

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Leptondale Elementary School  
Wednesday, April 24, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

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

*Students presented on the LEGO League*

1. Commendations – Agenda #1

*The Board recognized various individuals for their outstanding achievements, including teachers who were awarded tenure during the course of the 2018-2019 school year and the Wallkill Senior High School Top Ten Students, including Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2019.*

2. Public Comment – Agenda #2

At 7:20 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

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

At 7:21 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Joseph LoCicero in the Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson  
Mrs. Crowley  
Mr. Frisbie  
Mr. LoCicero  
Mr. McCullough (Arrived 7:13 p.m.)  
Mr. Missale  
Mr. Palen  
Mr. Petrocelli

Members Absent

Mr. Spencer  
Ms. Kaitlyn Bordone [Student Board Member]

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

4. Approve Minutes – [3/21/19 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #4

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

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

5. Board Committee Reports

***Audit:***

*Mrs. Crowley reported that the committee has not met since the last meeting. A meeting will be scheduled with the internal auditors to review their draft risk assessment report as well as meet with the external auditors, Nugent and Haessler to review the required annual external audit scheduled for July.*

***Budget:***

*Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Board met on April 3, 2019 to review the proposed budget. The recommendation to approve the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget, District Budget Notice and Property Tax Report Card is on the April 24, 2019 agenda. The proposed budget increase is 1.90% and the proposed tax levy increase is 2.68% (within the cap). This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year that the District has been*

at or below the tax cap with permissible exemptions. Because the District has been within the tax levy limit, eligible homeowners have received a rebate from the State each year beginning in October 2014 and that will continue next year. The District will continue to use fund balance and reserves to balance our budget which has allowed us to maintain our programs and stay at or below the tax levy limit. The proposed budget allows the District to keep class sizes low, maintain programs and extra-curricular activities and maintain supports to meet the socio-emotional needs of students. In addition, the proposed budget includes the continuation of police officers in all five school buildings. The PTO/PTA budget presentation meetings 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 at 7:00 p.m., on May 9, 2019 in the High School Library. The budget vote is on May 21, 2019 from noon to 9:00 p.m. with polling sites at Leptondale Elementary School, Plattekill Elementary School and the 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 24, 2019, at the Leptondale Elementary School.

#### **CDEP:**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the CDEP Committee met for their final meeting on March 19, 2019, where the committee presented their building SIT plans to the Board of Education. A tentative meeting schedule for the 2019-2020 school year will be presented in August.

#### **Curriculum/TAG:**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the final meeting of the Curriculum Committee was held on April 9, 2019. SNAP students hosted a LEGO Team demonstration highlighting their robots and posters that they presented at the competition. Our Leptondale team won a first-place prize and incorporated a song written by its members and performed by a student who sang and played the ukulele. Ms. Werlau, the SNAP coordinator, shared with the committee the Renzulli program that will be used in the 2019-2020 school year by teachers in the classroom to provide students and parents with enrichment activities to further support our students.

The District School Counseling Department (K-12) presented the 2019-2020 School Counseling Plan. The high school, middle school and elementary school counseling department members reviewed their guidance action plans with the committee along with their scope and sequence. The School Counseling Advisory Committee will meet with the department throughout the school year and monitor the implementation of the plan. The Board of Education will receive a report at the conclusion of the school year as to its success. The plan will be updated each school year.

Mr. Davis, high school chemistry teacher, presented a digital chemistry textbook that will be used in class beginning next year. The text has many interactive features and will assist students and parents when working on chemistry assignments at home. Mrs. Rolon, district-wide music coordinator, shared with the committee a digital curriculum for grades K-6 that the music department has been piloting and will use in class with their students next year.

Mr. Salamone explained to the committee the sequencing of our high school physics program beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. We will be offering SUNY Ulster Physics 101 and Physics 102, both of which will yield four credits per course. The SUNY courses will replace the AP Physics courses. AP Physics 2 will remain for the 2019-2020 school year but will then be phased out. We will continue to offer Regents level Physics.

Mrs. Herrington provided the committee with information regarding an update to the grades 3-6 ELA curriculum. The "Into Reading" edition will provide students and teachers with digital ELA materials and is tied to the Renaissance STAR program that is used to track student progress. A tentative meeting schedule for the 2019-2020 school year will be presented in August.

#### **Health & Safety:**

Mr. Missale reported that the Health & Safety Committee met on April 4, 2019. At the meeting various topics were reviewed that surrounded health and safety in each of the buildings. Building safety teams continue to meet on a monthly basis where safety practices and procedures are being reviewed by the building safety teams. The required drills that have been performed to date in each building are being reviewed with the building safety teams that include emergency personnel. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2019, at 3:30 p.m. in the High School library.

### **Legislative:**

Mr. Petrocelli asked Mr. Castle to comment on the State Aid apportionment to school districts. Mr. Castle indicated that he had sent letters to our legislators regarding his concerns on the apportionment of the Foundation Aid to school districts. Mr. Castle stated that the Foundation Aid formula is broken and is no longer providing the funding it was meant to provide. The State needs to figure out a different way of funding schools to ensure equitable funding for all school districts. On a positive note, a TRS reserve was established, which the District has advocated for years. Mr. Castle reconfirmed that the District is proposing a fiscally responsible budget and we are at the tax cap.

### **Policy:**

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee met on April 2, 2019. There is one (1) policy for deletion and five (5) policies for first reading on the April 24, 2019 Board agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

### **Technology:**

Mrs. Herrington reported that the Technology Committee met for their final meeting of the year on April 10, 2019. She shared with the committee results of a survey that was sent out to all K-12 faculty and staff to gather their feedback about the software and technology that is offered in the District. One hundred twenty-two (122) people responded to the survey (we have a total of 263 instructional staff in district). Of those who completed the survey:

- 98% indicated that they were satisfied with the software and applications offered by the district
- 91% reported using technology daily with students
- 88% stated they were confident in their ability to incorporate technology in their lessons

Mr. Hein reviewed hardware updates that are being completed this year including installing Smartboards in the elementary school music rooms so that teachers can use the new digital curriculum in 2019-2020 school year. He also shared with the committee the department's summer plans to collect and do maintenance on all student devices over the summer. He has a plan for storing and charging all devices district-wide. A tentative meeting schedule for the 2019-2020 school year will be presented in August.

### **Wellness:**

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. On April 10, 2019, the Health Fair took place at the high school. There were 38 vendors scheduled to be present throughout the day. May is wellness month. The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., in the High School Library.

## **6. Consent Agenda**

Mr. Petrocelli moved items 6A through 6P, and 7A through 7H be taken as consent agenda.

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

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Kelly Acampora** from the position of Part-Time [.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective April 24, 2019, 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 **Lisa Hasbrouck** from the position of Part-Time [.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective March 19, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Regina Pope** from a Full-Time Special Education Teaching Assistant position, effective June 27, 2019.

### **Accept Resignation – Instructional – Agenda #6.B.**

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Karen Kramer-Ley** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position assigned to the Senior High School, effective April 24, 2019, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Library Clerk.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Kelly Acampora** to a 90-Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective April 25, 2019, at a salary of \$23,300.16 pro-rated [Step 15 of the CSEA Contract, \$18.67 per hour (6.5 hours per day)]. Ms. Acampora replaces Charlotte Magliato, who retired.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Mary Antunovich** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective April 25, 2019, at a salary of \$11.60 per hour [Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day]. Ms. Antunovich replaces Aida Laracuent, who resigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Karen Kramer-Ley** to a 26-Week Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Library Clerk position, effective April 25, 2019, at a salary of \$17,510.40 pro-rated [Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, \$11.40 per hour (8 hours per day)]. Ms. Kramer-Ley replaces Madeleine McGowan, who has retired.

Approve Resolution – Voluntary Transfer – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to voluntarily transfer **Kelly Lynch**, certified as Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 and in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6), from the Elementary Education tenure area to the Reading tenure area. Be it further resolved that Mrs. Lynch be appointed to a three-year probationary period in the tenure area of Reading, commencing September 1, 2019 and ending August 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, Mrs. Lynch 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.

Accept Resignations – Coaching – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Steven Marrero** from the position of Modified Baseball Coach, effective April 11, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Michael Pritts** from the position of Unpaid Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, effective April 10, 2019, pending his appointment to the position of Modified Baseball Coach.

Approve Appointment – Coaching – Agenda #6.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointment for the 2018-2019 Spring Season, effective April 11, 2019:

<b>Michael Pritts</b>	Modified Baseball Coach	\$2,322.00 [prorated]
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Approve Deletion to Policy Book – Agenda #6.G.

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

1. Policy #7611 – Safety Conditions

Approve First Reading – Policies – Agenda #6.H.

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

1. Policy #1610 – Voting Machines
2. Policy #7400 – Code of Conduct for The Maintenance of Order on School Property
3. Policy #7620 – Child Abuse and Neglect-Maltreatment
4. Policy #7622 – Notification of Sex Offenders
5. Policy #7650 – Home Instruction

Approve 2019-2020 Proposed Budget, District Budget Notice and Property Tax Report Card – Agenda #6.I.  
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed 2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$76,524,146, the District Budget Notice as required by law and the Property Tax Report Card for 2019-2020.

Approve Revised 2018-2019 District Calendar – Agenda #6.J.  
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Revised District Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year.

Approve 2019-2020 District Calendar – Agenda #6.K.  
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed District Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

Approve Resolution – Appointment of Chairman and Inspectors of Election – 5/21/19 Vote – Agenda #6.L.  
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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2019; 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:

**Thomas Frisbie**

Section 2. The following named are hereby appointed to act as inspectors of election at said annual district meeting as Certified Machine Inspectors, of said annual district meeting, to serve in each Election District as follows:

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1:  
**Al Meyer**  
**John Doyle**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2:  
**Mary Decker**  
**Carol Graham**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 3:  
**Charlotte Magliato**  
**Sue Norsby-Ovenshire**

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:

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1:  
**Eileen Feldt**  
**Gwen Feldt**  
**Kay Hansen**  
**Sherry Palen**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2:  
**Paula Cook**  
**Linda Palkovic**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 3:  
**Tammy Henry**  
**Virginia Meyer**  
**Carmela O'Donnell**

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.



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 Record* and the *Poughkeepsie Journal* in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Approve Resolution – Purchase Agreement – Agenda #7.F.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District (“Board” or “District”) authorizes Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“Ulster County BOCES”) to enter into an Installment Purchase Agreement on the District’s behalf for the acquisition and installation of technology equipment for a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) months for a cost not to exceed \$198,640.57, to commence upon the satisfactory receipt of all equipment on a properly authorized District Purchase Order issued for this purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is authorized to execute an Agreement with Ulster County BOCES in the attached form, and any other documents in furtherance of this resolution.

Approve Resolution – WTA Side Letter of Agreement – Agenda #7.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Side Letter of Agreement with the Wallkill Teachers’ Association regarding the hiring of a temporary Occupational Therapist for the remainder of the 2018-2019 academic school year.

Approve Agreement – Soliant Health, Inc. – Agenda #7.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and Soliant Health, Inc. to provide Occupational Therapy services for the Wallkill Central School District, effective April 9, 2019 through June 26, 2019.

7. Accept Donations – Agenda #7.I.

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$1,618 to the Plattekill Elementary School from Hannaford Supermarkets.

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

Mr. Frisbie moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$550 from the Wallkill Valley Federal Savings and Loan to purchase “Kinder Boxes” for incoming kindergartners at the Plattekill Elementary School.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 8 – 0. [With Thanks]

8. Public Comment – Agenda #9

At 7:40 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

9. Executive Session – Agenda #9

At 7:41 p.m. Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation.

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

The Board reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

10. Close Meeting – Agenda #10

At 9:03 p.m. Mr. Missale moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran  
District Clerk