

*Mrs. Jennifer Capicchioni [Nugent & Haeussler, P.C.] presented the
2022-2023 Audit Report/Corrective Action Plan*

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:04 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- *A parent and student addressed the Board regarding the qualities of a wrestling coach and the influence they have upon student-athletes of a wrestling team. They were advocating for a specific individual to be hired as a coach.*

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

At 7:03 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Joseph LoCicero in the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson
Mr. Bartolone
Mrs. Crowley
Mr. Frisbie
Mr. LoCicero
Mr. Nafey
Mr. Palen
Mr. Petrocelli
Ms. Alyssa Vega [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mrs. McCartney

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

3. Approve Minutes – [9/20/23 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

4. Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan Acceptance – Agenda #4

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan as presented by Jennifer Capicchioni [Nugent & Haeussler, P.C.] for the 2022-2023 fiscal school year so as to satisfy New York State Requirements.

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

5. Board Committee Reports 2023-2024 – Agenda #5

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee met with both the external and internal auditors on October 5, 2023. The committee reviewed the draft audit report, which is on the October 18th Board agenda as presented by the external auditors, Nugent & Haeussler. The committee reviewed the Comptroller’s Audit, with the corrective action plan, which is also on the October 18th Board agenda for approval. The committee met with the internal auditors to review the timeline for the State required internal audit.

Budget:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the District is beginning to work on the development of a preliminary budget for the 2024-2025 school year. The CPI which is part of the tax cap formula will be greater than 2% (capped at 2%), which will assist the District as the budget is developed. Mrs. Crowley also indicated that the budget calendar will be provided to the Board at the next Board of Education meeting.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met October 2, 2023. The committee met with Tetra Tech, the Districts architect and engineering firm as well Barone Construction, the construction manager for the project to receive an update on the work completed this Summer as part of the Capital Project. In addition, the committee reviewed work that is scheduled to be completed during the Summer of 2024, which will be completing Phase 1 work as well as planned Phase 2 work. The District anticipates receiving approval from New York State Education Department for Phase 2 shortly. Mr. Frisbie also mentioned that on the October 18th agenda is the recommendation to award the bid for Snow Removal and Sanding. The next meeting will be scheduled once the District receives approval from NYSED to review the bid scope.

- Mr. Castle pointed out the new tile in the Ostrander Elementary lobby and that the same tile will be done in the other school building lobbies.

CDEP:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the first CDEP Committee meeting for the 2023-2024 school year is scheduled for October 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the first Curriculum/TAG Committee meeting for the 2023-2024 school year is scheduled for October 24, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in high school room 102.

Health & Safety:

Mr. Palen reported that the Health and Safety Committee met on October 4, 2023, and reviewed how the opening of school with regards to health and safety measures as well as reviewed the safety components completed this summer as part of the Capital Improvement Project.

- Mr. Castle commented that he is pleased with the interaction he has witnessed between our students and the SRO's/SPO's.

Legislative:

Mr. Petrocelli reported that the committee has not met since the last meeting. Mr. Castle indicated he recently expressed his concerns to a legislator regarding bills being signed by the Governor that could become unfunded mandates.

Policy:

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee has not met since the last meeting. However, there are three (3) policies on the October 18th agenda for second reading. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in District Office.

Technology:

Mr. Bartolone reported that the Technology Committee met on October 2, 2023. Mr. Hein updated the committee on equipment that was purchased and deployed, cyber security and Summer work that was completed, which included:

- Refresh of faculty Chromebooks for grade 7-12 teachers
- Refresh of desktop computers at the high school and middle school
- Consolidation of the library automation system for the middle school and high school.

The next committee meeting will be held on November 6, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in high school room 102.

Wellness:

Mr. Nafey reported that the Wellness Committee met on October 3, 2023. At the meeting the following topics were discussed:

- The Food Service Director for Whitsons discussed the beginning of the year in all the buildings. Marilyn shared that the first month has gone well and she will be setting up meetings in each school to look at creating a featured menu option at each school. She is working on promotions to incorporate in the monthly menus as well as offering tastings to expose students to new food items.
- In the Middle School the Intervention Service Provider will be beginning the Too Good for Drugs program in conjunction with health classes for 7th grade students. Intramurals have begun and they have seen a good turn-out for the program.
- At the high school, blood drives will be scheduled as well as begin to plan for the Health Fair. Mrs. Petricek will be spearheading the development of the Health Fair, working in conjunction with the staff and community.
- At the elementary level, PE classes are working on nutrition as well as lessons on overall wellness. Ostrander Elementary School had their walk to school day on, October 4, 2023. All three elementary schools will be looking to have various events throughout the year that focus on wellness: for example, the Jump Rope for Heart, unplugged events, and other building specific events. Finally, all the buildings have begun or will be starting shortly the Too Good for Drugs program taught by our school social workers as well as the DARE programs for the 5th grade students.

Student Rep:

Ms. Vega reported:

- The High School library is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with author spotlights, trivia, and giveaways each week.
- The Powderpuff game between the seniors and juniors last week was a success overall, especially for the juniors beating the seniors 36-30. Lots of students and parents came out to support each team and the Mighty Mites youth cheerleaders made a special appearance cheering on the senior sidelines.
- Spirit week is underway, and participation has been outstanding with both students and staff, including but not limited to the following days: Barbie/Breast Cancer Awareness (Wear Pink), Western Day, Pajama Day, Twin Day, USA/Heritage Day, Hawaiian Day, and Color Wars.
- Homecoming Parade and Game is scheduled for this Friday. The whole community will come together as we recognize all our fall sports teams, elementary and middle schools, as well as other youth sports groups.
- Over 70 students successfully took the PSAT exam at the high school this past Saturday. This was the first year that the exam was offered totally online at Wallkill. Big thanks to Mr. Hein and our technology department as well as Mr. Albanese and our school counselors for making this transition as easy as possible for our students.
- Senior standout Trevor Strano was recognized with a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation! Only 50,000 students nationwide are recognized each year with this coveted honor, highlighting their outstanding academic promise!

Clubs:

- Many of our scholastic clubs have already had meetings to start the school year.
- The National Honor Society is preparing for Thanksgiving meal donations to the Loaves and Fishes Pantry at the Wallkill Reformed Church. Our goal is to donate 25 full Thanksgiving meals to the pantry to help families in need that are in our community.
- Spanish Honor Society has partnered up with Project My Day, INC for children in foster care. The goal of our society is to fundraise certain gift boxes that include wrapping paper, tape, balloons, banners etc. There will be a gift-wrapping event at the end of November where members will be wrapping gifts for foster children.
- SGA is overly excited for our school pep rally this Friday. Sports activities and class battles are scheduled, such as tug of war, anything but a baton race, shadow boxing (Simon says) and pie wars between a set of teachers. The class that wins will receive a class trophy that shall be passed on year after year.
- The Be-YOU-tiful club partnered with our varsity baseball team as many members of Mrs. LaRocco's class got an opportunity to work on their fielding and hitting skills. This was an awesome show of support and togetherness amongst our student community. Tennis, soccer, and cheer are the next upcoming collaborations.
- The Science Club is continuing to work on the courtyard restoration project. We are waiting for the materials for new benches to be installed. They applied for the NASA Moon Tree project, if selected we would be one of the few places in the country that will have a tree grown from a seed that has traveled to space.

- The Leo club is looking to have over 100 members this year with many more sign-ups expected. Members have participated in the Plattekill Fall Fest, Weekend of Wallkill, and PTA meetings. The annual "Socktober" collection is underway where socks are collected for the Hudson Valley throughout the end of October.

Athletics:

- The high school's last Senior Night of the Fall season for Varsity Football and Cheerleading will be on October 27th.
- The Varsity Football team has a 3 and 4 record and the homecoming game this Friday has a neon theme; we hope to see the stands full of school spirit.
- Sectional games will be coming up soon for soccer.
- Girls Varsity Volleyball team remains undefeated and will be playing in the MHAL Playoffs at Rhinebeck High School on October 25th.
- Our first college signing date will be November 8th where four students will be signing for Division 1 and 2 schools
- This year marked the 50th anniversary of Wallkill's first championship football team. We welcomed back the 1973 Ulster County Athletic League. It was amazing to see over 20 players and cheerleaders recognized by that iconic team years ago!

Music:

- The music department is excited about the two Pops Concerts scheduled for next week at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Our district-wide band program will be performing Monday, October 23rd and our choral and orchestra programs will be performing on Thursday, October 26th.
 - Mrs. Amthor, High School Choral Director has been selected as a semi-finalist for the Grammy Educator Music Award! She is one of 25 finalists from 25 cities in 17 states to receive this outstanding recognition. We are so proud of her and wish her luck. An update is expected before the holidays.
- Alyssa stated that the students are extremely excited about the school spirit throughout this important week and are looking forward to the Homecoming Dance this weekend.
- Mr. Castle indicated that Alyssa did a great job on her report, and he is very proud of Ms. Amthor and her accomplishment.

6. **Discussion:**

Mr. Castle indicated that School Board Recognition Week is this week. 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. He thanked them for their service and dedication to our students. A short video clip of students, administrators, faculty, and staff was played where they personally thanked the Board of Education for their support and all the services provided our learning community. Mr. Castle thanked the Board once again and stated that the District is fortunate to have the Board as leaders in the District. Mr. Castle also thanked the administrators for their help with the creation of the video. Mr. LoCicero thanked Mr. Castle and the administrators for their kind acknowledgement.

7. **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Frisbie moved items 6B through 6O and 7A through 7H be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. Nafey and carried 8 - 0.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Jean Beadle** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Custodial Worker, effective December 22, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Martha Gabino** from the position of Part-Time [.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective October 18, 2023, pending her appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Melanie Gensch** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective October 18, 2023, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teaching Assistant.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Jennifer Perugino** from the position of Part-Time [.75 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective October 18, 2023, pending her appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Catherine Bailey** to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective October 19, 2023, at a salary of \$16.32 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Martha Gabino** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective October 19, 2023, at a salary of \$20,641.92 pro-rated [Step 5 of the CSEA contract, \$16.54 per hour (6.5 hours per day)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Melanie Gensch** certified as a Teaching Assistant, to a 4-Year Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teaching Assistant position, in the Teaching Assistant tenure area, commencing October 19, 2023 and ending October 18, 2027, at a salary of \$23,450 pro-rated (Grade 3, Step 3 of the CSEA Contract).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Provisional appointment of **Savannah Keesler** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk position, effective October 19, 2023, at a salary of \$21,916.80, pro-rated [7.5 hours per day, (\$15.22 per hour, Step 3 of the CSEA Contract)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Jennifer Perugino** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective October 19, 2023, at a salary of \$25,783.68 pro-rated [Step 15 of the CSEA contract, \$20.66 per hour (6.5 hours per day)].

Approve Appointment of District Officer – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint the following District Officer effective October 19, 2023, for the 2023-2024 school year:

Acting Internal Claims Auditor	Mrs. Samanta Rivera	\$16.93 per hour (as needed)
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Approve Appointments – Instructional – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Mikayla Biele** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Leptondale Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year, at a rate of \$140 per day, effective October 19, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Richard Samuels** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Senior High School for the 2023-2024 school year, at a rate of \$140 per day, effective October 19, 2023.

Approve Child Rearing Leave – Agenda #6.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Child Rearing Leave as requested by **Alyssa Kelso**, effective December 17, 2023 through January 26, 2024.

Approve Appointment – Instructional – 2023-2024 Grades K-6 After-School Academic Intervention Program – Agenda #6.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Instructional appointment of the following individual for the Grades K-6 After School Academic Intervention Program:

Leptondale Elementary School

Mikayla Biele

\$55.10 per hour

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

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

1. Policy #1800 – Non-Discrimination (Employees)
2. Policy #7223 – Foreign Exchange Student Program
3. Policy #8500 – Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA and New York’s Education Law Article 89

Approve Resolution – Recertification of LEAD Principal Evaluator – Agenda #6.I.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following personnel as Lead Principal Evaluators for the 2023-2024 school year after having received appropriate training in accordance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education §30-3.10 and such individuals are hereby re-certified as qualified Lead Principal Evaluators for the purpose of conducting and completing evaluations.

Tara Rounds

Anthony White

Approve Resolution – Recertification of INDEPENDENT Principal Evaluator – Agenda #6.J.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following personnel as Independent Principal Evaluators for the 2023-2024 school year after having received appropriate training in accordance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education §30-3.10 and such individuals are hereby re-certified as qualified Independent Principal Evaluators for the purpose of conducting and completing evaluations.

Tara Rounds

Anthony White

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #6.K.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointments for the 2023-2024 school year Winter season:

High School:

Hunter Andrews	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$6,358
Michael Dennis	Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$4,310
Michael Pascucci	Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	Unpaid
Arthur Higby	Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$6,528
Chelsea Murphy	Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$4,330
Sara Bender	Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	Unpaid
Anthony Ng*	Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$5,527
Leo Sladewski	Varsity Indoor Track Coach	\$4,730
Jennifer Gravelle	Assistant Varsity Indoor Track Coach	\$3,937
David Melick	Assistant Varsity Indoor Track Coach	Unpaid
Richard Samuels	Assistant Varsity Indoor Track Coach	Unpaid
Rachel Rivera	Varsity Gymnastics Coach	\$4,230
Roberta Tejada	Assistant Varsity Gymnastics Coach	\$3,387
LeeAnn Pazoga	Assistant Varsity Gymnastics Coach	Unpaid
Francis Mancuso	Varsity Nordic Ski Coach	\$4,380
Gabrielle Mancuso	Assistant Varsity Nordic Ski Coach	Unpaid
Danielle McGrath	Varsity Cheerleading Coach	\$2,637
Taylor Palen	Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach	\$2,325

Middle School:

Jason Diehl	Modified Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,717
Kristin Musch	Modified Girls Basketball Coach	\$2,967
David Kelso	Modified Wrestling Coach	\$2,887
Alexis Farias	Modified Cheerleading Coach	\$1,143

**Pending Issuance of License*

Approve Proposed 2024 High School Senior Class Trip – Agenda #6.L.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed Class of 2024 Senior Class Trip to Orlando, FL from Friday, April 26, 2024 through Monday, April 29, 2024.

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #6.M.

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.N.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #6.O.

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

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #7.A.

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

Tuesdays	November 7 & 14, 2023	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays	November 9 & 16, 2023	5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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

Mondays	December 4, 2023 – March 18, 2024	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays	December 6, 2023 – March 20, 2024*	5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays	December 7, 2023 – February 1, 2024	5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Excluding February 21, 2024*

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

Saturdays	January 27, 2024 – March 23, 2024*	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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**Excluding February 24, 2024*

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 6, 2024 – March 21, 2024	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary All-Purpose Room by **Wallkill Area Little League** [for Practice] as indicated below:

Mondays and Wednesdays	February 26, 2024 – March 18, 2024	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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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, 2024 – November 29, 2024	4:00 p.m. to Dusk
Weekends:	March 2, 2024 – December 1, 2024	6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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 September 30, 2023 and Revenues as of September 30, 2023.

Approve Resolution - Revised DEHIC Trust Agreement – Agenda #7.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following resolution consenting to the adoption of a revised Trust Agreement by the Board of Trustees of the Dutchess Educational Health Insurance Consortium:

WHEREAS, Wallkill Central School District is a Participant in the Dutchess Educational Health Insurance Consortium (“DEHIC”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of DEHIC has approved a revised Trust Agreement, to clarify certain provisions in the original Trust Agreement and ensure the continued effective operation of DEHIC.

NOW, THEREFORE, due deliberation having been had, **BE IT RESOLVED**:

1. That the Wallkill Central School District hereby agrees to the amendment of the DEHIC Trust Agreement, as proposed by DEHIC's Board of Trustees.
2. That Kevin Castle, Superintendent of Schools, be and is hereby authorized to execute the attached Amended Trust Agreement, effective as of January 1, 2024.
3. That a certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and sent, along with the executed Trust Agreement to DEHIC's attorneys at the following address:

Gleason, Dunn, Walsh & O'Shea
300 Great Oaks Blvd., Suite 321
Albany, New York 12203
ATTN: Thomas F. Gleason, Esq.
Richard C. Reilly, Esq.

Approve Agreement – Professional Development – Agenda #7.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and Credo Cyber Consultants to present at Superintendent's Conference Day on November 22, 2023, in the area of cybersecurity.

Approve Memorandum of Agreement – Wallkill Teachers' Association – Agenda #7.E.

The Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and the Wallkill Teachers' Association, dated September 21, 2023, regarding the modification of the 1998 Agreement on contract implementation procedures for guidance counselors.

Approve Corrective Action Plan – Agenda #7.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Corrective Action Plan for the New York State Comptroller Audit Report for the period covering July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Award Bid – Automotive Repairs – Agenda #7.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the Automotive Repairs Bid, for the period of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024 as indicated below to:

J Cruz Motors
1188 State Route 52, Walden, New York 12586

Hourly Labor Cost: \$80.00
Parts and Supplies Discount: 10%

Award Bid – Snow Removal and Sanding Contract – New Bus Loop – Agenda #7.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the Snow Removal and Sanding Contract for the Wallkill Senior High School for the new bus loop for the period of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024 as indicated below to:

Kings Hill Farm LLC
557 Rock Cut Road
Walden, NY 12586

8. Approve Resolution – Board of Education Trustee Resignation – Agenda #6.A.

Mr. Palen 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 **Vincent Petrocelli** from serving as a Board of Education Trustee, effective October 27, 2023.

Discussion:

- *Mr. Palen commented that he has known his fellow board member as “Mr. Petrocelli” for the past 40 years and “Vinny” for the last 8 years. He stated that he has learned from Vinny and that it has been a privilege and an honor working with him. His passion and dedication to the education and well-being of the Wallkill Learning Community has been unmeasurable and also contagious. He thanked him for everything he has done for the District and wished him health and happiness in the next chapter of his life.*
- *Mr. LoCicero commented that he has known Mr. Petrocelli and his family a very long time. He has been a mentor to him, has always been frank and to the point and is going to miss their conversations.*
- *Mr. Castle commented that Vinny has been part of the Wallkill School District for almost 50 years. First as a teacher and then as a Board member. The lives he has impacted is profound; there are many students who have benefited from knowing him. He has been an amazing colleague and he will be missed. He has been a mentor to everyone. He, along with the rest of the Board have enjoyed his Legislative Committee reports. He thanked him for all he has done and asked him to remember the impact he has had on the Wallkill Learning Community.*
- *Mrs. Hasbrouck commented that she speaks for all the administrators in that Vinny has always been there to help. He provided flowers and plants whenever they were needed, and he was always willing to help in the greenhouse. They always enjoyed his visits to the schools, and he will be missed.*
- *Mr. LoCicero presented Mr. Petrocelli with a certificate of appreciation that read “The Wallkill Central School District recognizes Vincent Petrocelli for 16 years (2008-2023) of dedicated service to the Wallkill Learning Community. Your guidance and direction as a Board of Education Member have strengthened the bond between the community and the District.”*
- *Mr. Petrocelli commented that being on the Board of Education has given him much joy over the years and thanked everyone. He will not forget us!*

Motion seconded by Mr. Frisbie and carried 7 – 0. [With a Heavy Heart]

9. Executive Session – Agenda #8

At 7:42 p.m. Mr. Bartolone moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss personnel.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

10. Add Item to the Agenda

Mr. Frisbie moved item, Accept Resignation – Administration be added to the Agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen carried 8 – 0.

11. Accept Resignation – Administration

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Natalie Harjes** from the position of Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Principal, effective November 17, 2023.

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

12. Add Item to the Agenda

Mr. Frisbie moved item, Approve Appointment – Interim Administrator be added to the Agenda.

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

13. Approve Appointment - Interim Administrator

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the agreement with **Yvonne Herrington** to be the Interim Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Principal effective November 27, 2023 through February 2, 2024

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 8 – 0.

14. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

At 8:23 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk