

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Plattekill Elementary School
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
7:00 p.m.

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

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:00 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- No public comments.

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 Plattekill Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson
Mrs. Crowley
Mr. Frisbie
Mr. Hecht
Mr. LoCicero
Mrs. McCartney
Mr. Palen
Ms. Alyssa Vega [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. Bartolone
Mr. Nafey

Also present were Superintendent Castle, Assistant Superintendents Devincenzi, Rounds and White and administrators Albanese, Brown, Greany, Hasbrouck, Masopust, Napoli, Redmond, and Salisbury.

3. Approve Minutes – [4/16/24 Special Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024, Special Board of Education Meeting.

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

4. Approve Minutes – [4/16/24 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #4

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

5. Approve Minutes – [4/23/24 Special Board Meeting] – Agenda #5

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024, Special Board of Education Meeting.

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

6. Canvass Vote [5/21/24]

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the vote of May 21, 2024, including absentee, early mail voter, and contested votes on one proposition and four candidate positions on the Board of Education as follows:

PROPOSITION I – BUDGET

439 YES 127 NO

CANDIDATES:

William Hecht	<u>447</u>
Thomas Nafey	<u>404</u>
Donna Crowley	<u>424</u>
Thomas Frisbie	<u>399</u>

WRITE-INS: Gary Capella, Kathleen Capella, Melissa Hanley Borin, Anthony Mantello, Rebecca Mantello, James, McVey, Genevieve Milliken, Jaime Pagan, Brian Stafford, and Frank Wolf.

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

[Mr. LoCicero thanked everyone for supporting the 2024-2025 budget.]

7. Approve Resolution – Board of Education Trustee Resignation

Mrs. Anderson moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following resolution:

It is hereby resolved that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of **Thomas Frisbie** from serving as a Board of Education Trustee, effective May 21, 2024.

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

8. Administer Oath of Allegiance

Ms. Kelli Corcoran, District Clerk, administered the Oath of Allegiance to **Thomas Frisbie** (filling the seat vacated by Vincent Petrocelli), effective May 22, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

9. Fill Vacancy/Appoint Board of Education Member

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the following resolution:

Be it Resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of **William Hecht** as a member of the Board of Education to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Thomas Frisbie’s seat. The appointment will be effective May 22, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

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

10. Administer Oath of Allegiance

Ms. Kelli Corcoran, District Clerk, administered the Oath of Allegiance to **William Hecht** (filling the seat vacated by Thomas Frisbie), effective May 22, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

11. Board Committee Reports – Agenda #8

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee is scheduled to meet on June 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at District Office to review the draft report on the tested area performed by the internal auditors. Additionally, the committee will be meeting with the external auditors, Nugent and Haeussler to review the required yearly external audit scheduled for July.

Budget:

Mr. Devincenzi thanked the community for their support. We have a great plan in place for the 2024-2025 school year that will maintain programs as well as being mindful of the taxpayers by being below the tax cap for the fourth year in a row. Mr. Devincenzi thanked the Board of Education and our community for the continued support of our District and our student programs. Mr. LoCicero stated that everyone did a great job.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last meeting. Work has begun at the high school to renovate the downstairs team room/locker room and work will begin on the upstairs locker room towards the end of June. The remaining scheduled work for all the buildings throughout the District will begin once school is out for Summer recess.

CDEP:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the CDEP committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The CDEP committee is not scheduled to meet again until the 2024-2025 school year.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee met on April 23, 2024. Mrs. Libbie Werlau provided an update on the Talented and Gifted (TAG) activities through the remainder of the school year, such as George Steele visits. She also provided an overview of Author Day visits with Alysa Wishingrad. Ms. Rounds shared information regarding the Summer programs for 2024. She discussed the dates and structure for elementary, middle, and high school programs. Due to Summer construction, the elementary program will be located at Plattekill Elementary School and the middle school and high school programs will be done remotely. Lastly, Mr. White shared updates on course offering at the high school. He shared that three new elective classes are being offered for the 2024-2025 school year. The three elective classes are Financial Literacy, American Sign Language III and Spanish 6. The Curriculum committee is not scheduled to meet until the 2024-2025 school year.

Health & Safety:

Mr. Palen reported that the Committee met on May 1, 2024. The committee reviewed the draft of District-Wide safety plan as well as reviewed the security upgrades the District has installed as part of the Capital Project as well as reviewed what will be completed this Summer. This is the last meeting for the school year unless another meeting is required.

Legislative:

Mr. Hecht reported that both the Senate and Assembly passed legislation to give back local control to school districts regarding teacher and principal APPR evaluations.

Policy:

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee met on May 9, 2024, and reviewed several policies. This was the last scheduled meeting for the year unless another meeting is required.

Technology:

Mr. White reported that the Technology Committee met on April 22, 2024. Mr. Hein provided an update regarding SchoolTool, our student management system, which will be moving their services from the Mid-Hudson Regional Information Center (MHRIC) to a cloud-based server. Due to a delay with the MHRIC the migration will now take place in August. Lastly, Mr. Hein shared a timeline for updating the district's website. The committee chose a template, and the migration of the new website will take place over the Summer. The Technology committee is not scheduled to meet until the 2024-2025 school year.

Wellness:

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last meeting but is scheduled to meet on June 4, 2024, at 3:45 p.m. in high school room 102.

Student Rep:

Ms. Alyssa Vega reported the following:

- As part of School Library Month, we welcomed author and Wallkill alumnus Ish Martinez (Class of 1968) to the library. Mr. Martinez spoke to Ms. Incremona's English 12 classes about his book "Las Villas of Plattekill and Ulster County" in preparation for their research project on discovering the stories of the Hudson Valley.
- At the end of April, the library recognized Mathematics Awareness Month. Students set up a display of books where math plays a significant role and designed a center with a variety of math games and puzzles.

- In May the library is highlighting Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with student created book displays and author studies.
- May the 4th was celebrated with Star Wars-themed book giveaways in the library.
- Mrs. Perry's senior classes created a Memorial Day display that includes a Fallen Comrade Table. They have collected the names of service people from Gardiner, Newburgh, Plattekill, and Shawangunk who were killed in combat and have invited faculty, staff, and students to choose a name and color a poppy flower in remembrance.
- Junior prom was a tremendous success last Friday May 17th where close to 200 students attended.
- Senior Scholarship and Awards Night is scheduled for June 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.
- The Senior Ball is on June 7th at the Villa Venezia.

Clubs:

- Spanish Honor Society will be holding their senior celebration this Thursday on May 23rd at Parkview House Restaurant.
- The Be-YOU-tiful club held the 2024 field day today, celebrating inclusion. Each participating student is accompanied by a high school or middle school athlete for the day. Several students took on leadership roles, running the various stations created by Mrs. LaRocco and her team of support. It was a wonderful day of fun!
 - Mr. Castle commented that over 400 students participated in this event, and he was proud of how the student body came and worked together. He acknowledged Mrs. LaRocco for organizing the event, the parent volunteers, and student volunteers (such as Alyssa) that made this day a success. He also mentioned that donations helped support some of the activities and stations taking place on the field, such as a BBQ, jumpy houses, card making, and a water station. Mr. Castle also stated that he spoke with a parent who was appreciative of the District and the community.
- The National Honor Society assisted with the annual 8th grade orientation this week. 8th graders were welcomed with an informational session and building tours. Additionally, the annual induction ceremony was lovely, where 62 new students were celebrated.
- The annual Senior trip to Disney was a success! Seniors had a blast and made memories with their classmates that will last a lifetime.
- Panther students welcomed two assembly speakers in April and May:
 - Sweethearts and Heroes: a message about overcoming adversity, being upstanders instead of bystanders, and maintaining a positive mindset.
 - Chris Devitt: Orange County Traffic about making positive choices this prom season, including safe driving practices.

Athletics:

- Boys and Girls track are gearing up for Sectional Qualifiers to get ready for States.
- Baseball has a Sectional semifinal game today at home against Washingtonville.
- Kyle Degroat pitched a no hitter in the Sectional opener vs. Warwick.
- Unified Basketball completed their first season with a four-team tournament at Goshen. Their first season was a tremendous success, and they are incredibly grateful for all the support.
 - Mrs. Crowley commented that she attended one of games and enjoyed the half-time event.
- The Girls Softball team made Sections and played Warwick on Monday, falling in a hard-fought game 2-0.
- All Senior nights were successful and well attended.
- The final NCAA signing day is June 11th, at 3:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Music:

- The High School Music Department hosted the NYSSMA Major Ensembles Evaluation Festival last week. This is the largest NYSSMA Ensemble Festival in the State, taking place over 4 days and serving 2,000 students from Zone 9 in grades 4-12.
- The following High School ensembles were awarded Gold Medals at the evaluation:
 - String Orchestra (Level 5), Wind Ensemble (Level 5), Chamber Orchestra (Level 4), and Jazz Ensemble (Level 4).

- *The High School Treble Choir was awarded the Gold with Distinction Medal at Level 6. This is the hardest level of difficulty and the highest award that NYSSMA presents.*
- *The High School Choirs and Hand Chime Ensemble will present their annual Spring Concert on May 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. at New Hurley Church.*
- *The Chamber Orchestra will be participating in the annual Bach Fest at Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Paltz on Saturday June 8th at 2:00 p.m.*
- *Our parent booster group S.O.M.E. (Supporters of Music Education) are currently selling Discount Cards to raise money for the Summer Music Program. There is a link to purchase cards on Mrs. Anthor's HS Chorus webpage. The sale runs until June 10th.*
- *On behalf of the music department, they would like to thank the Board of Education and District Administration for all your support this school year. They consider themselves lucky to work in a school district that believes in the value of arts education.*
- *As the school year settles down and will end soon, the students are extremely excited and proud to send off the school year of 2023-2024 and our class of 2024 graduates!*

12. Consent Agenda

Mrs. McCartney moved items 8A through 8L and 9A through 9H be taken as consent agenda.

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

Create Position– Instructional – Agenda #8.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and create the following instructional position for the 2024-2025 school year:

1	1.0 FTE	School Psychologist
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Accept Resignation – Non-Instructional – Agenda #8.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Claudia Wiegmann** from the position of Part-Time [0.75 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective close of business April 30, 2024.

Approve Appointment – Non-Instructional – Agenda #8.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Ina Carey** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Registered Nurse position, effective June 3, 2024, at a salary of \$43,754 pro-rated (Grade 19, Step 3 based on the CSEA Contract).

Accept Resignation/Retirement – Instructional – Agenda #8.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Lisa Sutta** from the Wallkill Central School District [Reading Teacher], effective close of business on October 25, 2024.

Approve Appointments – Instructional – Agenda #8.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Wala Canario**, certified in Earth Science 7-12 and General Science 7-12 Extension, to a four-year probationary period in the tenure area of Science, commencing September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2028. To the extent applicable under Education Law Section 3012-d and the accompanying Commissioner's Regulations, in order to be considered for tenure, Mr. Canario must have received an APPR rating of effective or highly effective in three of the four probationary years and must not receive an ineffective in the fourth year. Effective September 1, 2024, Mr. Canario's salary will be \$59,617 (1 NMA + 14 credits).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Michael Dennis** certified in Students with Disabilities – Grades 7-12– Generalist and Mathematics 7-12, to a four-year probationary period in the tenure area of Special Education, commencing September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2028. To the extent applicable under Education Law Section 3012-d and the accompanying Commissioner’s Regulations, in order to be considered for tenure, Mr. Dennis must have received an APPR rating of effective or highly effective in three of the four probationary years and must not receive an ineffective in the fourth year. Effective September 1, 2024, Mr. Dennis’ salary will be \$58,417 (1 NMA + 6 credits).

Approve Appointment – 2024 Elementary Summer School Principal – Agenda #8.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Julie Salisbury** to the position of 2024 Elementary Summer School Principal at a salary of \$6,000 (includes set-up fee) effective May 23, 2024.

Approve Appointment – 2024 Secondary Summer School Principal – Agenda #8.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Robert Albanese** to the position of 2024 Secondary Summer School Principal at a salary of \$7,994 (includes set-up fee) effective May 23, 2024. In the event that a third period is necessary, Mr. Albanese’s salary will be \$10,659.

Approve Resolution – Certification of LEAD Teacher Evaluator – Agenda #8.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and certify the following personnel as a Lead Teacher Evaluator for the 2023-2024 school year after having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8NYCRR §30-3.10. This certification is being issued in accordance with the process for certifying Lead Teacher Evaluators described in the District’s annual professional performance review plan.

Julie Salisbury

Set Board of Education Meeting Dates – July, August, September 2024 – Agenda #8.I.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and set the following dates for the Reorganization July, Regular August, and Regular September Board of Education Meetings, to be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Wallkill Senior High School.

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #8.J.

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 #8.K.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #8.L.

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

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #9.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Senior High School Multi-Purpose Field by **Wallkill Varsity Football** [for a Football Youth Camp] as indicated below:

Monday and Tuesday

June 17 & 18, 2024

5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Tuesdays

July 9, 2024 - July 23, 2024

5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Senior High School Football Practice Field by **Wallkill Varsity Cheerleading** [for a Youth Cheer Clinic] as indicated below:

Monday and Tuesday

June 17 & 18, 2024

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Accept Treasurer's Report – Agenda #9.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education has reviewed and accepts the Treasurer's Reports as of April 30, 2024 and Revenues as of April 30, 2024.

Approve Resolution – Transfer of Funds – Agenda #9.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the transfer of funds up to \$450,000 from the Employee Medical Insurance Benefits Code to pay for ordinary and contingent expenses in Transportation Codes.

Approve Agreements – Manhattanville College – Agenda #9.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and The Rose Institute for Learning and Literacy/Manhattanville College to provide professional development and practicum in Orton-Gillingham for the Wallkill Central School District, effective for the 2024-2024 school year.

Approve Agreement – Dual Enrollment Courses – Agenda #9.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and Mount Saint Mary College to offer dual enrollment courses for students, effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2029.

Approve Resolution – School-To-Work Agreement – Agenda #9.F.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves and ratifies the Superintendent's execution of the agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and The Arc Mid-Hudson for ENRICH School-To-Work program for the 2024-2025 school year.

Approve Change Orders – Capital Improvement Project – Agenda #9.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following Change Orders:

Whispering Pines Development Corp.:	SC-1-12	\$13,479.89
	SC-1-13	(\$ 4,437.69)
	SC-1-14	\$ 8,972.73
	SC-1-15	(\$8,000.00)

Award Bid – State Contract Vendor – Capital Improvement Project – Agenda #9.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the following State contract vendor for the Capital Improvement Project as indicated below to:

Moving Services for the 1st and 2nd Floors at the Wallkill Senior High School:

*Your Hometown Mover, LLC
PO Box 513
New Paltz, NY 12561*

Awarded in conjunction with New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Contract #PC68487

SUGGESTED CONTRACT AWARD: \$214,320.00

13. Accept Donation – Agenda #9.I.
Mrs. Anderson moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$750 from the Wallkill Valley Federal Savings and Loan to purchase “Kinder Boxes” for the Plattekill Elementary School.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 7 – 0. [With Thanks]
14. Proposed Executive Session – Agenda #10
At 7:24 p.m. Mrs. McCartney moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

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

The Board reconvened 7:44 p.m.
15. Add Item To The Agenda – Approve Memorandum Of Agreement – Wallkill Administrators’ Association
Mr. Palen moved item, Approve Memorandum of Agreement – Wallkill Administrators’ Association be added to the Agenda.

Motion seconded by Mrs. McCartney and carried 7 – 0.
16. Approve Memorandum Of Agreement – Wallkill Administrators’ Association
Mr. Palen moved the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and the Wallkill Administrators’ Association, dated April 25, 2024.

Motion seconded by Mr. Hecht and carried 7 – 0.
17. Add Items To The Agenda – Approve Resolutions – Addendums to the Assistant Superintendents Employment Agreements
Mr. Palen moved item, Approve Resolutions – Addendums to the Assistant Superintendents Employment Agreements be added to the Agenda.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 7 – 0.
18. Approve Resolution – Addendum to the Employment Agreement for the Assistant Superintendent for Support Services
Mr. Palen moved the Board approve the Addendum to the Employment Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and Brian Devincenzi, dated May 8, 2024.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 7 – 0.
19. Approve Resolution – Addendum to the Employment Agreement for the Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Intervention Services
Mr. Palen moved the Board approve the Addendum to the Employment Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and Tara Rounds, dated May 8, 2024.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 7 – 0.
20. Approve Resolution – Addendum to the Employment Agreement for the Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services
Mr. Palen moved the Board approve the Addendum to the Employment Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and Anthony White, dated May 6, 2024.

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

21. Add Item to the Agenda – Approve Resolution – Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Palen moved item, Approve Resolution – Superintendent of Schools be added to the Agenda.

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

22. Approve Resolution – Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Palen moved 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 July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

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

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

23. Close Meeting – Agenda #11

At 7:46 p.m. Mr. Palen moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk