

**Walk-Through Tour**  
**Plattekill Elementary School @ 6:00 p.m.**

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:10 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- *A parent addressed the Board of Education regarding her concerns on the reading program and school location for special education students.*
  - *Mr. Castle indicated that professional development is being provided for reading teachers in Orton-Gillingham multi-sensory techniques. Additionally, the special education parent advisory committee recently held a meeting to provide strategies and tips for parents to help with reading strategies at home. Lastly, Mr. Castle indicated that research is being done on K-12 special education programming.*

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

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

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson  
Mrs. Crowley  
Mr. Frisbie  
Mr. LoCicero  
Mr. Missale  
Mr. Palen  
Mr. Petrocelli  
Mr. Jerome Futia [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. McCullough  
Mr. Spencer

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

3. Approve Minutes – [10/17/19 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

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

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

4. Approve Minutes – [10/28/19 Board Goals Meeting] – Agenda #4

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019, Board of Education Goals Meeting.

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

5. Board Committee Reports – Agenda #5

***Audit:***

*Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit committee has not met since the last meeting. The next committee meeting will be scheduled once the District receives notification from the internal auditors that the draft risk assessment is complete.*

**Budget:**

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Board was provided a draft budget calendar for the upcoming budget process. The recommendation to approve the tax warrant is on the November 21<sup>st</sup> agenda. Additionally, a summary sheet of the taxes collected has been provided to the Board. Finally, as shared previously the CPI that will be used in the tax cap calculation is trending to be less than 2% which will restrict District revenue.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last meeting but is looking to schedule a meeting in December.

**CDEP:**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the CDEP Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium.

**Curriculum/TAG:**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee met on November 19, 2019. Mr. Albanese, the evening school principal, presented an overview of the evening program to the committee. He will continue to keep the committee updated on proposed changes to the program for the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Bill Earl, Director of Physical Education, reviewed the DRAFT New York State Physical Education Standards with the committee and how we are using the Great Body Shop curriculum in physical education classes at the K-6 level. Mrs. Herrington updated the committee on the work that is being completed in ELA and Reading:

- The District is aligning the K-8 curriculum maps and benchmarks to the Next Generation Standards.
- Grades 7-8 ELA teachers are developing culturally responsive units of study and are attending a three-day series of workshops hosted by BOCES. High school ELA and freshman academy teachers are attending this workshop as well.
- The District has implemented new reading/writing curriculum "Into Reading" for grades 3-6.
- The District will be piloting K-2 Reading Programs in the Winter.
- Grades 9-10 ELA maps will be updated to align with the Next Generation Standards which will include an emphasis on Culturally Responsive curriculum materials.
- All K-6 Reading teachers will be trained in Orton-Gillingham multi-sensory techniques for teaching reading.
- Reading teachers will turnkey training to classroom teachers.

Mrs. Werlau updated the committee on the TAG activities:

- George Steele did a nature walk with our elementary students.
- Lego League teams are working on their projects and will compete in January 2020.
- Many of our TAG students at the elementary level have been using the Renzulli software to assist them with their Lego project as well as to research topics they are interested in learning more about.
- Odyssey of the Mind will meet next week at the high school to discuss the project they will work on this year.
- Author's day will be held in March 2020.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2020, 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 is scheduled to meet on January 8, 2020, at 3:45 p.m. at District Office. On November 7, 2019, the District performed various emergency drills as part of the County Wide Emergency Evacuation Drill. The Building Safety Teams continue to meet on a monthly basis to review the emergency drills performed and discuss emergency procedures.

**Legislative:**

Mr. Petrocelli reported that Mr. Castle and Mr. Devincenzi attended a roundtable discussion on October 16<sup>th</sup> and will be attending a public hearing at 10:00 a.m., on December 3, 2019, in New York City regarding the Foundation Aid formula. Chairing the hearing will be Senator Shelley Mayer from the Committee on Education and Senator Brian Benjamin from the

Committee on Budget and Revenues. They will be hearing feedback from stakeholders on the distribution of the Foundation Aid formula with the goal of achieving greater educational equity for all students throughout the State. Mr. Castle indicated that Foundation Aid is a big portion of aid that is received from the State, but unfortunately over the last 8-9 years, Foundation aid has either been frozen or minimally increased, which has restricted revenue to support new programs. Each year the District advocates for an increase in State aid so that we are able to add programs for our students. Mr. Castle encouraged parents to write to our legislators to advocate for additional funding for our students and to call the District if they need more information regarding the Foundation Aid formula.

**Policy:**

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee met on November 12, 2019, to continue to review existing policies. There is one (1) policy for first reading and four (4) policies for second reading on the November 21<sup>st</sup> Board agenda. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020, at 7:00 pm at District Office.

**Technology:**

Mrs. Herrington reported that the Technology Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2019, at 3:30 p.m. in the high school library. Mr. Castle stated that controls are being put into place to protect our computer systems against cyber security threats and a Cyber Security Incident Response Plan is being developed. Mr. Castle also acknowledged and thanked Tom Hein for his work in protecting our computer systems.

**Wellness:**

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2020, at 3:30 p.m., in the high school library.

**Student Rep:**

Mr. Jerome Futia reported the following:

- The Powder Puff game was held on October 29<sup>th</sup>, which resulted in a win for the senior class.
  - The first quarter marking period ended on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Picture day occurred last week during gym periods.
  - Fall sports have ended with the following final records: football 5-4, boys soccer 13-3, girls soccer 9-8, golf 3-9, volleyball 13-2, girls tennis 6-3, and swimming 1-11. Cross country and cheerleading both had great seasons. Winter sports started November 12<sup>th</sup> with boys and girls basketball, wrestling, Nordic ski, gymnastics, indoor track and cheerleading.
  - The Ulster County Wide Early Release Drill was held on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Instant admissions hosted many colleges such as Culinary Institute of America, Mount Saint Mary College and other local community colleges.
  - The high school choir performed at New York City's Radio City Music Hall on November 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - On November 19<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. LaRocco's Life Skills class held a Thanksgiving feast and her students created and starred in a movie on the first Thanksgiving titled "Let's Be Thankful."
- Mr. Castle indicated that the Life Skills class was introduced several years ago so that students could be educated with us. He shared how proud he was of the students and the confidence they exuded in creating and acting in their movie. He also shared how this celebration has grown over the years with the number of people attending.

6. Add Agenda item to the Consent Agenda

Mr. Frisbie moved item, Approve Appointment – Modified Coaching be added to the Consent Agenda.

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

7. Consent Agenda

Mr. Petrocelli moved items 6A through 6M and 7A through 7G be taken as consent agenda.

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

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Susan Francisco** from a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Registered Nurse position, effective December 20, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Roberta Gerth** from a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Confidential Secretary/Senior Typist position, effective November 7, 2019.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Deirdrea Reis-DeSantis** from the position of Part-Time [.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective November 21, 2019, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Remedial Lab Teacher Aide.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Susan Rotunda** from a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Senior Typist position, effective January 1, 2020.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Roberta Tejeda** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE, Grade 10] Senior Typist (High School Assistant Principal Secretary), effective January 2, 2020, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE, Grade 12] Senior Typist/Office Manager.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Taylor Masi** to a 26-Week Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] District-Wide Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant position effective November 25, 2019, at a salary of \$31,535 pro-rated (Step 3, Grade 13 of the CSEA Contract) [6.5 hours daily]. Ms. Masi replaces Rosemarie Cole, who has resigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Michael May** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [0.50 FTE] Custodial Worker position, effective November 22, 2019, at a salary of \$14,589 pro-rated [4.0 hours daily, (Grade 11, Step 3, of the CSEA Contract)]. Mr. May replaces Andrew DeGroodt who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Deirdrea Reis-DeSantis** to a 90-Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Remedial Lab Teacher Aide position, effective November 22, 2019, at a salary of \$14,726.40 pro-rated [Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, \$11.80 per hour (6.5 hours per day)]. Ms. Reis-DeSantis replaces Tracey Rohl, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Roberta Tejeda** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Senior Typist/Office Manager position, effective January 3, 2020, at a salary of \$38,180 pro-rated (Grade 12, Step 10 of the CSEA Contract) [7.5 hours daily]. Ms. Tejeda replaces Debra Bertone, who is retiring.

Accept Resignation – Instructional – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Keith Jones** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position assigned to the Senior High School, effective November 11, 2019.

Approve Appointment – Instructional – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Amy Stevens** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to Leptondale Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year at a rate of \$109.00 per day, effective November 22, 2019.

Approve Child Rearing Leave Extension – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the request of **Brittney Rossi** to extend her Child Rearing Leave through June 26, 2020, instead of January 24, 2020, [previously approved at the May 22, 2019 Board of Education Meeting].

Approve Substitute Leave Replacement Extension – Agenda #6.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment extension of **Merissa Bull** to a Substitute Leave English 7-12 Teacher position, assigned to the John G. Borden Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year, at a salary of \$54,923 pro-rated (1NMA + 6 credits), effective November 27, 2019 through June 26, 2020, replacing Brittney Rossi, who is on a Child Rearing Leave, effective November 27, 2019 through June 26, 2020 [previously approved at the October 17, 2019, Board of Education Meeting].

Rescind Appointment – Coaching – Agenda #6.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and rescind the appointment (10/17/19 Board of Education Meeting) of **Nicole Calderone**, from the position of Varsity Gymnastics Coach, for the 2019-2020 Winter sports season.

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #6.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointments for the 2019-2020 Winter and Spring sports seasons:

**WINTER:**

**High School:**

<b>Lauren Cruz*</b>	Varsity Gymnastics Coach	\$3,930
<b>Nicole Calderone</b>	Assistant Varsity Gymnastics Coach	Unpaid
<b>LeeAnn Pazoga</b>	Assistant Varsity Gymnastics Coach	Unpaid
<b>Kelly Dutka</b>	Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach	Unpaid
<b>Brian Mahan</b>	Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	Unpaid
<b>Natasha Kennedy</b>	Assistant Varsity Indoor Track Coach	Unpaid

**Middle School:**

<b>Tom Palazzo</b>	Assistant Modified Wrestling Coach	Unpaid
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**SPRING:**

<b>Frank Croce</b>	Varsity Assistant Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$3,175
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*\*Pending issuance of coaching license*

Approve First Reading – Policy – Agenda #6.I.

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

1. Policy #1621 – Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration

Approve Second Readings – Policy – Agenda #6.J.

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

1. Policy #6130 – Drugs-Controlled Substances and Alcohol (Staff And The Public)
2. Policy #7201 – Attendance Policy - Wallkill Central School District
3. Policy #7420 – Drugs-Controlled Substances and Alcohol (Students)
4. Policy #7600 – Immunization of Students

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #6.K.

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.L.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #6.M.

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

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #7.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Wallkill Senior High School Multi-Purpose Field by **Wallkill Area Youth Football and Cheerleading** [for “Diva Bowl”] as indicated below:

Sunday	November 17, 2019	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Plattekill Elementary School Gymnasium by **Our Lady of Fatima CYO Basketball** [for practice] as indicated below:

Fridays	November 22, 2019 – February 28, 2020*	7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
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*\*Excluding November 29, December 27, 2019; January 10, 2020 and February 21, 2020*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Plattekill Elementary School Gymnasium by the **Rotary of Southern Ulster** [for a Basketball & Volleyball Program] as indicated below:

Basketball:

Mondays	November 25, 2019 – March 16, 2020*	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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Volleyball:

Tuesdays	December 3, 2019 – March 17, 2020*	5:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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*\*Excluding December 23, 24, 30 & 31, 2019; January 20, 2020 and February 17, 2020*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Wallkill Senior High School Gymnasium by the **Hudson Valley Alliance Volleyball Club** [for Volleyball practice] as indicated below:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays	December 3, 2019 – April 30, 2020	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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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 October 31, 2019 and Revenues as of October 31, 2019.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the employment contract of Mr. Thomas Hein, School District Computer Technician, effective January 1, 2020, to be on file with the District Clerk.

Approve Resolution – Cecil Mann Living Trust Tax Roll Correction – Agenda #7.D.

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

WHEREAS, Cecil Mann Living Trust (“Owner”) owns taxable real property in the Town of Newburgh identified on the Town of Newburgh tax map as: SBL # 28-1-12.14; and

WHEREAS, the Owner submitted an Application for Corrected Tax Roll for 2019 (“Tax Roll Correction Application”) pursuant to RPTL §554 on or about October 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Director of Real Property Tax Service approved the Tax Roll Correction Application on or about October 4, 2019 and has recommended the correction of the tax roll and the issuance of a new tax bill for the reasons set forth in a letter bearing that date and the attached documentation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District (“District”), pursuant to its authority set forth in RPTL §554[5], hereby authorizes and confirms the following actions:

1. Determines that a clerical error by the Town Assessor exists for the reasons set forth in the letter dated October 4, 2019 from the Orange County Director of Real Property Tax Service;
2. Approves the Tax Roll Correction Application;
3. Orders a correction of the 2019-20 Tax Roll of the Wallkill Central School District so that the tax levied on real property identified on the Town of Newburgh tax map as SBL # 28-1-12.14 be reduced from \$4,064.36 to \$1,306.97; and
4. Directs the District’s School Tax Collector to issue a corrected tax bill in the sum of \$1,306.97 to the Owner, together with a notice indicating that the Tax Roll Correction Application has been approved.

Approve Resolution – Cooperative Bidding – Agenda #7.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Cooperative Bidding Resolution with NY/Island Cooperative Bid (Purchasing Group) for the 2020-2021 school year. This Resolution shall be attached to the minutes and on file with the District Clerk.

Approve Resolution – Inter-Municipal Agreement – Agenda #7.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and Chatham Central School District regarding Cooperative Bus Run for a Special Education student.

Approve School Tax Report – 2019-2020 – Agenda #7.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the School Tax Report for the 2019-2020 school year.

8. Public Comment – Agenda #8

At 7:41 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

9. Executive Session – Agenda #9

At 7:42 p.m. Mrs. Anderson moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss an impartial hearing.

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

The Board reconvened a 8:39 p.m.

10. Close Meeting – Agenda #10

At 8:40 p.m. Mrs. Crowley moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran  
District Clerk