

Special Meeting Board of Education
Wallkill Senior High School Auditorium
Monday, July 21, 2025
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Thomas Frisbie in the Senior High School Auditorium.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson
Mr. Bartolone
Mrs. Crowley
Mr. Frisbie
Mr. Hecht
Mr. Palen

Members Absent

Mrs. McCartney
Mr. Nafey
Mr. Olson

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

Discussion:

- *Mr. White provided an overview of the Cell Phone Policy on tonight's agenda. He indicated that the policy will be posted on the website and sent to parents/guardians. He also shared that there will be a parent engagement night on August 19, 2025 to inform parents/guardians of the new policy. Building principals will share the policy with faculty and staff at their faculty meetings on Superintendent's Day and with students at their orientation nights and the first week of school.*
- *Mr. Castle stated that the policy needed to be implemented by August 1, 2025 and that a report will need to be provided annually to the State regarding discipline data directly related to cell phone use in schools.*

2. Consent Agenda

Mr. Bartolone moved items 2A through 2D and 3A be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 6 – 0.

Accept Resignations – Non-Instructional – Agenda #2.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Marianne Marcantonio** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective close of business on September 2, 2025, pending her appointment to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Amy Sutton** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective close of business on September 1, 2025, pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Computer Teacher Aide.

Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional – Agenda #2.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Marianne Marcantonio** to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective September 3, 2025, at a salary of \$15.90 per hour (Step 4 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 **Amy Sutton** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Computer Teacher Aide position, effective September 2, 2025, at a salary of \$38,068 (Grade 2, Step 15 of the CSEA Contract).

Approve Appointments – Instructional – Agenda #2.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Jonathan Avila** certified in Physical Education, to a four-year probationary period in the tenure area of Physical Education and Recreation, commencing September 1, 2025 and ending January 23, 2029. Effective September 1, 2025, Mr. Avila's salary will be \$56,529 (1 NBA + 21 credits).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Rhianna Ferdinand** certified in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and Literacy (Birth – Grade 6) , to a three-year probationary period in the tenure area of Elementary Education, commencing September 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 2028. Effective September 1, 2025, Ms. Ferdinand will be placed on step 2 NMA (+ 6 credits), crediting her with one (1) year of service for time worked at the Wallkill Central School District in the Reading tenure area.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Lily Jones-Guida** certified in Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and English to Speakers of Other Languages Supplementary Certificate , to a four-year probationary period in the tenure area of Elementary Education, commencing November 1, 2025 and ending October 31, 2029. Effective November 1, 2025, Ms. Jones-Guida's salary will be \$56,831 pro-rated (1 NBA + 23 credits).

Approve Resolution – Policies #5685 and #7402 – Agenda #2.D.

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

Resolved that the Board of Education approves the first readings of Policy #5685 – Maximum Temperature for School Buildings and Indoor Facilities and Policy #7402 – Cell Phones. The Board of Education waives a second reading of Policy #7402 – Cell Phones and hereby adopts Policy #7402 – Cell Phones.

Approve Agreement – Software License – Agenda #3.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and **Sergeant Laboratories, Inc.** for classroom management, student behavior analytics, and filtering technology for educators on all devices for the 2025-2026 school year.

3. Close Meeting – Agenda #4.

At 6:12 p.m. Mrs. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bartolone and carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk