

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

*Mrs. Curiale and Mrs. Barbosa, Reading Teachers,
presented on reading interventions for students*

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:15 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment

- *A parent addressed the Board regarding reading services at the middle school and high school.*
- *A parent asked the Board for more detailed information on the reading initiatives being implemented in the District.*
 - *Mr. Castle indicated that information is accessible on the website, but also recommended that she call the District and speak with Mrs. Herrington.*
 - *Both parents thanked the Board for the initiatives being implemented to support staff and student learning.*

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

At 7:17 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Vice President Tom Frisbie in the Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson
Mrs. Crowley
Mr. Frisbie
Mr. McCullough (*arrived 7:07 p.m.*)
Mr. Missale
Mr. Palen
Mr. Petrocelli
Mr. Spencer
Mr. Jerome Futia [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. LoCicero

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

3. Approve Minutes – [11/21/19 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

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

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

4. Board Committee Reports – Agenda #4

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2020, at 6:30 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 the 2020-2021 budget process has begun, and the rollover budget will be presented to the Board in January. A meeting was held on December 5, 2019, with the elementary principals and special education department to review preliminary class sizes and will be reviewed again in the beginning of February. The tax cap is currently trending at less than 2%, which will restrict revenue. Fund balance and reserves will be utilized to balance the budget. The goal of the District is to maintain and if possible, enhance programs, while at the same time being mindful of the taxpayers. On December 20, 2019, building allocations of per pupil expenditures will be provided to all departments and building administrators. Mr. Castle indicated that the District will not exceed the tax cap and areas to be reviewed are health insurance costs, BOCES costs and potential retirements. He also indicated that he will be meeting with our legislators to advocate for an increase in State aid.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in District Office

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 has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 21, 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 the building safety teams continue to meet monthly to review their drills and procedures. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2020, at 3:45 p.m. in District Office. Mr. Castle indicated that Mr. Devincenzi has set up tabletop exercises at each of the buildings to review their safety plans. The exercises will be facilitated by the state, county and local police.

Legislative:

Mr. Petrocelli reported on a December 16th On Board article regarding a Board of Regents request for an overall 2-billion-dollar increase for which a portion would be allocated towards Foundation Aid. The goal would be that every school district would receive a minimum of 1% increase for the 2020/2021 school year. The article went on to say that the state faces a potential 6-billion-dollar short fall in the next fiscal year. Mr. Castle talked more on the Foundation Aid formula and the inequitable apportionment of aid throughout the state.

Policy:

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. There is one (1) policy for second reading on the December 19th Board agenda. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020, at 7:00 pm in District Office.

Technology:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Technology Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is rescheduled for January 13, 2020, at 3:30 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 January 7, 2020, at 3:30 p.m., in the High School Library.

Student Rep:

Mr. Jerome Futia reported the following:

- US News and World Report has publicly ranked Wallkill Senior High School as a top high school in the country
- In sports - Boys basketball currently holds a record of 1-3, Girls basketball 2-1, wrestling took 3rd at two tournaments and is 1-1, Nordic Ski recently had their first meet and won. Indoor track had three school records broken last weekend with long

jump now at 29'9" by Romaine Bird, triple jump at 44' 3.25" by Louis Martinez, and 55m dash at 6.9s by Samantha Rodriguez. Gymnastics have their first meet in January and cheerleading's first competition is soon approaching.

- *College acceptances are beginning to be released as many seniors have been accepted to their top choice universities.*
- *On December 18th, the high school Winter Concert was held.*

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. McCullough moved items 5A through 5J and 6A through 6F be taken as consent agenda.

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

Accept Resignations – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Donna Brouard** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Typist position, effective January 3, 2020, pending her appointment to a Full-Time Senior Typist.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Jennifer Ferrante** from the position of Full-Time [12-Month, 1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk/Extra Curricular Classroom Treasurer position, effective January 3, 2020, pending her appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE, Grade 10] Senior Typist (High School Assistant Principal Secretary).

Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the provisional appointment of **Donna Brouard** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Senior Typist position, effective January 6, 2020, at a salary of \$44,630 pro-rated (Grade 10, Step 15 of the CSEA Contract). Ms. Brouard replaces Susan Rotunda, who is due to retire.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Jennifer Ferrante** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Senior Typist (High School Assistant Principal Secretary) position, effective January 6, 2020, at a salary of \$29,516 pro-rated (Grade 10, Step 5 of the CSEA Contract). Ms. Ferrante replaces Roberta Tejada, who was reassigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Robin Rule** to a 26-Week Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Registered Nurse position, effective January 13, 2020, at a salary of \$35,437 pro-rated (Grade 16, Step 3 of the CSEA Contract). Ms. Rule replaces Susan Francisco, who is due to retire.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Branden Velez** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [0.50 FTE] Custodial Worker position, effective January 6, 2020, at a salary of \$14,589 pro-rated [4.0 hours daily, (Grade 11, Step 3, of the CSEA Contract)]. Mr. Velez replaces Brian Battle who resigned.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Julie Wright** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Confidential Secretary/Senior Typist to the Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services position, effective January 6, 2020, according to the Terms and Conditions for Confidential Secretaries at a salary of \$41,688 pro-rated. Ms. Wright replaces Roberta Gerth, who has retired.

Award Tenure – Instructional – Agenda #5.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Ruby Sabillon-Estrada** in the area of English as a Second Language, effective February 19, 2020.

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #5.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointment for 2020-2021 Fall sports season:

HIGH SCHOOL:

Christopher Valencia

Varsity Boys Soccer Coach

\$5,232

Approve Service Contract – Agenda #5.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attached Service Contract between the Wallkill Central School District and **Debra Bertone**, a copy of which shall be on file with the District Clerk.

Approve Second Reading – Policy – Agenda #5.F.

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

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

Approve Appointments – CSE and CPSE Committees Volunteer Parent Members – Agenda #5.G.

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 2019-2020 school year:

Summer Barnhart
Melissa Burriss

Helen Edgar
Kim Quick

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #5.H.

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.I.

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 #5.I.

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 #6.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of a Wallkill Senior High School Classroom by **SUNY Ulster** [for Orientation and Driver Education Classes] as indicated below:

Wednesday	January 22, 2020	4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Wednesdays	February 12, 2020 – June 3, 2020*	5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

[*Excluding 4/8/20]

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 2, 2020 – June 5, 2020	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays	March 7, 2020 – June 6, 2020	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 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 November 30, 2019 and Revenues as of November 30, 2019.

Approve Appropriation – 2020 Senior Celebration – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve an appropriation of \$1,500 in support of the **2020 Senior Celebration**.

Approve Resolution – Vincent & Helena Biele Tax Roll Correction – Agenda #6.D.

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

WHEREAS, Vincent F. Biele and Helena G. Biele (“Owner”) owns taxable real property in the Town of Newburgh identified on the Town of Newburgh tax map as: SBL # 125-1-43; and

WHEREAS, the Owner submitted an Application for Correction of Property Tax Assessment for 2019 (“Tax Roll Correction Application”) pursuant to RPTL §739 on or about March 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Director of Real Property Tax Service approved the Stipulation of Settlement on or about October 31, 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 §739, 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 31, 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 # 125-1-43 be reduced from \$16,137.89 to \$13,472.15; and
4. Directs the District’s School Tax Collector to issue a corrected tax bill in the sum of \$2,665.74 to the Owner, together with a notice indicating that the Tax Roll Correction Application has been approved.

Approve Resolution – Shirley Figueroa & Lissette Gutierrez Tax Roll Correction – Agenda #6.E.

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

WHEREAS, Lissette Gutierrez and Shirley Figueroa (“Owner”) owns taxable real property in the Town of Newburgh identified on the Town of Newburgh tax map as: SBL # 4-2-29.51; and

WHEREAS, the Owner submitted an Application for Correction of Property Tax Assessment for 2019 (“Tax Roll Correction Application”) pursuant to RPTL §739 on or about March 18, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Director of Real Property Tax Service approved the Stipulation of Settlement on or about October 31, 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 §739, hereby authorizes and confirms the following actions:

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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 # 4-2-29.51 be reduced from \$12,105.41 to \$9,186.72; and

4. Directs the District's School Tax Collector to issue a corrected tax bill in the sum of \$2,918.69 to the Owner, together with a notice indicating that the Tax Roll Correction Application has been approved.

Approve Memorandum of Agreement – Wallkill Teachers' Association – Agenda #6.F.

The Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and the Wallkill Teachers' Association regarding Sick Leave Bank Procedures.

6. Public Comment – Agenda #7

At 7:39 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

7. Executive Session – Agenda #8

At 7:40 p.m. Mr. Spencer moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss personnel.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

8. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

At 8:32 p.m. Mr. Missale moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk