

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School
Thursday, March 21, 2019
7:00 p.m.

*Walk-Through Tour
Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School @ 6:15 p.m.*

*Mr. Salamone, Mr. White, Mrs. LaRocco and students
presented on the Life Skills Program at the High School*

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:22 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

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

At 7:23 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Joseph LoCicero in the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. McCullough
Mr. Petrocelli

Also present were Superintendent Castle, Assistant Superintendents Devincenzi and Herrington and Administrators Albanese (arrived 7:38 p.m.), Anderson, Brown, Harjes, Hasbrouck, Masopust, Parete, Salamone and White.

3. Approve Minutes – [2/21/19 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

Mr. Spencer moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the February 21, 2019, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

4. Board Committee Reports – Agenda #4

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the committee has not met since the last meeting. The internal auditors are working to complete the draft report from the state required risk assessment and a meeting will be scheduled to review the draft report.

Budget:

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the District hopes to have final State Aid numbers by the end of the month assuming there is an on-time budget. The District is within the Tax Levy limit, which will allow property tax owners to receive a refund in the fall. The District received the final health insurance rates which will help to balance the budget. A meeting has been scheduled with the Board of Education on April 3, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library to review the proposed 2019-2020 budget. PTO/PTA budget presentations are all scheduled for 7:00 p.m. and will be held on April 29, 2019, at Leptondale Elementary School, May 6, 2019 at Plattekill Elementary School and May 14, 2019, at Ostrander Elementary School. The Public Budget Hearing will be on May 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the High School Library.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on February 26, 2019. A walk-through schedule of the buildings was established to assist with the upcoming building condition survey that will be completed during the summer. The committee performed a walk-through of the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School prior to the March 21st Board meeting. On the March 21st agenda is a change order for a credit deduct for the Capital Improvement Project. Mr. LoCicero asked about the possibility of capital project work being done to seal the blacktop around the perimeter of the track around the multi-purpose field. This will be explored.

CDEP:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the CDEP Committee met on March 13, 2019. The committee reviewed the Biennial Shared Decision Making report. The buildings worked together to evaluate the District's success in the implementation of its Shared Decision Making Plan and updated it accordingly. The buildings also worked together to create their 2019-2020 School Improvement Plans which were presented to the Board of Education on March 19, 2019.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee met on March 5, 2019. Mr. Salamone updated the committee on the enrollment in the STEM and Humanities Pathways (part of our Academy Model). There are currently 230 students enrolled in the STEM academy and 245 students in humanities. These numbers do not include the grade 9 students as they will choose their pathway later in the spring and current seniors were not a part of the Academy Model. Mr. Salamone and Mr. Ferraiolo shared with the committee the Living Environment textbooks the science department would like to use with students beginning in the 2019-20 school year. The texts are digital and are aligned to the New York State Science Standards. Mrs. Herrington reviewed with the committee the updated research the District has been conducting regarding foreign language programs. She shared with the committee what languages other districts in Ulster, Orange and Westchester County offer. Additionally, she stated what courses our High School and Middle School currently offer and what the State requirements for foreign language are. A discussion ensued about the low student enrollment in Mandarin. The Student Board member will survey students about what languages they are interested in taking and she will share the results with the Board. Mrs. Herrington is going to explore additional possibilities including an after-school grades 5/6 program and report out at the next committee meeting.

The elementary principals presented the Grades 5/6: Content Specialist Instructional Model: ELA +1 which will be implemented in all elementary buildings in the 2019-20 school year. The model is being implemented so that we can better teach the Next Generation Learning Standards in the content areas, support student's academic and social emotional learning, and provide a richer experience with the inclusion of technology and active learning. Teachers will work together to ensure that there is an organizational structure that will allow for support to students when transitioning to classes. Additionally, teachers will be provided with professional development that will provide time for planning lessons. The principals will be communicating this model to the parents via presentations and written correspondence home.

Mr. White presented the District Special Education Action Plan and provided the committee with an overview of the professional development provided to teachers in the 2018-19 school year.

Mrs. Werlau discussed the SNAP program and advised the committee that she will be bringing grades 4-6 students to the high school, so they have an opportunity to be introduced to the zSpace lab and have time to explore a topic of their choice. Parents will be invited to join their child at the end of the day and learn about zSpace from their child. Additionally, she invited the committee members to attend a showcase the LEGO teams will present on April 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the next committee meeting, which is on April 9, 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 District-Wide committee meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2019, at 3:45 p.m., in District Office.

Legislative:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Ulster County Board of Elections were not providing voting machines to the school districts. Along with Mr. Castle, he contacted our local legislators to help advocate for their use. In the interim, Mr. Castle was able to make arrangements with the Orange County Board of Elections to use their machines. Ulster County Legislators held a hearing with the Ulster County Board of Elections, which resulted in the Ulster County Board of Elections providing limited machines to school districts in Ulster County. Notwithstanding this, we will be using the machines supplied by Orange County Board of Elections. Mr. Spencer also mentioned that Governor Cuomo wants the tax cap to be permanent and is stating he will not sign a budget unless the tax cap is made permanent with no changes. Mr. Castle indicated that the Senate passed a bill to make the tax cap permanent, but the Assembly rejected it. However, both the Senate and Assembly agreed to increase Foundation Aid. Additionally, both the Senate and Assembly have recommended creating a TRS Reserve, which the District has been advocating for years. Mr. Castle also stated that he will be meeting with Senator Skoufis on March 22, 2019, regarding State Aid.

Policy:

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. 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 March 4, 2019. Mrs. Herrington informed the committee about the need for Smartboards in the elementary school music classrooms to prepare for the curriculum that will be implemented in the 2019-2020 school year. During this Winter/Spring, music teachers are previewing and piloting Quaver Digital curriculum which is aligned to standards and they will present the curriculum materials to the Curriculum Committee in April. Mrs. Herrington gave the committee an update regarding the ELA State Assessment and our decision to continue to have students in grades 6-8 take the computer-based assessment on line as they did last year. Tom Hein shared with the committee that he has the ability to monitor the District's wireless and networking proactively as a result of the updated Cisco Prime software his department is utilizing. He demonstrated for the committee how the software works. He also advised the committee that we will be exploring the possibility of updating our phone system in the future along as well as updating the copiers as our lease is up for renewal. The next committee meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 10, 2019 (rescheduled from April 29th), 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:

Ms. Kaitlyn Bordone reported the following:

- Winter sports have concluded, and Spring sports have begun. The Boys Lacrosse team is 1-0. This year there is a new Girls Lacrosse Club.
- On February 27th, the Music in Our School Month (MIOSM) Concert was held at the high school. The concert was a success and All-County students were recognized.
- An Ulster County Sheriff visited the Modern Law Class to speak about the process of becoming a sheriff and what it is like being a retired trooper.
- On March 9th, Mrs. Calison and Mr. Wood took students to an Odyssey of the Mind Tournament at Orange-Ulster BOCES.
- On March 19th, students participated in a Choral Festival at the high school.
- The Forensics class went on a field trip to a crime lab in Middletown to learn about different practices such as fingerprinting.

Katie also presented on her foreign language survey results she received from middle and high school students who answered this one question during their English class, "I would take the following language if it were offered: Spanish, French, Mandarin or Other." She reviewed the data and the results of 697 student responses were as follows: French – 31%; Spanish – 29%, Italian – 13%; German – 8%, Mandarin – 6% and Other – 13%.

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Spencer moved items 5A through 5D, 5F through 5L and 6A through 6F be taken as consent agenda.

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

Accept Resignation/Retirement – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Aida Laracuenta** from the position of Part-Time [.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective February 27, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Charlotte Magliato** for retirement purposes from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective March 29, 2019.

Award Tenure – Instructional – Agenda #5.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Stephen Cabarcas** in the area of Elementary Education, effective September 1, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Melissa Charlesworth** in the area of English as a Second Language, effective September 1, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Alyssa Greany** in the area of Science, effective September 1, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Alyson Haas** in the area of Elementary Education, effective September 1, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Lauren Mackey** in the area of Elementary Education, effective September 1, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Christina Masopust** in the area of Elementary Education, effective September 1, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Joanna Miller** in the area of Elementary Education, effective September 1, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Nicole Rivera** in the area of English as a Second Language, effective September 1, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Jessica Vallaro** in the area of Special Education, effective September 1, 2019.

Award Tenure – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Melissa Matthews** in the area of Teaching Assistant effective September 18, 2019.

Approve 2018-2019 Biennial Review of Shared Decision Making – Agenda #5.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and adopt the 2018-2019 Biennial Review of Shared Decision Making CR100.11.

Approve Resolution – Certification of LEAD Teacher Evaluator – Agenda #5.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and certify **Nicole Parete** as a Lead Teacher Evaluator for the 2018-2019 school year, effective March 11, 2019, after having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8NYCRR §30-3.10. This certification is being issued in accordance with the process for certifying Lead Teacher Evaluators described in the District's annual professional performance review plan.

Approve Resolution – Certification of INDEPENDENT Teacher Evaluator – Agenda #5.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and certify **Nicole Parete** as an Independent Teacher Evaluator for the 2018-2019 school year, effective March 11, 2019, after having received appropriate training in accordance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education §30-3.10 and such individual is being certified as qualified Independent Teacher Evaluator for the purpose of conducting and completing evaluations.

Approve Leave of Absence Extension – Agenda #5.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the unpaid Leave of Absence Extension for **Melinda Topper**, from the position of Special Education Teacher, assigned to the Wallkill Senior High School, effective through June 26, 2019, instead of April 5, 2019 [previously approved at the January 17, 2019 Board of Education meeting].

Approve New Textbook – Agenda #5.I.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the purchase of the following new textbook for the John G. Borden Middle School and Senior High School for the 2018-2019 school year:

McGraw Hill, *Living Environment*, 2015 Edition

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #5.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 #5.K.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #5.L.

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

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #6.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Leptondale Elementary School Gymnasium by the **Wallkill Panthers AAU** (Triple Threat Hoops) [for Basketball Practice] as indicated below:

Monday & Friday	March 25 & 29, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays	April 2, 2019 – June 26, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the John G. Borden Middle School fields by **Wallkill Area Youth Soccer** [for Practice and Games] as indicated below:

Mondays-Fridays	March 30, 2019 – June 22, 2019	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays		8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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 February 28, 2019 and Revenues as of February 28, 2019.

Approve Resolution – Release and Settlement Agreement– Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Release and Settlement Agreement between the District and StockFood America, Inc. This Resolution shall be on file with the District Clerk.

Approve Resolution – Stipulation of Agreement – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Stipulation of Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and the parent of a child with a disability, student no. 032119.

Approve Legal Fees [2019-2020 School Year] – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the hourly rate for legal fees to be \$205 per hour [for attorneys] effective July 1, 2019 and to be \$95 per hour [for paralegal services] effective July 1, 2019.

Approve Change Order – Capital Improvement Project – Agenda #6.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following Change Order:

Transitional Builders, Inc.:

GC-01 (\$8,505.00)

6. Approve Appointment – Co-Curricular – Agenda #5.E.

Mr. Spencer moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individual to the Co-Curricular position for the 2018-2019 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL:

Kevin Jowell

Girls Lacrosse Club Advisor

Unpaid

Discussion:

Mr. LoCicero commented on the large interest that the girls have shown in the newly created lacrosse club, which resulted in the need for an additional advisor. He personally thanked Kevin Jowell as an unpaid advisor to the club. He also thanked Athletic Director, Brian Masopust for his support in getting the club up and running. Mr. Castle commented on the importance of volunteerism as being crucial in supporting your community and also personally thanked Kevin Jowell for his assistance.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 7 – 0. [With Thanks]

7. Accept Donation – Agenda #6.G.

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$1,032,373.13 from Patricia Ann Potter's Estate in accordance with the instructions set forth in the testamentary document for the Elwood Arthur, Alice and Patricia Ann Potter Memorial Scholarship.

Discussion:

Mr. Castle commented that the donor required the interest made on the principal amount be used to provide a scholarship for Seniors who matriculated through Ostrander Elementary School and for supplies to the Ostrander Library. A scholarship committee will be created (similar to the C.E. Penney Scholarship Committee), which will work with the high school principal to determine the criteria to be eligible for the scholarship. Mr. Devincenzi is soliciting quotes from banks to obtain CD's to get the best possible interest for a year so the scholarship can be awarded beginning in June 2020.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 7 – 0. [With lots of Thanks]

8. Public Comment – Agenda #7

At 7:57 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

9. Executive Session – Agenda #8

At 7:58 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

10. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

At 8:34 p.m. Mr. Missale moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran

District Clerk