

Regular Meeting Board of Education
Wallkill Senior High School Auditorium
Wednesday, August 16, 2023
7:00 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 #1

At 7:01 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Vice President Thomas Frisbie in the Wallkill Senior High School Auditorium.

Members Present

Mr. Bartolone
Mr. Frisbie
Mrs. McCartney
Mr. Nafey
Mr. Petrocelli

Members Absent

Mrs. Anderson
Mrs. Crowley
Mr. LoCicero
Mr. Palen

Also present were Superintendent Castle and Assistant Superintendents Devincenzi, Rounds and White.

3. Approve Minutes – [7/6/23 Reorganization/Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the July 6, 2023, Reorganization/Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Petrocelli and carried 5 – 0.

4. Board Committee Reports/Assignments 2023-2024

Audit:	Mrs. Crowley, Chair; Mr. Frisbie, Mrs. McCartney
Budget:	Mrs. Crowley, Chair; Committee of the Whole
Buildings & Grounds:	Mr. Frisbie, Chair; Mr. Bartolone, Mr. Nafey, Mr. Palen, Mr. Petrocelli
CDEP:	Mrs. Anderson, Chair; Committee of the Whole
Curriculum/TAG:	Mrs. Anderson, Chair; Mr. Bartolone, Mr. Petrocelli
Health & Safety:	Mr. Palen, Chair; Mr. Bartolone, Mr. Frisbie, Mr. LoCicero, Mrs. McCartney, Mr. Nafey
Legislative:	Mr. Petrocelli, Chair; Mr. LoCicero, Mr. Nafey
Policy:	Mr. Palen, Chair; Mr. LoCicero, Mr. Nafey, Mr. Petrocelli
Technology:	Mr. Bartolone, Chair; Mr. LoCicero, Mr. Petrocelli
Wellness:	Mr. Nafey, Chair; Mr. LoCicero, Mrs. McCartney
Student Rep:	TBD

- *Mr. Frisbie announced that Board Committee have been established for the 2023-2024 school year. The Board was provided 2023-2024 Committee Meeting Calendars; they will also be posted on our website. He indicated that there were to be no committee reports this evening; reports will begin in September. Mr. Frisbie also mentioned that Policy Committee is the only committee to meet prior to the next Board meeting. It will be held on September 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in High School Room 102. The Board Student Representative will be sworn in at the September 20th Board of Education Meeting. Mr. Frisbie also commented that there is a change order for the Capital Project on the agenda for approval.*
- *Mr. Castle provided a brief update on the site work for the Capital Project.*
- *Mr. Devincenzi provided a more detailed update on the work being completed for the Capital Project. He also thanked the custodians for doing a great job and working flexible schedules in the buildings.*

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Petrocelli moved items 5A through 5V, and 6A through 6F be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. Nafey and carried 5 – 0.

- *Mr. Castle commented that the central administrators and building administrators did a great job filling all the positions with candidates that are a great fit for the District.*

Approve Resolution – Terminate Provisional Non-Instructional Appointment – Agenda #5.A.

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

Resolved that the provisional appointment of **Crocifissa Picca** as a Clerk is hereby terminated effective September 4, 2023, and shall return to her previous position as a Part-Time Teacher Aide;

Be it further resolved in order to accept a Full-Time Teacher Aide position, the Board of Education accepts Crocifissa Picca's resignation as a Part-Time Teacher Aide, effective September 4, 2023.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Michelle Avitabile** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk, effective August 16, 2023, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Senior Typist.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Daniel Colarieti** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Custodial Worker, effective August 2, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Kara Palen** from the position of Part-Time [.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective September 4, 2023, pending her appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Erin Ross** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] School Tax Collector and Deputy Treasurer, effective November 8, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Jennifer Weber** from the Wallkill Central School District, effective August 4, 2023.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Michelle Avitabile** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Senior Typist/Office Manager position, effective August 17, 2023, at a salary of \$34,158 pro-rated [Grade 12, Step 4 of the CSEA Contract, (7.5 hours per day)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Brittany Bruno** to a Part-Time [0.92 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective September 6, 2023, at a salary of \$14.82 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.5 hours per day).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Kristin Carlson** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School, for the 2023-2024 school year, at a salary of \$14.82 per hour, with a minimum of 150 days, effective September 6, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Tennille Gillespie** to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective September 6, 2023, at a salary of \$14.82 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Naarai Mendez** to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective September 6, 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 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Mariah Mitzner** to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective September 6, 2023, at a salary of \$14.82 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Provisional appointment of **Kara Palen** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk position, effective September 5, 2023, at a salary of \$22,248.00 [Step 5 of the CSEA Contract, \$15.45 per hour, (7.5 hours per day)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Crocifissa Picca** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective September 5, 2023, at a salary of \$20,042.88 [Step 9 of the CSEA Contract, \$16.06 per hour, (6.5 hours per day)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Lori Pini** to a Part-Time [0.92 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective September 6, 2023, at a salary of \$14.82 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.5 hours per day).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Stephanie Schwartz** 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 September 5, 2023 and ending September 4, 2027, at a salary of \$23,450 (Grade 3, Step 3 of the CSEA Contract).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Jennifer Simpson** 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 September 5, 2023 and ending September 4, 2027, at a salary of \$23,450 (Grade 3, Step 3 of the CSEA Contract).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Walter Smith** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Night Custodial Worker position, effective September 1, 2023, at a salary of \$33,246 pro-rated (Grade 11, Step 3, night differential based on the CSEA Contract).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Maribel Sutka** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, for the 2023-2024 school year, at a salary of \$14.82 per hour, with a minimum of 150 days, effective September 6, 2023.

Approve Substitute Leave Replacement – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **April Zoutis**, certified as a Teaching Assistant, to a Substitute Leave Teaching Assistant position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, at a rate of \$125 per day, effective September 5, 2023 through December 21, 2023.

Rescind Appointment – Instructional – Agenda #5.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and rescind the appointment (7/6/23 Board of Education Meeting) of **Gabrielle Hodges**, from the position of Special Education Teacher, effective September 1, 2023. Ms. Hodges submitted a letter of resignation dated July 31, 2023.

Accept Resignation – Instructional – Agenda #5.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Lori Creeden** from the Wallkill Central School District [Full-Time (1.0 FTE) Special Education Teacher], effective August 31, 2023.

Approve Appointments – Instructional – Agenda #5.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Sara Bender**, certified in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), to a four-year probationary period in the tenure area of Special Education, commencing September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2027. To the extent applicable under Education Law Section 3012-d and the accompanying Commissioner’s Regulations, in order to be considered for tenure, Ms. Bender 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, 2023, Ms. Bender’s salary will be \$58,297 (1NMA + 10 credits).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Zackary Bonetti** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Senior High School for the 2023-2024 school year, with a minimum of 150 days, at a rate of \$140 per day, effective September 6, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Sandra Bruno** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Leptondale Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year, with a minimum of 150 days, at a rate of \$140 per day, effective September 6, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Jared Chain** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the John G. Borden Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year, with a minimum of 150 days, at a rate of \$140 per day, effective September 6, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Lily Jones-Guida** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Plattekill Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year, with a minimum of 150 days, at a rate of \$140 per day, effective September 6, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Maggie Kievit** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year, with a minimum of 150 days, at a rate of \$140 per day, effective September 6, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Danielle McGrath**, certified in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), to a four-year probationary period in the tenure area of Special Education, commencing September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2027. To the extent applicable under Education Law Section 3012-d and the accompanying Commissioner’s Regulations, in order to be considered for tenure, Ms. McGrath 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, 2023, Ms. McGrath’s salary will be \$57,701 (1NMA + 6 credits).

Award Tenure – Instructional – Agenda #5.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Katie Gross** in the area of Elementary Education, effective November 1, 2023.

Appointment of Personnel – Agenda #5.I.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint the following personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:

Dignity Act Coordinators

Mr. William Earl and Mrs. Alyssa Greany

Appointment of Board of Registration – Agenda #5.J.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and designate **Ms. Michelle Avitabile** at the Leptondale Elementary School as the Registrar in District II for the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve Appointments – Mentors – Agenda #5.K.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individuals as mentors for the 2023-2024 school year:

Kimberly Earl	Mentor	\$1,500
Jennifer Gravelle	Mentor	\$1,500
Margaret Pelosa	Mentor	\$1,500
Annie Saunders	Mentor	\$1,500
Michael Strano	Mentor	\$1,500
Jennifer Warren	Mentor	\$1,500

Approve Appointment – Co-Curricular – Agenda #5.L.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individual to the Co-Curricular position for the 2023-2024 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL:

Kiersten Bardenett	Secondary Orchestra Advisor	\$4,612
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Approve Appointments – District Elementary School Counselor Coordinator – Agenda #5.M.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointments of **Kyle Nace** and **Julie Sinacori** to the position of District Elementary School Counselor Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year, at a stipend of \$4,580 [\$2,290 each].

Approve Appointments – 2023-2024 High School Credit Recovery Program – Agenda #5.N.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individuals to positions in the 2023-2024 High School Credit Recovery Program:

Robert Albanese	Coordinator	\$12,500
Jaime LaPolla	English Language Arts	\$7,650 per course
Melissa Tierney	Mathematics	\$7,650 per course
Gary Tuttle	Mathematics	\$7,650 per course
Lucas Mann	Science	\$7,650 per course
Glenn LaPolt	Social Studies	\$7,650 per course
Kimberly Earl	SAT Mathematics	\$7,650 per course
Karen Kramer-Ley	SAT English Language Arts	\$7,650 per course
Lori Todd	Secretary	\$17.83 per hour <i>(not to exceed 4 hours per week)</i>

Approve Appointments – 2023-2024 High School Grades 9-12 After-School Homework Assistance Lab – Agenda #5.O.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Instructional appointments of the following individuals for the 2023-2024 High School Grades 9-12 After-School Homework Assistance Lab:

Jeanne Chun	English Language Arts	\$65.00 per session
Annmarie Lugo	English Language Arts	\$65.00 per session
Marisol Williams	English Language Arts	\$65.00 per session
Valerie Andryshak	Mathematics	\$65.00 per session
Stephanie Barnes	Mathematics	\$65.00 per session
Keri Donohue	Mathematics	\$65.00 per session
Kimberly Earl	Mathematics	\$65.00 per session
Melissa Tierney	Mathematics	\$65.00 per session
Gary Tuttle	Mathematics	\$65.00 per session

Jennifer Burkhart	Science	\$65.00 per session
Kyle Ferraiolo	Science	\$65.00 per session
Nicholas Malgieri	Science	\$65.00 per session
Valeria Ramos-Avila	Science	\$65.00 per session
Michael LaPolla	Social Studies	\$65.00 per session
Margaret Pelosa	Social Studies	\$65.00 per session
Lisa Perry	Social Studies	\$65.00 per session

Approve Appointments – 2023-2024 Grades K-8 After-School Academic Intervention Program – Agenda #5.P.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Instructional appointments of the following individuals for the 2023-2024 Grades K-8 After School Academic Intervention Program:

John G. Borden Middle School

Frank Alfonso	\$55.10 per hour
Kenneth Hall	\$55.10 per hour
Kristina Rubin	\$55.10 per hour
Stacey Wager	\$55.10 per hour

Leptondale Elementary School

Teresa Barbato	\$55.10 per hour
Jonni Dispensa	\$55.10 per hour
Marissa Dore	\$55.10 per hour
Kelly Dutka	\$55.10 per hour
Jessica Hall	\$55.10 per hour
Katie Gross	\$55.10 per hour
Monica Hanke	\$55.10 per hour
Rebekah Leonardi	\$55.10 per hour
Jon Miller	\$55.10 per hour
Lorraine Rawlins	\$55.10 per hour
Jennifer Rose	\$55.10 per hour
Jennifer Warren	\$55.10 per hour

Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School

Maya Clemmer	\$55.10 per hour
Shannon Corcoran	\$55.10 per hour
Nicole Crowther	\$55.10 per hour
Michelle Dunham	\$55.10 per hour
Jennifer Ippolito	\$55.10 per hour
Kristen Kreuzscher	\$55.10 per hour
Rachel Miller	\$55.10 per hour
Taylor Palen	\$55.10 per hour
Nicole Passaro	\$55.10 per hour
Jennifer Walsh	\$55.10 per hour
Tanya Yuro-Clark	\$55.10 per hour
Caitlin Zapata	\$55.10 per hour

Plattekill Elementary School

Gabrielle Breault	\$55.10 per hour
Breanna Francella	\$55.10 per hour
Suzanne Hudson	\$55.10 per hour
Ashley Nordahl	\$55.10 per hour
Annie Saunders	\$55.10 per hour
Jessica Vallaro	\$55.10 per hour
Rachel Zarett	\$55.10 per hour

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #5.Q.

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

HIGH SCHOOL:

Valeria Ramos Avila	Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach	\$3,337
Samrat Pathania	Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach	Unpaid
Frank Alfonso	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	Unpaid
Danielle McGrath	Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach	Unpaid
Taylor Palen	Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach	Unpaid
Gabriella Mancuso	Assistant Varsity Cross County Coach	Unpaid
Richard Samuels	Assistant Varsity Cross County Coach	Unpaid

Approve Proposed 2023 Varsity Swim Athletic Trip – Agenda #5.R.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed Varsity Swim Athletic Trip to attend the Invitational in Watkins Glen, New York, from September 22, 2023 through September 23, 2023.

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #5.S.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the lists for individuals for teaching and non-teaching substitute positions.

Approve Pre-School Special Education Placements – Agenda #5.T.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #5.U.

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

Designate Legislative Voting Delegate – NYSSBA Annual Meeting – Agenda #5.V.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and designate **Joseph LoCicero** as the Voting Delegate for the Annual Business Meeting of the New York State School Boards Association to be held October 26, 2023 through October 28, 2023, in Buffalo, New York.

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #6.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Senior High School Athletic fields by **Wallkill Youth Football and Cheerleading** [for Football and Cheerleading Practice] as indicated below:

Mondays – Fridays September 5, 2023 – November 9, 2023 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Plattekill Elementary School, Leptondale Elementary School and Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Cafeterias [for a Before and After School Program] and the All-purpose Rooms [for an After-School Program] by **YMCA of Middletown** as indicated below:

Mondays – Fridays September 6, 2023 – June 25, 2024 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Mondays – Fridays September 6, 2023 – June 25, 2024 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the John G. Borden Middle School Gymnasium, by the **Wallkill “Over 35” Men’s Basketball**, [for open Men’s Basketball] as indicated below:

Mondays September 11, 2023 – May 20, 2024 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Senior High School Gymnasium by **Funky Panda Wrestling Club** [for a Wrestling Clinic] as indicated below:

Tuesdays and Thursdays September 12, 2023 – November 9, 2023 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Accept Treasurer’s Report – Agenda #6.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education has reviewed and accepts the Treasurer's Reports as of June 30, 2023 and July 31, 2023 and Revenues as of June 30, 2023, and July 31, 2023.

Set 2023-2024 Tax Rate – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and set the tax rate for the 2023-2024 school year at **\$17.55** per thousand of true value based on the approved budget of **\$85,467,681**.

Approve Agreements – Professional Development – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and **Curiale Achievement, LLC** to provide professional development services in grades 4 – 6 in the area of ELA.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and **JOD Solutions, LLC.** to provide professional development services in grades K – 6 in the area of math.

Approve Resolution – Special Education Service Contracts – Agenda #6.E.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves contracts for the provision of special education services to District students with the following schools stated below. The Board authorizes the Board President to sign the approved contracts.

Abilities First	Greenburgh North Castle – Kaplan
Arc of Mid-Hudson (Brookside)	New York School For the Deaf
Center for Discovery, Inc.	Upstate Cerebral Palsy
Center for Spectrum Services	

Approve Change Order – Capital Improvement Project – Agenda #6.F.

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

Profex, Inc.:	GC-01	\$15,488.78
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6. Executive Session – Agenda #7

At 7:11 p.m. Mr. Nafey moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

Motion seconded by Mr. Petrocelli and carried 5 – 0.

The Board reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

7. Close Meeting – Agenda #8

At 7:54 p.m. Mr. Bartolone moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Nafey and carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk