

Mr. Masopust and Daniel Greene presented on the Senior High School Homework Survey and the Senior High School Grades 9-12 Homework Assistance Lab Program

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

At 7:14 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. Frisbie
Mr. LoCicero
Mr. Nafey
Mr. Palen
Mr. Petrocelli
Mr. Spencer
Mr. Daniel Greene [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Also present were Superintendent Castle, Assistant Superintendents Devincenzi and Herrington and administrators Albert, Brown, Harjes, Hasbrouck, Masopust, Pantaleone, Parete, Redmond and White.

2. Add Item to the Agenda

Mr. Spencer moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Board President to livestream and record all Board of Education meetings effective January 19, 2022.

Discussion:

Mr. Frisbie commented that the Board of Education has always been transparent and livestreaming and recording Board of Education meetings will only add to that transparency.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 9 – 0.

3. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:17 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- A parent addressed the Board regarding the Livestream Survey. She also thanked the Board for discussing her petition to livestream and record Board of Education meetings at the October 28th Board of Education Goals meeting. She provided clarification on her petition.*
- A parent addressed the Board with thanks for their service to our children and community and for approving the livestreaming and recording of Board of Education meetings. She provided her own personal reasons as to why it is difficult to attend meetings in person and how this important decision to livestream and record Board of Education meetings will be helpful not only to her but to others as well.*
- A parent addressed the Board regarding her perspective for the need to have Board of Education meetings livestreamed and recorded and thanked the Board for their support.*

- A parent thanked the Board regarding the approval to livestream and record Board of Education meetings. She commented on Mr. White's presentation at the September 15th Board meeting regarding the School Comprehension Education Plan and the reasons Ostrander parents of students with dyslexia and special needs might have opted out of taking the State Assessments. She thanked the Board for implementing ICT services to students at Leptondale and Ostrander so students didn't have to move schools. She thanked the Special Education Department for recording the SEPAC meeting. She referenced the High School Homework Lab, ELA curriculum and other opportunities being provided to all students so no one is left behind. She appreciates the efforts the board and administration have been making.
- A parent addressed and thanked the Board regarding the Livestream Survey and for approving the livestreaming and recording of Board of Education meetings.

4. Approve Minutes – [10/20/21 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Spencer and carried 9 – 0.

5. Approve Minutes – [10/28/21 Special Board Goals Meeting] – Agenda #4

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the October 28, 2021, Special Board of Education Goals Meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 9 – 0.

6. Board Committee Reports – Agenda #5

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee has not met since the last meeting. The internal auditors were in the District to perform the State required risk assessment. The next committee meeting will be scheduled once the District receives notification from the internal auditors that the draft report of the risk assessment is complete.

Budget:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Board was provided a draft budget calendar on November 17th for the upcoming budget process. In addition, on the November 17, 2021 Board agenda is a recommendation to approve the tax warrant. A summary sheet of the taxes collected has been provided to the Board. Finally, as discussed at the October 20th Board meeting, the CPI that will be used in the tax cap calculation is trending to be 2%. Mr. Devincenzi stated that according to the budget calendar, building allocations will be sent to administrators in December, in January the roll-over budget will be reviewed, the end of January we usually get State Aid numbers from the Governor, the end of March we anticipate receiving the approved state budget and meetings will be held in between as numbers get finalized. Updates will continue to be provided as we move forward.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on November 15, 2021. The committee met with Tetra Tech, the Districts architect and engineering firm, and continued discussions on developing a scope of work for a future capital project. The committee discussed various items that could be potentially included as part of a capital project scope and has scheduled another meeting on December 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in room 126 at the High School. Mr. Frisbie thanked the committee members for a good discussion following Tetra Tech. Mr. Castle mentioned that the District historically plans for a capital project when debt is coming off the books. We need to keep our debt level the same to avoid tax spikes. It is important to maintain our facilities while also being mindful of our taxpayers. The Building Condition Survey, which is a five (5) year plan, is being used to develop the scope of work. The proposed project will be presented to the community and anticipate adding it to the May Budget vote as an additional proposition.

CDEP:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the CDEP Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. in room 126 at the High School.

Health & Safety:

Mr. Palen reported that the Health & Safety Committee the committee met on November 17, 2021. The committee discussed the Emergency Release Day drills performed each building as well as discussed the COVID-19 health and safety protocols throughout the District. The committee will be scheduling another meeting for next month.

Legislative:

Mr. Petrocelli asked that Mr. Castle speak about his letters that he sent to our legislators concerning the governor's announcement to make schools vaccination clinics, and proposed Bill #A08378 introduced in the Assembly. The District recently responded to a survey by the State indicating that we would not allow clinics in our schools during the school day. Bill #A08378 would require COVID-19 immunization for all students to attend school. Mr. Castle has asked our legislators to slow down this process and suggested that they ask their constituents for feedback on how this will impact families. In the meantime, during the last Policy Committee meeting, the committee discussed the idea to create and send out a survey to our parents/guardians to get their input on Bill #A08378.

Policy:

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee met on November 9, 2021. The committee continued the discussion from the last meeting regarding a newly required policy. After discussion, the committee recommended the policy be approved for first reading on the November 17th Board agenda. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in room 126 at the High School unless a meeting is required prior. Mr. Palen commented that a productive and meaningful discussion took place between committee members, administration and parents regarding Bill #A08378 where suggestions were put forward that resulted in the idea to create a parent/guardian survey. A copy of the survey was provided to the Board. The results from our survey would be shared with our legislators with the hope that it will have a great impact on them to not mandate a COVID-19 vaccination. Mr. Castle commented that the goal is to send out the survey via SchoolMessenger on November 18, 2021, with a December 3rd deadline. One survey is to be completed per household with the opportunity to have both parents (if applicable) submit a response as to whether or not a COVID-19 vaccination should be mandated to attend school. Another question in the survey is whether or not the parent/guardian had or plans to have their child(ren) vaccinated. It will be requested that the parent/guardian's address be included so not to receive duplicated counts. The final question of the survey asks how many children reside in the household. This information will be helpful in showing our legislators the impact this potential mandate will have on families. Mr. Castle indicated that he would ask our legislators to hold a Town Hall where they can hear and get direct feedback from parents. Mr. Palen commented that to get this information out there as the second largest district in the county may provide a greater impact on our legislators as a representation of our community.

Technology:

Mr. Spencer reported that the Technology Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. in room 126 at the High School.

Wellness:

Mr. Bartolone reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. in room 126 at the High School.

Student Rep:

Mr. Daniel Greene reported:

In Academics:

- The first quarter of the school year has ended. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on November 23, 2021. Teachers will be in the gymnasium and other classrooms for their conferences. Financial Aid Night is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 18, 2021.

In Clubs:

- *The drama club put on and recorded a performance of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown on November 13th. Leo Club had a meeting on November 17th and discussed volunteering at the Leptondale Craft Night which will be held on November 19th at 5:00 p.m. Leo Club also had a very successful Socktober Drive, collecting over 400 socks. NHS will have volunteers helping parents get to their conferences next week.*

In Music:

- *All our music groups are preparing for the Winter concert, which will be at 7:00 p.m. on December 14, 2021. Both All-State and Area All-State concerts will take place before the next Board of Education meeting with the Area All-State concert happening November 20, 2021.*

In Athletics:

- *At the end of the Fall Cross Country season, senior Luke Diemoz competed at the State Cross Country Meet. He finished 44th out of 120. Winter sports began on November 15th for all our teams, and the teams that required tryouts are finalizing their teams. A student athlete/parent meeting will be held on November 22, 2021.*

7. **Discussion:**

Mr. Castle indicated that School Board Recognition Week was in October. He mentioned that the school board has put in a lot of time to ensure that our students receive a great education. As discussed at the October 28th Goals meeting, the Board has implemented many initiatives over the past nine (9) years, including, but not limited to, the 1:1 technology initiative prior to COVID, capital project work, approved training for teachers, athletic programs, intervention programs and the creation of new positions which have helped students in the District. On behalf of the 2800 students in the Wallkill Central School District, Mr. Castle thanked the Board of Education and handed each Board member a certificate for their dedicated leadership in public education and continuing service to the children of this community.

8. **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Spencer moved items 6A through 6Q and 7A through 7E be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Nafey and carried 9 – 0.

Create Program – Senior High School Grades 9-12 After-School Homework Assistance Lab – Agenda #6.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and create the following program:

Senior High School Grades 9-12 After-School Homework Assistance Lab

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Caitlyn Beach** from the position of Part-Time [.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective November 17, 2021, 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 **Kimberly Dommermuth** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective November 17, 2021, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] 10-Month Photocopy Attendant.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Carin Foster** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide, assigned to the Leptondale Elementary School, effective November 17, 2021, pending her appointment to the position of Part-Time [.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Martin Matadobra** from the position of Part-Time [.50 FTE] Custodial Worker, effective November 23, 2021.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Sheryl Pluchino** from a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Senior Typist/Office Manger position, effective January 3, 2022.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Joan Post** from a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Senior Typist/Office Manger position, effective January 1, 2022.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Caitlyn Beach** to a 90-Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective November 18, 2021, at a salary of \$17,397.12 pro-rated [Step 5 of the CSEA Contract, \$13.94 per hour, (6.5 hours per day)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Kimberly Dommermuth** to a 90-Day Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] 10-Month Photocopy Attendant position, effective November 18, 2021, at a salary of \$27,489.60 pro-rated [\$19.09 per hour, (7.5 hours per day) Step 15 of the CSEA Contract].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Carin Foster** to a 26-week Probationary Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective November 18, 2021, at a salary of \$13.20 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Kara Palen** to a 26-Week Probationary Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective November 18, 2021 at a salary of \$13.70 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Sharon Syngjyllari** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School, for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$13.20 per hour [6.5 hours daily], effective November 18, 2021.

Accept Resignation – Instructional – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Rachel Zarett** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position assigned to Plattekill Elementary School, effective November 30, 2021, pending her appointment to a Substitute Leave Childhood Education K-6 Teacher.

Approve Substitute Leave Replacements – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Rachel Rivera**, certified in English to Speakers of Other Languages, to a Substitute Leave ESL Teacher position, assigned to the Wallkill Senior High School for the 2021-2022 school year, at a salary of \$50,770 pro-rated (1NBA + 0 credits), effective December 1, 2021 through January 28, 2022, replacing Nicole Rivera who is on a Child Rearing Leave, effective December 1, 2021 through January 28, 2022 [previously approved at the July 1, 2021, Board of Education Meeting].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Rachel Zarett**, certified in Early Childhood Education (B-2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), to a Substitute Leave Childhood Education K-6 Teacher position, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$56,295 pro-rated (1NMA + 6 credits), effective December 1, 2021 through June 24, 2022, replacing Kailen Stey who is on a Child Rearing Leave, effective December 1, 2021 through June 24, 2022 [previously approved at the July 1, 2021 Board of Education Meeting].

Approve Appointments – Instructional – Grades K-8 After-School Academic Intervention Program – Agenda #6.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Instructional appointments of the following individuals for the Grades K-8 After School Academic Intervention Program.

Leptondale Elementary School

Carrie Overfield	Kindergarten	\$53.75 per hour
Jennifer Rose	Kindergarten	\$53.75 per hour
Jonni Dispensa	Grade 1	\$53.75 per hour

Lorraine Rawlins	Grade 4	\$53.75 per hour
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Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School

Kristen Kreuscher	Kindergarten	\$53.75 per hour
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Plattekill Elementary School

Jessica Vallaro	Kindergarten	\$53.75 per hour
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Rachel Zarett	Grade 3 ELA	\$53.75 per hour
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Approve Appointments – Instructional – Senior High School Grades 9-12 After-School Homework Assistance Lab – Agenda #6.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Instructional appointments of the following individuals for the Senior High School Grades 9-12 After-School Homework Assistance Lab.

Jaime Lapolla	English Language Arts	\$63.00 per session
Carlos Mercado	English Language Arts	\$63.00 per session
Karen Regino	English Language Arts	\$63.00 per session
Keri Donohue	Mathematics	\$63.00 per session
Kimberly Earl	Mathematics	\$63.00 per session
Arthur Higby	Mathematics	\$63.00 per session
Kyle Ferraiolo	Science	\$63.00 per session
Alyssa Greany	Science	\$63.00 per session
Nicholas Malgieri	Science	\$63.00 per session
Jordan Taylor	Science	\$63.00 per session
John Bohan	Social Studies	\$63.00 per session
David DerCola	Social Studies	\$63.00 per session
Rachel O'Mara	Social Studies	\$63.00 per session
Margaret Pelosa	Social Studies	\$63.00 per session

Accept Resignations – Co-Curricular – Agenda #6.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **John Shanley** from the Co-Curricular position of Middle School Winter Intramurals Advisor, effective October 22, 2021.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Jennifer Taylor** from the Co-Curricular position of Middle School Television Studio Advisor, effective October 15, 2021.

Approve Appointment – Co-Curricular – Agenda #6.I.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individual to the Co-Curricular position for the 2021-2022 school year.

HIGH SCHOOL:

Alyssa Greany	Odyssey of the Mind Advisor	\$1,346
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Award Tenure – Instructional – Agenda #6.J.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Margo Tucker** in the area of Home Economics, effective February 1, 2022.

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

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

1. Policy #7626 – Sex Discrimination – Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

Approve Proposed 2022 High School Senior Class Trip – Agenda #6.L.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed Class of 2022 Senior Class Trip to Orlando, FL from April 1, 2022 through April 4, 2022.

Approve Proposed 2022 Varsity & Junior Varsity Baseball Athletic Trip – Agenda #6.M.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed Varsity & Junior Varsity Baseball Athletic Trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, from April 9, 2022 through April 16, 2022.

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #6.N.

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.O.

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.P.

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

Approve Professional Development Plan – Agenda #6.Q.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Professional Development Plan as presented for the period September 2021 through June 2023.

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #7.A.

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

Thursdays	November 18, 2021 – March 24, 2022**	5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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** COVID-19 Safety Plan is on file*

***Excluding November 25, 2021 and December 30, 2021*

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 29, 2021 – March 21, 2022**	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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Volleyball:

Tuesdays	November 30, 2021 – March 22, 2022**	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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** COVID-19 Safety Plan is on file*

***Excluding December 27 & 28, 2021; January 17, 2022 and February 21, 2022*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Plattekill and Leptondale Elementary School Gymnasiums by **Wallkill Area Youth Soccer/SUFC*** [for Indoor Soccer Practice] as indicated below:

Leptondale Elementary School:

Mondays and Wednesdays	January 3, 2022 – March 30, 2022	6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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Plattekill Elementary School:

Wednesdays and Thursdays	January 5, 2022 – March 31, 2022	6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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** COVID-19 Safety Plan is on file*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the John G. Borden Middle School Gymnasiums by **Wallkill Area Little League*** [for Tryouts] as indicated below:

Saturdays	January 29, 2022 – March 26, 2022	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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** COVID-19 Safety Plan is on file*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room by **Wallkill Area Little League*** [for Practice] as indicated below:

Tuesdays and Thursdays	February 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022	6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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** COVID-19 Safety Plan is on file*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the District Athletic Fields [when available] by **Wallkill Area Little League*** [for Baseball and Softball] as indicated below:

Weekdays:	March 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022	4:00 p.m. to Dusk
Weekends:	March 5, 2022 – November 27, 2022	6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

** COVID-19 Safety Plan is on file*

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, 2021 and Revenues as of October 31, 2021.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Cooperative Bidding Resolution with NY/Island Cooperative Bid (Purchasing Group) for the 2022-2023 school year. This Resolution shall be attached to the minutes and on file with the District Clerk.

Approve Agreement – Stephen Birchak – Agenda #7.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and Stephen Birchak to provide a webinar presentation on building resilience for faculty and staff on Superintendent's Conference Day on November 24, 2021.

Approve School Tax Report – 2021-2022 – Agenda #7.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the School Tax Report for the 2021-2022 school year.

9. Executive Session – Agenda #8

At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and negotiations with CSEA.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 9 – 0.

The Board reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

10. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

At 8:37 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Spencer and carried 9 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk