

**Regular Meeting Board of Education**  
**Wallkill Senior High School Auditorium**  
**Monday, December 21, 2020**  
**7:00 p.m.**

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:00 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

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

At 7:01 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Joseph LoCicero in the Senior High School Auditorium.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson  
Mr. Bartolone  
Mrs. Crowley  
Mr. LoCicero (*via Zoom*)  
Mr. Palen  
Mr. Petrocelli  
Mr. Conor Warren [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. Frisbie  
Mr. Spencer

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

3. Approve Minutes – [11/18/20 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #5

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

4. Amended Corrective Action Plan Acceptance – Agenda #4

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Amended Corrective Action Plan for the 2019-2020 fiscal school year so as to satisfy New York State Requirements.

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

5. Board Committee Reports – Agenda #6

***Audit:***

*Mrs. Crowley reported that the committee has not met since the last meeting.*

***Budget:***

*Mrs. Crowley reported that the 2021-2022 budget process has begun. The rollover budget will be presented to the Board in January to be followed by meetings in March and April as well as updates throughout the budget development. A meeting was held on December 4, 2020, with the elementary principals and the special education department to review preliminary class sizes. Another meeting will be held in the beginning of February to review class sizes. On December 22, 2020, building allocations of per pupil expenditures will be provided to all departments and building administrators.*

***Buildings & Grounds:***

*Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on December 7, 2020. A timeline to complete the work at the new administrative offices was reviewed with the Special Education and Educational Services offices scheduled to be moved to the new building over winter recess. The committee also discussed a potential capital project with further discussions to be held once the District receives the Building Condition Survey from our architects and engineers. The Building Condition Survey is expected to be completed by early January and a meeting will be scheduled with the committee to review the document.*

**CDEP:**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the CDEP Committee met virtually on December 9, 2020. The building principals along with two members from their team, two high school student representatives and one parent rep presented the 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan for their building. Each building's plan is aligned with the Board of Education Goals and address the academic and social emotional needs of our students. Mr. White, Director of Special Education, presented the District Special Education Department Improvement Plan and the Ostrander School Comprehensive Education (SCEP) Plan. The next meeting will be in Spring 2021; location to be determined.

**Curriculum/TAG:**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

**Health & Safety:**

Mr. Palen reported that the Health & Safety Committee the committee met on December 9, 2020 and December 14, 2020. At the meetings, the committee discussed the updated Ulster County contact tracing plan. The next committee meeting is scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on January 13, 2021.

**Legislative:**

Mr. Petroccelli had nothing to report and deferred to Mr. Castle to comment. Mr. Castle indicated that there is a new COVID relief package that allocates \$54 billion for K-12 public schools. It is unclear at this point what it will mean for K-12 schools in New York State.

**Policy:**

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee the committee has not met since the last meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on January 12, 2021 at District Office.

**Technology:**

Mrs. Herrington reported that the Technology Committee met on December 7, 2020. Mrs. Herrington and Mr. Hein, Director of Technology, provided the committee with information about Go Guardian, a software that the District uses to filter various internet sites and track students' online activity. The District is reviewing the software's updated features which includes a parent app. The District is developing a plan to roll out the new features after the new year. Mr. Hein also reviewed the New York State updated Digital Equity Surveys that the District submitted to the State. Because we are a 1:1 District, all our students have access to a device and those that have notified us that they need internet have been provide with a mi-fi (30 devices) to provide them access. Mrs. Herrington outlined for the committee the professional development that was attended by school personnel on Superintendent's Conference Day (November 25, 2020) as required by Education Law 2D. Faculty and staff completed learning modules that taught them about Student Privacy and Data Security. The next committee meeting is scheduled at 3:30 p.m. on March 8, 2021, at the High School.

**Wellness:**

Mr. Bartolone reported that the Wellness Committee has not meet since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled at 3:30 p.m. on January 5, 2021.

**Student Rep:**

Mr. Conor Warren reported the following:

- In Sports:
  - The MHAL delayed the start date for low-moderate risk winter sports until January 4, 2021. MHAL athletic directors, including Mr. Masopust, are set to meet on December 23, 2020, to re-evaluate this start date. The OCIAA delayed the date until January 19, 2021.
  - The NYSPHSSA Winter Championships were cancelled.
  - High-risk Winter sports have been postponed indefinitely.
- The music department rolled out a virtual concert, which was posted last week on the District website. The concert includes performances from music groups throughout all schools in the District.
- On or before December 15, 2020, some seniors received their early admission decisions.

6. Add Item to the Agenda

Mr. Petrocelli moved item, Approve Memorandum of Understanding – Ulster County be added to the Agenda.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Crowley and carried 6 – 0.

7. Approve Memorandum of Understanding – Ulster County

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District approves entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Ulster County to address COVID-19 testing of students, faculty and staff upon the terms and conditions as recommended by the District's attorneys, a draft copy of which are annexed hereto, and further authorizes the Superintendent to sign such Memorandum of Understanding subject to final recommendation by the District's attorneys.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Crowley and carried 6 – 0.

8. Consent Agenda

Mr. Palen moved items 6A through 6G and 7A through 7F be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 6 – 0.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Mary Antunovich** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective December 11, 2020,

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Rhiannon Huber Green** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective December 2, 2020,

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Meredith Matthews** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE, 6.75 hours per day] Library Clerk, effective January 4, 2021, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE, 7.5 hours per day] Main Office Clerk.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Meredith Matthews** to a 90-Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk position, effective January 5, 2021, at a salary of \$23,140.80 pro-rated, [7.5 hours per day, (\$16.07 per hour, Step 11 of the CSEA Contract)]. Ms. Matthews replaces Catherine Padilla, who was reassigned.

Approve Appointments – CSE and CPSE Committees Volunteer Parent Members – Agenda # 6.C

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 2020-2021 school year:

**Melissa Burriss**

**Helen Edgar**

**Kim Trozzi**

Approve 2020-2021 School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) – Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 2020-2021 School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) for the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School as presented.

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #6.E.

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.F.

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 #6.G.

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

Accept Treasurer’s Report – Agenda #7.A.

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, 2020 and Revenues as of November 30, 2020.

Approve Appropriation – 2021 Senior Celebration – Agenda #7.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve an appropriation of \$1,500 in support of the **2021 Senior Celebration**.

Approve Resolution – Records Retention and Disposition Schedule – Agenda #7.C.

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

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein. FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A: (a) the records described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1) will only be disposed of after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein; (b) records will be disposed of if they do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

Approve Memorandum of Agreement – CSEA – Agenda #7.D.

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

The Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., AFSCME, Local 1000 pertaining to district nurses conducting COVID-19 tests.

Approve Resolution – Superintendent of Schools – Agenda #7.E.

The Board approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Employment Agreement of Superintendent Kevin Castle covering the period from December 21, 2020 through December 20, 2025, a copy of which shall be kept on file with the District Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is authorized to execute the aforementioned Employment Agreement on the District’s behalf.

Approve Stipulation of Agreement – Agenda #7.F.

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. 122120.

9. Accept Donation – Agenda #7.G.

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$900 from the **Shawangunk Valley Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.** to purchase “Holiday Gifts” for students at the Clare. F. Ostrander Elementary School.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 6 – 0. [With Thanks].

10. Public Comment – Agenda #8

At 7:11 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. No comment.

11. Close Meeting – Agenda #10

At 7:12 p.m. Mr. Palen moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 6 – 0.

*Comment:*

*Mr. LoCicero wished everyone Happy Holidays. He thanked the administration, faculty and staff and especially the students for all of their hard work this year during these difficult times.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran  
District Clerk