

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Plattekill Elementary School
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
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 – 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

Mr. Bartolone

Mrs. Crowley

Mr. Frisbie

Mr. LoCicero

Mrs. McCartney

Mr. Nafey

Mr. Palen

Mr. Liam McCarthy [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. Hecht

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

3. Approve Minutes – [12/18/24 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

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

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

4. Board Committee Reports 2024-2025 – Agenda #4

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee has not met since the last meeting. The District anticipates receiving the draft internal audit in the coming weeks and will schedule a meeting to review the draft internal audit.

Budget:

Mr. Devincenzi reported that this evening the Board received a copy of the roll-over budget as well as a budget carry over summary sheet and recommended elementary class sizes. There are still areas that need to be explored such as BOCES costs, teacher retirements, health insurance, and State Aid. The District anticipates being within the tax cap and will utilize fund balance and reserves to assist in balancing the budget.

Mr. Castle indicated that the Governor is due to release her budget proposal on January 21st, but he does not anticipate that our State Aid (mostly Foundation Aid) will go up aside from Expense Based Aids (building aid, transportation aid, BOCES aid). The District has prepared and planned for this by managing our fund balance and reserves.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last meeting but will be looking to schedule a meeting in the near future.

CDEP:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the CDEP committee has not met since our last board of education meeting. The committee is scheduled to meet on February 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee has not met since our last board of education meeting. The committee is scheduled to meet on February 11, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in high school room 102.

Health & Safety:

Mr. Palen reported that the Health and Safety Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled to meet on March 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in high school room 104.

Legislative:

Mr. Castle reported that meetings have been scheduled with Assemblyman Maher, Assemblyman Jacobson and Senator Rolison within the month. Senator Oberacker and Senator Hinchey's offices have been contacted to schedule meetings as well.

Policy:

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting will be held on March 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at District Office.

Technology:

Mr. White reported that the Technology Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled to meet on February 10, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in high school room 102.

Wellness:

Mr. Nafey reported that the Wellness Committee has met on January 7, 2025. At this meeting the following topics were discussed. In the elementary schools, Taste Test Tuesdays will start at all the schools with the goal to expose students to new healthy food options. Each building will have some unique events they are working on or have scheduled and those will be posted on the District Wellness Calendar. The middle school will continue with Healthy Habit announcements. At the high school, a Health Fair is being organized and will be scheduled for late April with a date to be finalized. District-Wide, Marilyn, the Whitsons Food Service Director began a second round of meetings with students at each building and these should be completed in the coming weeks so that new featured menu items can be placed on the menus at each school. A few examples are chicken with alfredo sauce and a cheesy roll-up. Finally, the District continues to see an increase in meal counts at all buildings and will continue to do promotions throughout the remainder of the school year. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2025, at 3:45 p.m. in high school room 102.

Student Rep:

Mr. Liam McCarthy reported:

- Wallkill Senior High School is welcoming assemblymen Brian Maher to the high school on Thursday, January 16th. In addition to being sworn in on site he'll be hosting a Q&A session with our AP Government classes.

Clubs:

- SGA hosted Alumni Day last Friday with the help of Be-YOU-tiful club, NHS, and student volunteers. The high school welcomed back approximately 100 alumni from all different graduating classes including as far back as 1979. Alumni met with students in the expo-style format where students were given the opportunity to ask questions about their post-secondary experiences and current careers. Alumni who were interested also received tours of some of the upgraded features of the building. In addition to welcoming back the above-mentioned alumni, SGA also highlighted all the current employees of the Wallkill Central School District who are alumni of Wallkill Senior High School with a table and signs at the expo. Students look forward to continuing this new tradition for years to come.

- Mr. LoCicero thanked Mr. Masopust for doing an excellent job on the alumni event. He had a great time. He attended the event as an alumnus along with Mrs. McCartney, Mr. Palen, and Mr. Hecht. He was impressed to see the number of students that returned and especially excited by the number of alumni he saw that work for the District.

Athletics:

- Wallkill wrestlers Marco Futia and Julian Aviles represented the school at the Eastern States Tournament, where Marco achieved an impressive fifth-place finish.
- The Wallkill men's and women's basketball teams continue to demonstrate dedication and hard work this season.
- The Nordic Ski team recently competed at Minnewaska State Park on January 7th and Lapland Lake Nordic Ski Center on January 9th. The team is working hard and enjoying the opportunity to compete.

Music:

- The Winter concert, held on December 19th, was a tremendous success and well-attended by the school community.
- Wallkill's Variety Show is scheduled for February 6th, with a snow date planned for February 13th. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents to friends, family, and staff.

Overall, students have returned from winter break feeling refreshed and ready for the second half of the school year. Another brief break is on the horizon as Regents Week begins on January 21st and runs through January 24th. During this time, students will only attend school if they are scheduled for an exam.

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Palen moved items 5A through 5J and 6A through 6E be taken as consent agenda.

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

Accept Retirements – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Kelly Smith** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Remedial Lab Teacher Aide, effective close of business on January 15, 2025.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Roger Smith** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Night Custodial Worker, effective close of business on March 7, 2025.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the provisional appointment of **Courtney Moroney** to a Contingent Permanent Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Account Clerk position, effective January 21, 2025, at a salary of \$30,535 pro-rated [Grade 9, Step 3 of the CSEA Contract].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Maria Zanetti** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary of \$15.50 per hour, effective January 16, 2025.

Accept Retirement – Instructional – Agenda #5.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **William Earl** from the Wallkill Central School District [Physical Education Teacher], effective close of business on January 31, 2025.

Accept Resignations – Athletic Director and Director of Physical Education – Agenda #5.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **William Earl** from the positions of Athletic Director and Director of Physical Education effective close of business on January 31, 2025.

Approve Appointments – Administration – Agenda #5.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointments of **Brian Masopust** and **Michael Redmond**, to the position of Co-Athletic Directors at a stipend of \$7,000 each, effective February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

Approve Appointment – 2024-2025 Grades K-6 After-School Academic Intervention Program – Agenda #5.F.

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

Plattekill Elementary School

Karly Gomez

\$55.79 per hour

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #5.G.

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

HIGH SCHOOL:

T.D. Mills	Varsity Baseball Coach	\$4,782
Jonathan Avila	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	\$3,479
Joseph Pillitteri	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Unpaid
Sean Murphy	Varsity Softball Coach	\$4,682
Kevin Keesler*	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	\$3,679
Chelsea Coen*	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	Unpaid
Rachael Colombo	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	Unpaid
Jason Diehl	Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	\$3,479
Matthew Medina	Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	\$3,429
Eric McCartney*	Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	Unpaid
Richard Daubel	Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$4,232
Valeria Ramos-Avila	Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$3,419
Eric McLaud	Varsity Boys Track & Field Coach	\$4,782
Zachary Bonetti	Assistant Varsity Boys Track & Field Coach	\$3,379
Jennifer Gravelle	Varsity Girls Track & Field Coach	\$4,782
Lisa Perry	Assistant Varsity Girls Track & Field Coach	\$3,479
Hunter Andrews	Varsity Unified Basketball Coach	\$1,137
Shannon LaRocco	Varsity Unified Basketball Coach	\$1,137

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Frank Alfonso	Modified Baseball Coach	\$2,313
Michael Pritts	Assistant Modified Baseball Coach	Unpaid
Michelle Arteta*	Modified Softball Coach	\$2,313
Leo Sladewski	Modified Boys Track & Field Coach	\$2,833
Kevin Falk	Modified Girls Track and Field Coach	\$2,353

**Pending Issuance of License*

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #5.H.

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.I.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #5.J.

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

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #6.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Senior High School Practice Field [for Practices] and Multi-Purpose Field [for Games] by **Wallkill Youth Lacrosse** as indicated below:

Saturdays	March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays	March 3, 2025 – May 30, 2025	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 December 31, 2024 and Revenues as of December 31, 2024.

Approve Memorandum of Agreement – SUNY Potsdam – Agenda #6.C.

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

WHEREAS, the Wallkill Central School District (“Wallkill”) Board is desirous of entering into agreement with the State University of New York at Potsdam for student teaching and related clinical experiences for the mutual benefit of the District and students matriculating in various educational programs in the SUNY system, now therefore be it:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District authorizes the District to enter into the following agreement with SUNY Potsdam of the SUNY system and authorizes the Superintendent and/or the Board President to execute the agreement on the Board's behalf effective for the 2024-2025 school year and shall remain in place for five (5) years.

Approve Foster Children 2023-2024 Tuition Rates – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 2023-2024 tuition rates for foster children attending the Wallkill Central School District as follows:

Grades K-6	\$10,904
Grades 7-12	\$10,711
Handicapped K-6	\$25,482
Handicapped 7-12	\$25,649

Approve Memorandum of Agreement – Wallkill Teachers’ Association – Agenda #6.E.

The Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and the Wallkill Teachers’ Association, dated January 3, 2025, regarding a stipend position.

6. Executive Session – Agenda #7

At 7:16 p.m. Mr. Bartolone moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

7. Close Meeting – Agenda #8

At 8:04 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk