class took a field trip to Orange-Ulster BOCES to celebrate the Chinese New Year, which was on February 5th.
 - Mr. Castle reported that students are being polled regarding their interest in the Mandarin course we offer at the high school. In addition, a survey is being given to grades 7-12 students regarding their interest in other foreign languages.
- On February 6th the High School Coffee House was a success with many great acts.

8. Consent Agenda

Mr. Spencer moved items 6A, 6B1 through 6I and 7A through 7C be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. Petrocelli and carried 6 - 0.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Madeleine McGowan** from the position of Full-Time Clerk, effective March 29, 2019.

Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional – Agenda #6.B.1.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Carolyn Garrett** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective February 22, 2019, at a salary of \$11.60 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract) [5.8 hours per day]. Ms. Garrett replaces Wendy Rudy-Jones, who was reassigned.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Laura Candy-Pcolar** from the Wallkill Central School District [Special Education Teacher], effective June 30, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Kathleen Fowler** from the Wallkill Central School District [Mathematics Teacher], effective June 30, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Marybeth Giammarco** from the Wallkill Central School District [Special Education Teacher (Intervention Specialist)], effective June 30, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Barbara Lupoli** from the Wallkill Central School District [Elementary Education Teacher], effective June 30, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Tracey Seal** from the Wallkill Central School District [Reading Teacher], effective June 30, 2019.

Approve Appointment – Instructional – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Janet Roberts** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year, at a rate of \$107.00 per day, effective February 22, 2019.

Approve Appointment - Interim Administrator Extension – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the extension to the agreement with **Katherine Banks** to be the Interim Coordinator of Special Education effective March 4, 2019 and ending no later than June 30, 2019, as determined by the Superintendent.

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #6.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointments for the 2018-2019 school year Spring season:

HIGH SCHOOL:

T.D. Mills	Varsity Baseball Coach	\$4,481
Joe Pilliteri	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	\$3,186
William Earl	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Unpaid
Michael Pritts	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Unpaid
Sean Murphy	Varsity Softball Coach	\$4,081
Kevin Keesler	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	\$3,136
Lisa Bouffard	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	Unpaid
Meghan Sternemann	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	Unpaid
A.J. Higby	Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	\$3,186
Alex Danon	Varsity Lacrosse Coach	\$3,931
Jordan Taylor	Assistant Varsity Lacrosse Coach	\$3,186
Evan Longinott	Assistant Varsity Lacrosse Coach	Unpaid
Eric McLaud	Varsity Boys Track & Field Coach	\$4,481
Natasha Kennedy	Varsity Girls Track & Field Coach	\$4,481
Jennifer Gravelle	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	\$3,736
Francis Mancuso	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	\$3,236

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Steven Marrero	Modified Baseball Coach	\$2,072
Nicole Rivera	Modified Softball Coach	\$2,272
Amanda Murphy	Assistant Modified Softball Coach	Unpaid
David Kelso	Modified Boys Lacrosse Coach	\$2,162
Jim Greenhall	Modified Girls Track & Field Coach	\$2,672
Leo Sladewski	Modified Boys Track & Field Coach	\$2,672

Approve Substitute Lists – Agenda #6.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 #6.H.

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.I.

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 John G. Borden Middle School Gymnasium by **Wallkill Youth Lacrosse** [for practice] as indicated below:

Fridays	February 22, 2019 – March 22, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 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, Plattekill Elementary School Gymnasium and Leptondale Elementary School classroom by **Girls on the Run** [for a Youth Development Program] as indicated below:

Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School:

Tuesdays & Thursdays	April 2, 2019 – June 6, 2019	3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Plattekill Elementary School:

Mondays & Thursdays	April 1, 2019 – June 6, 2019	3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Leptondale Elementary School:

Mondays & Thursdays	April 1, 2019 – June 6, 2019	3:30 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 Wallkill Senior High School track by the **Special Olympics New York-Hudson Valley Region** [for practice] as indicated below:

Monday & Wednesdays	April 24, 2019 – May 1, 2019	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, Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School and John G. Borden Middle School Gymnasiums by the **Wallkill Panthers AAU** [for Basketball Tournaments] as indicated below:

Friday	April 26, 2019	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	April 27 & 28, 2019	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, 2019 and Revenues as of January 31, 2019.

Approve Resolution – Science Lab Initiative – Agenda #7.C.

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

WHEREAS the Wallkill Central School District is situated within Ulster County or the 103rd Legislative Assembly District of the State of New York;

AND WHEREAS the Wallkill Central School District has agreed to participate in the Science Lab Initiative II, which aims to encourage scientific curiosity and creativity, build student interest in science, and promote science education in elementary schools in the 103rd Legislative Assembly District and Ulster County through the creation of state-of-the-art science labs;

AND WHEREAS the Science Lab Initiative II will allow school districts to purchase equipment toward the creation of such a science lab, and funds can be used for the purchase of science-related equipment;

AND WHEREAS The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz will coordinate this effort and be the liaison to all school districts;

AND WHEREAS The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz is responsible for purchasing all equipment related to the Science Lab Initiative II and thus SUNY New Paltz maintains ownership over said equipment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District understands this arrangement and agrees to participate in the Science Lab Initiative II.

9. Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional – Agenda #6.B.2.

Mr. Spencer moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Sherry Palen** to the position of Internal Claims Auditor for the 2018-2019 school year at a stipend of \$3,710 pro-rated, effective February 22, 2019.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Crowley and carried 5 – 0. [Mr. Palen Abstained]

10. Public Comment – Agenda #8

At 10:14 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

11. Close Meeting – Agenda #10

At 10:15 p.m. Mr. Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Petrocelli and 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk