

Regular Meeting Board of Education  
Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School  
Wednesday, October 16, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

*Mrs. Jennifer Capicchioni [Nugent & Haeussler, P.C.] presented the  
2023-2024 Audit Report/Corrective Action Plan*

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

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

- *No public comments.*

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

At 7:05 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. Hecht

Mr. LoCicero

Mr. Nafey

Mr. Palen

Mr. Liam McCarthy [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. Frisbie

Mrs. McCartney

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

3. Discussion:

*Mr. Castle stated that School Board Recognition Week is this week. He commented that the School Board has put in a lot of time and commitment to ensure that our students receive a great education. They volunteer and work without pay to give back to our students and community. Every decision the Board has made has a significant positive impact on the students and our community. For example, the District has been at or below the levy for the past 13 years and due to a “student first” vision, has kept class sizes low, added after-school programs, extracurricular activities, a summer program, Pre-Kindergarten, additional athletic programs, dual enrollment classes and American Sign Language at the high school to name just a few.*

*On behalf of the community and the student population in the Wallkill Central School District, Mr. Castle thanked the Board of Education for the work that they do. He shared the length of service for our board members as follows: Kathryn Anderson – 23<sup>rd</sup> year, David Bartolone – 5<sup>th</sup> year, Donna Crowley – 16<sup>th</sup> year, Thomas Frisbie – 19<sup>th</sup> year (9<sup>th</sup> year as Vice President), William Hecht - 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Joseph LoCicero – 15<sup>th</sup> year (14<sup>th</sup> year as President), Erin McCartney – 3<sup>rd</sup> year, Thomas Nafey – 4<sup>th</sup> year, and Dustin Palen – 9<sup>th</sup> year. Mr. Castle then handed each Board member a certificate for their dedicated leadership in public education and continuing service to the children of this community.*

4. Approve Minutes – [9/18/24 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

5. 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 2023-2024 fiscal school year so as to satisfy New York State Requirements.

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

Comment:

Mr. Devincenzi thanked Loriann Penny, District Treasurer who was present at the meeting, along with the business office staff for their hard work.

6. 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 10, 2024. The committee reviewed the draft audit report, which is on the 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 Board agenda for approval. Finally, 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 2025-2026 school year. As an update, the CPI which is part of tax cap formula is trending to be greater than 2%, which will assist us as we develop the budget. Finally, the budget calendar will be provided to the Board at the next Board of Education meeting.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met October 8, 2024. 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 over the past two (2) summers as part of the Capital Project. In addition, the committee reviewed work that is scheduled to be completed during the summer of 2025. The next meeting will be scheduled for November to discuss the bid for the water system at Plattekill Elementary school in addition to other items.

**CDEP:**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the first CDEP committee meeting for the 2024-2025 school year is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on October 23, 2024, in the high school auditorium.

**Curriculum/TAG:**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the first Curriculum/TAG Committee meeting for the 2024-2025 school year is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on October 22, 2024, in high school room 102.

**Health & Safety:**

Mr. Palen reported that the Health and Safety Committee met on October 2, 2024, and reviewed how the opening of school went with regards to health and safety measures as well as reviewed the safety components completed this summer as part of the Capital Improvement Project.

**Legislative:**

Mr. Hecht commented that the Board of Regents met last week to discuss Foundation Aid. He indicated that the Rockefeller Institute conducted a survey on the formula and the deadline to submit their recommendations to be reviewed by the Board of Regents is December 1, 2024.

**Policy:**

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee met on October 1, 2024. The committee reviewed two (2) policies which are on the agenda for first reading. The next committee meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on November 6, 2024, at District Office.

**Technology:**

Mr. Bartolone reported that the Technology Committee met on October 7, 2024. Mr. Hein provided the committee updates on the migration of our student management system, SchoolTool, to a cloud-based server, the new ticket system for building and grounds, which is going live in November and Critical Security controls that the District has in place for email and web browser protections. He also shared sample tabletop exercises regarding cybersecurity from a workshop he attended in May. Lastly, he shared the updates about the new platform for the district's website. The next committee meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. on November 4, 2024, in high school room 102.

**Wellness:**

Mr. Nafey reported that the Wellness Committee met on October 1, 2024. At the meeting the following topics were discussed:

- Marilyn Digregorio, Food Service Director for Whitsons discussed the beginning of the year in all the buildings. She shared that the first month has gone well and is setting up meetings in each school to establish committees to review menu items as well as teach the students about how the menu is created and components of a meal. These committees will meet throughout the year. Finally, participation for the first month was excellent in all schools.
- At the Middle School, the Intervention Service Provider will be beginning the "Too Good for Drugs" program in conjunction with health classes for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Intramurals have begun and they have seen a good turn-out as well as a large number of students participating on sport teams.
- At the High School, blood drives will be scheduled. 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 had their Walk to School Day on October 2, 2024. 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Student Rep:**

Mr. McCarthy reported:

- The Pep Rally and Powder Puff game had amazing turnouts and received excellent feedback. The seniors won the game, but it was a good battle by both classes.
- The Homecoming dance also had a good turnout with many people enjoying their time with their friends thanks to the music, food, and decorated gymnasium.
- Cam Awesome, who was the captain of the Olympic Boxing Team, recently visited the high school to give an inspiring speech on overcoming adversity, setting goals, and having a positive impact on the world through a growth mindset.
- 63 Juniors successfully sat for the PSAT on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The following students were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for commendation regarding their PSAT scores: Matthias VonBaeyer, Adrienne Silvestris, and Cooper Heidemann.
- Joshua Craypo was recognized as a national semi-finalist candidate for over 6,870 Merit-Based Scholarships regarding his outstanding PSAT score.

**Clubs:**

- NHS conducted a meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> and discussed a pickleball fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, Coffee Bake Sale which happened yesterday and Thanksgiving food baskets which will be put together thanks to donations from NHS members.
- SHS conducted a meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> where they discussed Spirit Day (Hispanic Heritage) which takes place on October 18<sup>th</sup> where students can represent their heritage with a jersey, flag, traditional clothing, etc. They also discussed Trunk or Treat at Plattekill Elementary School which SHS helped with on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Junior Class hosted a movie under the stars event showing "Coraline" which had a great turnout and even got a surprise appearance from the Northern Lights.
- SGA is starting their winter coat drive in the upcoming weeks and is planning a collaboration with the Science Club to fundraise at a local animal shelter.

- LEO Club is looking forward to donating socks through their "Socktober" program which will run through the month of October.
- Be-YOU-tiful club recently got a chance to work with the Boys Varsity Football Team to enjoy a fun time filled with football activities prior to the boys' practice.

**Athletics:**

- Varsity Football faces Warwick this Friday and has their Senior Night game the following Friday against Cornwall.
- Football had a very close and exciting near comeback against Kingston at our Homecoming game.
- Golf has come to a close after a fun season led by coach Diehl.
- Varsity Boys Soccer continues to shine with a 9-3 overall record and so does Girls Soccer with an overall record of 8-2-2. Both are post-season bound. Both soccer teams brought in a victory on their senior nights which was great to see.
- The Swim team is fighting hard and competed yesterday against Middletown.
- Tennis is competing well in their season with an overall record of 5-5.
- Volleyball is now 6-5 on the season after a recent win this past weekend.
- As fall sports teams are gearing up for the post season, our winter athletes are looking forward to the beginning of their season.

**Music:**

- The POPs Band concert will be on October 21<sup>st</sup> and the POPs Chorus/Orchestra concert will be on October 24<sup>th</sup> in the High School Gymnasium.
- The school year has so far continued its great start. Homecoming activities and spirit week have boosted Wallkill's school spirit, and we are looking forward to a festive and eventful fall.

7. **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Bartolone moved items 6A through 6N and 7A through 7H be taken as consent agenda.

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

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Sabrina Bifulco**, from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Senior High School, effective close of business on October 11, 2024.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Nichole Conklin** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective close of business on October 16, 2024, 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 **Megan Migliore** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Account Clerk, effective close of business on January 1, 2025, pending her appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Senior Account Clerk.

**Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional – Agenda #6.B.**

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Provisional appointment of **Nichole Conklin** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk position, effective October 17, 2024, at a salary of \$22,852.80 pro-rated [Step 4 of the CSEA Contract, \$15.87 per hour, (7.5 hours per day)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Provisional appointment of **Megan Migliore** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Senior Account Clerk position, effective January 2, 2025, at a salary of \$44,926 pro-rated [Grade 12, Step 11 of the CSEA Contract].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Janet Russo** to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective October 17, 2024, at a salary of \$15.26 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day).

Approve Appointment/Authorization Purchasing Agent/Open Bids – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint **Megan Migliore** to the position of Purchasing Agent at a stipend of \$4,372 pro-rated and authorize her to open bids effective January 2, 2025.

Approve Appointment – Peer Coach – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individual as a peer coach for the 2024-2025 school year:

**Nicholas Malgieri** Peer Coach \$ 650

Approve Appointments – 2024-2025 Grades K-6 After-School Academic Intervention Program – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Instructional appointments of the following individuals for the 2024-2025 Grades K-6 After School Academic Intervention Program:

Leptondale Elementary School

**Jessica Hall** \$55.79 per hour

Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School

**Lochlyn Jablesnik** \$55.79 per hour

Approve Appointments – 2024-2025 High School Grades 9-12 After-School Homework Assistance Lab – Agenda #6.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Instructional appointments of the following individuals for the 2024-2025 High School Grades 9-12 After-School Homework Assistance Lab:

**Sandra Destefano** English Language Arts \$65.84 per session

**Michael Farruggio** Social Studies \$65.84 per session

Approve Appointment – TAG Liaison – Agenda #6.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individual to TAG Enrichment Liaison position for the 2024-2025 school year.

Leptondale Elementary School: **Rebekah Leonardi** \$1,397

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

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

1. Policy #3300 – Access to Public Records
2. Policy #8204 – Evacuation Lockdown and Emergency Dismissal Drills

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #6.I.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointments for the 2024-2025 school year Winter and Spring seasons:

WINTER:

High School:

<b>Hunter Andrews</b>	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$6,491
<b>Michael Dennis</b>	Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$4,412
<b>Arthur Higby</b>	Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$6,601
<b>Chelsea Murphy</b>	Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$4,432
<b>Sara Bender</b>	Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	Unpaid

<b>Anthony Ng</b>	Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$5,650
<b>Jonathan Avila</b>	Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$3,429
<b>David Kelso</b>	Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach	Unpaid
<b>Joseph Reed</b>	Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach	Unpaid
<b>Leo Sladewski</b>	Varsity Indoor Track Coach	\$4,782
<b>Jennifer Gravelle</b>	Assistant Varsity Indoor Track Coach	\$3,979
<b>Zackary Bonetti</b>	Assistant Varsity Indoor Track Coach	Unpaid
<b>Rachel Rivera</b>	Varsity Gymnastics Coach	\$4,332
<b>Roberta Tejada*</b>	Assistant Varsity Gymnastics Coach	\$3,479
<b>Mia Frisbie</b>	Assistant Varsity Gymnastics Coach	Unpaid
<b>LeeAnn Pazoga</b>	Assistant Varsity Gymnastics Coach	Unpaid
<b>Gabrielle Mancuso</b>	Varsity Nordic Ski Coach	\$4,182
<b>Francis Mancuso</b>	Assistant Varsity Nordic Ski Coach	Unpaid
<b>Danielle McGrath</b>	Varsity Cheerleading Coach	\$2,710
<b>Taylor Palen</b>	Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach	\$2,393
<b>Kelly Dutka</b>	Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach	Unpaid
<b>Xenia Incremona</b>	Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach	Unpaid

**Middle School:**

<b>Michael Pascucci</b>	Modified Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,710
<b>Frank Alfonso</b>	Modified Girls Basketball Coach	\$1,358 [shared]
<b>Kevin Falk</b>	Modified Girls Basketball Coach	\$1,358 [shared]
<b>Wala Canario</b>	Modified Wrestling Coach	\$2,670
<b>Alexis Farias</b>	Modified Cheerleading Coach	\$1,197
<b>Kara DeCarlo</b>	Assistant Modified Cheerleading Coach	Unpaid

**SPRING:**

**High School:**

<b>Wala Canario</b>	Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	\$4,182
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*\*Pending Issuance of License*

**Approve Proposed 2025 High School Senior Class Trip – Agenda #6.J.**

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed Class of 2025 Senior Class Trip to Orlando, FL from Friday, April 25, 2025 through Monday, April 28, 2025.

**Approve Proposed 2025 High School Music Trip – Agenda #6.K.**

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Wallkill Senior High School Music Trip [Spring Competition] to Washington, DC from Friday, April 4, 2025 through Monday, April 7, 2025.

**Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #6.L.**

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.M.**

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

**Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #6.N.**

The Board approve the placement of Special Education students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

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 Gymnasium by **Senior Celebration Committee** [for a Fundraiser] as indicated below:

Saturday November 9, 2024 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Leptondale Elementary School Gymnasium by **WAYS/Southern Ulster Futbol Club** [for Indoor Soccer Practice] as indicated below:

Mondays and Wednesdays January 6, 2025 – March 31, 2025 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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 25, 2025 – March 22, 2025\* 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*\*Excluding February 22, 2025*

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 4, 2025 – March 20, 2025 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Senior High School Auditorium by **the Wallkill Fire Department** [for a Leadership Seminar] as indicated below:

Saturday February 22, 2025 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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:

Weekends: March 1, 2025 – June 29, 2025 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Weekdays: March 3, 2025 – June 30, 2025 4:00 p.m. to Dusk

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Wallkill Senior High School Lobby, Auditorium, Band and Chorus Rooms by **New Paltz School of Ballet** [for Ballet Performances] as indicated below:

Thursday May 29, 2025 2:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday May 30, 2025 2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Saturday May 31, 2025 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday June 1, 2025 11:00 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, 2024 and Revenues as of September 30, 2024.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and **Thomas C. Murray, LLC**, to provide professional development services to teachers and staff members for the Superintendent's Conference Day on November 27, 2024.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the Automotive Repairs Bid, for the period of November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025 as indicated below to:

**J Cruz Motors**

1188 State Route 52  
Walden, New York 12586

Hourly Labor Cost: \$75.00  
Parts and Supplies Discount: 10%

Award Bid – Snow Removal and Sanding Contract – Agenda #7.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the Snow Removal and Sanding Contract for the Leptondale and Plattekill Elementary Schools for the period of November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2026 as indicated below to:

**KHF Lawn Care**

PO Box 283  
Wallkill, NY 12589

Award Bid – Snow Removal Contract – New Bus Loop – Agenda #7.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the Snow Removal for the Wallkill Senior High School for the new bus loop for the period of November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025 as indicated below to:

**Kings Hill Farm, LLC**

557 Rock Cut Road  
Walden, NY 12586

Approve Amended Agreement – G & R Inclusive Group – Agenda #7.G.

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the amended agreement with G&R Inclusive Group Services, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$10,504, and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the amended agreement.

Approve Change Orders – Capital Improvement Project – Agenda #7.H.

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

<b>Profex, Inc.:</b>	SC-3-01	\$ 7,934.17
	SC-3-02	\$ 3,397.70
	SC-3-03	\$ 3,324.24
	SC-3-04	\$53,200.00
	SC-3-05	(\$ 2,075.28)
	GC-07	\$ 4,593.99
	GC-08	\$ 3,111.42
	GC-09	\$ 2,773.26
	GC-10	\$ 1,673.72
	GC-11	\$ 7,118.89
	GC-12	\$ 5,138.97
	GC-13	\$ 1,653.89
	GC-14	\$ 366.58
	GC-15	\$ 3,967.86
	GC-16	\$ 1,444.96



<b>RLJ Electric Corporation:</b>	EC-01	\$ 5,608.33
	EC-02	\$ 4,512.89
	EC-03	\$17,156.27
	EC-04	\$11,242.58
	EC-05	\$10,418.21
	EC-06	\$19,601.69
	EC-07	\$ 8,894.52
	EC-08	\$12,727.97
	EC-09	\$ 9,888.32
	EC-10	\$ 5,970.91
	EC-11	\$14,210.69
	EC-12	\$14,104.89
	EC-13	\$ 1,849.60
	EC-14	\$ 8,011.70
	EC-15	\$ 6,040.59
	EC-16	\$ 6,526.86

<b>S &amp; O Construction Services, Inc.:</b>	MC-02	\$14,451.00
	MC-03	\$15,144.68
	MC-04	\$13,872.00
	MC-05	\$ 9,205.26
	MC-06	\$ 1,116.00
	MC-07	\$ 1,116.00
	MC-08	\$ 1,116.00
	MC-09	(\$ 403.68)
	PC-01	(\$ 5,000.00)

<b>Whispering Pines Development Corp.:</b>	SC-1-20	\$ 7,591.50
	SC-1-21	\$22,439.49
	SC-1-22	(\$1,135.00)

8. Executive Session – Agenda #8

At 7:24 p.m. Mrs. Anderson moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss current litigation and negotiations.

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

The Board reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

9. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran  
District Clerk