

**Regular Meeting Board of Education  
Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School  
Wednesday, October 15, 2025  
7:00 p.m.**

*Mrs. Jennifer Capicchioni [Nugent & Haeussler, P.C.] presented the  
2024-2025 Audit Report/Corrective Action Plan*

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:03 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- *No public comments.*

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

At 7:04 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Vice President Dustin Palen in the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson (*arrived 7:02 p.m.*)

Mr. Bartolone

Mrs. Crowley

Mrs. McCartney

Mr. Nafey

Mr. Palen

Mr. Olson

Ms. Lea Martini [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. Frisbie

Mr. Hecht

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

3. Discussion:

*Mr. White indicated that School Board Recognition Week is this week. He mentioned that the school board has put in a lot of time to ensure that our students receive a great education. On behalf of the 2800 students in the Wallkill Central School District, Mr. White thanked the Board of Education and handed each Board member a gift and certificate for their dedicated leadership in public education and continuing service to the children of this community.*

*Mr. Palen first thanked Mr. White for the recognition and then congratulated him on his well-earned promotion to Superintendent of Schools. On behalf of the Board, he wanted to let Mr. White know that the Board is there to support him and is available should he have any questions. He looks forward to working with him and is confident he will do a great job. Mr. Palen also congratulated Mr. Masopust on his growth in the District from student, coach, teacher, principal and now Assistant Superintendent. He looks forward to working with him as well.*

4. Approve Minutes – [9/17/25 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Motion seconded by Mrs. McCartney and carried 7 – 0 .

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

Mr. Nafey moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan as presented by Jennifer Capicchioni [Nugent & Haeussler, P.C.] for the 2024-2025 fiscal school year so as to satisfy New York State Requirements.

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

6. Board Committee Reports – Agenda #5

**Audit:**

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee met with both the external and internal auditors on October 8, 2025. The committee reviewed the draft audit report, which is on the October 15, 2025, Board agenda as presented by the external auditors, Nugent & Haeussler. The committee also reviewed the updated Reserve plan. 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 preliminary budget development as we plan for the 2026-27 budget cycle. As an update, the CPI which is part of tax cap formula, is trending to be greater than 2%, which will again 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 7, 2025. 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 summer as part of the Capital Project. In addition, the committee reviewed potential work that is scheduled to be reviewed by NYSED for approval and then completed during the Summer of 2026. Finally, there are change orders on the agenda this evening for approval.

**CDEP:**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the first CDEP Committee meeting for the 2025-2026 school year is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on November 19, 2025, in the high school auditorium.

**Curriculum/TAG:**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the first Curriculum/TAG Committee meeting for the 2025-2026 school year is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on October 21, 2025, in high school room 102.

**Health & Safety:**

Mr. Nafey reported that the Health and Safety Committee met on October 14, 2025, 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. Additionally, the committee reviewed changes to the District Safety Plan that have to be adopted due to the new cardiac arrest law in New York State. The District Safety Plan is posted on the website for review and a public hearing will be held prior to the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Legislative:**

Mr. White indicated that he and Mrs. Crowley will be attending NYSSBA's Annual Convention and Education Expo from October 23-25, 2025. Mrs. Crowley shared she will be participating in the 2025 NYSSBA's Annual Business Zoom meeting tomorrow night as the District's Voting Delegate.

**Policy:**

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee met on October 1, 2025. The committee reviewed sixteen (16) policies at the meeting. There are six (6) policies on the agenda for first reading. The next committee meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025, at District Office.

Mr. White indicated that the committee started reviewing the policy manual with policy #3100 to ensure policies are relevant and up to date. Moving forward, depending on the length of the policy, the committee will review 10-15 policies at each committee meeting.

### **Technology:**

Mr. Bartolone reported that the Technology Committee met on October 6, 2025. Mr. Masopust presented an overview of the Technology Department's recent initiatives supporting the District's technology infrastructure and instructional goals. Highlights included the successful upgrade of most District computers to Windows 11 in preparation for the end of Windows 10 support, and the approval of a Smart Schools Bond Act amendment to fund interactive display replacements. The District has adopted the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework 2.0 to comply with updated Parent Bill of Rights guidance, and deployed Aristotle K12—a new student-centric filtering and classroom management platform—replacing GoGuardian. Additional updates covered collaborative professional development through the Ulster BOCES AI Circle, department staffing changes, and ongoing district-wide technology integration support. Future meetings will address cybersecurity and NIST 2.0 controls in greater detail. The next committee meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. on November 3, 2025, in high school room 102.

### **Wellness:**

Mr. Olson reported that the Wellness Committee met on September 30, 2025, and the following topics were discussed:

- In the middle school the Physical Education teachers have been focusing on teamwork activities with the students. Additionally, they are working to develop a plan to expand upon the use of the weight room during and potentially after school as well. The Too Good for Drugs program in conjunction with health classes for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taught to students. Intramurals have begun and they have seen a good turn-out as well as many students participating on sport teams.
- At the high school a blood drive has been scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additionally, Ms. 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 1, 2025. Additionally, at Ostrander, at the K-3 level the physical education classes are focusing on movement while students in grades 4-6 are doing cross-fit type activities. All three elementary schools will be looking to have various events throughout the year that focus on wellness. For example, a Jump Rope event, 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.
- Marilyn Digregorio, the Food Service Director for Whitsons discussed the beginning of the year in all the buildings. She shared her plans for the school year which include:
  - Working on an Apple Crunch Day at the buildings and working with local orchards to secure products and hopefully a demo at the elementary buildings
  - Working to have guest chefs for events at the secondary level
  - Continuing the work with the food committees at all schools that develop a meal that will be featured on each building's menu. Additionally, the food service staff will be working to create a meal to be featured on the building menu as well.
  - Lunch with leadership where Central Administration and principals cook for the students at the buildings; and
  - Potentially other events throughout the year to enhance the food service program for the students and staff
- The Wellness Calendar will be updated throughout the year, and each building was reminded to update the calendar events and send any new events to Susan Hansen.
- The committee was provided with the Wellness policy to review again, and further discussion will take place at the next Wellness committee meeting.

### **Student Rep:**

Ms. Martini reported:

- The Pep Rally and the Powderpuff football game both had amazing turnouts. Students came together to celebrate with each class and cheer each other on. At the Powderpuff game, the junior class won, but it was a great effort from both classes.
- The Homecoming dance also had a good turnout with over 570 students coming out to enjoy an 80s themed dance. Students enjoyed the music, food, and beautifully decorated gym.
- 57 Juniors successfully sat for the PSAT on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Ian Hollibush has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a commended student for his PSAT score.

### Clubs:

- Spanish Honor Society (SHS) conducted a meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss Open House participation, their bake sale, Heritage Day, and Trunk or Treat at Ostrander Elementary School which SHS helped with on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Today, students participated in Heritage Day by wearing jerseys, traditional clothing, or colors that represent their country of heritage.
- National Honor Society (NHS) conducted a meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> and discussed their successful Coffee Bake Sale and Thanksgiving food baskets which will be put together thanks to donations from NHS members.
- The High School Library partnered with the Wallkill Public Library on October 14<sup>th</sup> for Teen-Read week and encouraged students to sign up for library cards.
- Leo Club is looking forward to donating socks through their "Socktober" program which will run through the month of October.

### Athletics:

- Varsity Football and Cheer will play at home against FDR this Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. They will be celebrating their Senior Night on Friday evening as well.
- Varsity Boys Soccer is still undefeated, with a record of 11-0. They celebrated their Senior Night yesterday and won against New Paltz.
- Varsity Girls Soccer celebrated their Senior Night on October 8<sup>th</sup> and brought in a victory against Red Hook.
- Boys and Girls soccer will be in MHAL Semi-Finals which will be hosted at the high school on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Girls Tennis team competed yesterday at FDR and became the MHAL Champions in the Large School Bracket.
- Brayden Callahan represented Wallkill in the MHAL Golf Tournament today.
- Volleyball and Cross Country will have their Senior Night next week.
- The high school is also getting ready to host Sectional and Regional soccer.
- 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 Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium, and the POPs Orchestra and Chorus concert will be on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

*Our school year continues to be off to a strong and successful start. Homecoming was a great success and boosted school spirit. Students and staff have built a positive momentum that sets a good foundation for the exciting year ahead.*

## 7. Consent Agenda

Mr. Bartolone moved items 6A through 6U and 7A through 7F 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 **Briana Gabino** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, effective close of business on October 15, 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 **Arturo Mota Rodriguez** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Night Custodial Worker, effective close of business on October 6, 2025.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Sarah Warren** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teaching Assistant, effective close of business on October 8, 2025.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Zachary Wentzell** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Night Custodial Worker, effective close of business on October 6, 2025.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Magda Cella** to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective October 16, 2025, at a salary of \$17.22 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 **Briana Gabino** to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective October 16, 2025, at a salary of \$15.72 per hour [Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, (5.8 hours per day)].

Accept Resignations – Instructional – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Sara Cerabino**, from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, effective close of business on November 14, 2025, pending her appointment to a Substitute Leave Replacement Position.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Gabrielle Messick**, from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Senior High School, effective close of business on October 3, 2025.

Approve Child Rearing Leave – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Child Rearing Leave as requested by **Marissa Dore**, effective December 20, 2025 through June 26, 2026.

Approve Substitute Leave Replacement – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Sara Cerabino** certified in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) to a Substitute Leave Elementary Education Teacher position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year, at a salary of \$59,293 pro-rated (1NMA + 7 credits), effective November 17, 2025 through January 23, 2026, replacing Melanie Calabro who is on a Child Rearing Leave.

Award Tenure – Instructional – Agenda #6.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Ashley Nordahl** in the area of Elementary Education, effective January 26, 2026.

Approve Appointments – Peer Coach – Agenda #6.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individuals as peer coaches for the 2025-2026 school year:

<b>Valerie Andryshak</b>	Peer Coach	\$ 650
<b>Vicely Devos</b>	Peer Coach	\$ 650

Approve Appointment – 2025-2026 High School Grades 9-12 After-School Homework Assistance Lab – Agenda #6.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Instructional appointment of the following individual for the 2025-2026 High School Grades 9-12 After-School Homework Assistance Lab:

<b>Nicholas Culhane</b>	Mathematics	\$66.87 per session
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Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #6.I.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointments for the 2025-2026 school year Winter season:

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

<b>Hunter Andrews</b>	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$6,625
<b>Michael Dennis</b>	Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$4,514
<b>Jason Diehl</b>	Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	Unpaid
<b>Frank Alfonso</b>	Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$4,274
<b>Sara Bender</b>	Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	Unpaid
<b>Kylie Detz*</b>	Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	Unpaid
<b>Anthony Ng</b>	Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$5,774
<b>Jonathan Avila</b>	Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$3,521
<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	\$4,834
<b>Jennifer Gravelle</b>	Assistant Varsity Indoor Track Coach	\$4,021
<b>Zackary Bonetti</b>	Assistant Varsity Indoor Track Coach	Unpaid
<b>Rachel Rivera</b>	Varsity Gymnastics Coach	\$4,434
<b>Roberta Tejada</b>	Assistant Varsity Gymnastics Coach	\$3,571
<b>LeeAnn Pazoga</b>	Assistant Varsity Gymnastics Coach	Unpaid
<b>Gabrielle Lewis</b>	Varsity Nordic Ski Coach	\$4,284
<b>Francis Mancuso</b>	Assistant Varsity Nordic Ski Coach	Unpaid
<b>Danielle McGrath</b>	Varsity Cheerleading Coach	\$3,501
<b>Taylor Palen</b>	Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach	\$2,903
<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	\$2,783
<b>Kevin Falk</b>	Modified Girls Basketball Coach	\$2,833
<b>Wala Canario</b>	Modified Wrestling Coach	\$2,743
<b>Alexis Farias</b>	Modified Cheerleading Coach	\$1,472
<b>Kara DeCarlo</b>	Assistant Modified Cheerleading Coach	Unpaid

*\*Pending Issuance of License*

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

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

1. Policy #3110 – School Sponsored Media
2. Policy #3140 Flag Display
3. Policy #3200 – Visitors to the School
4. Policy #3210 – Public Expression at Meetings
5. Policy #3212 – Public Comment at Board of Education Meeting
6. Policy #5666 – Protection of Pupil Privacy

Approve Proposed 2026 High School Senior Class Trip – Agenda #6.K.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed Class of 2026 Senior Class Trip to Orlando, FL from Friday, April 24, 2026 through Monday, April 27, 2026.

Approve Proposed 2026 High School Music Trip – Agenda #6.L.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Wallkill Senior High School Music Trip [Spring Competition] to Williamsburg, VA from Thursday, April 16, 2026 through Sunday, April 19, 2026.

Approve Resolution – Certification of LEAD Teacher Evaluators – Agenda #6.M.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and certify the following personnel as Lead Teacher Evaluators for the 2025-2026 school year after having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8NYCRR §30-3.10. This certification is being issued in accordance with the process for certifying Lead Teacher Evaluators described in the District’s annual professional performance review plan.

**Shannon LaRocco**

**Noah Hershfield**

Approve Resolution – Certification of INDEPENDENT Teacher Evaluators – Agenda #6.N.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and certify the following personnel as Independent Teacher Evaluators for the 2025-2026 school year after having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8NYCRR §30-3.10. This certification is being issued in accordance with the process for certifying Independent Teacher Evaluators described in the District’s annual professional performance review plan.

**Shannon LaRocco**

**Noah Hershfield**

Approve Resolution – Certification of LEAD Principal Evaluator – Agenda #6.O.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following personnel as a Lead Principal Evaluator for the 2025-2026 school year after having received appropriate training in accordance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education §30-3.10 and such individual is hereby certified as a qualified Lead Principal Evaluator for the purpose of conducting and completing evaluations.

**Brian Masopust**

Approve Resolution – Certification of INDEPENDENT Principal Evaluator – Agenda #6.P.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following personnel as an Independent Principal Evaluator for the 2025-2026 school year after having received appropriate training in accordance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education §30-3.10 and such individual is hereby certified as a qualified Independent Principal Evaluator for the purpose of conducting and completing evaluations.

**Brian Masopust**

Approve Resolution – Recertification of LEAD Principal Evaluators – Agenda #6.Q.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following personnel as Lead Principal Evaluators for the 2025-2026 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 a qualified Lead Principal Evaluators for the purpose of conducting and completing evaluations.

**Tara Rounds**

**Anthony White**

Approve Resolution – Recertification of INDEPENDENT Principal Evaluators – Agenda #6.R.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following personnel as Independent Principal Evaluators for the 2025-2026 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 Substitutes Lists – Agenda #6.S.

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



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

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

<b>Clean Air Quality, Inc.:</b>	HVAC-1-06	\$ 4,474.00	
	HVAC-1-07	\$13,339.00	
	HVAC-1-08	\$ 1,490.40	
	HVAC-1-09	\$ 4,298.70	
	HVAC-1-10	\$26,041.75	
	HVAC-1-11	\$10,284.45	
	HVAC-1-12	\$ 2,116.00	
	HVAC-1-13	\$15,558.35	
	HVAC-1-14	\$20,350.40	
	HVAC-1-15	\$ 9,304.45	
	HVAC-1-16	\$ 5,881.10	
	<b>Renu Contracting &amp; Restoration, Inc.:</b>	GC-2-08	(\$ 2,338.00)
		GC-2-09	(\$79,126.92)
		GC-3-01	(\$ 5,000.00)
		GC-3-02	(\$21,380.00)
	<b>Sausto Contracting, Inc.:</b>	EC-1-01	(\$37,006.92)
EC-2-01		(\$22,340.46)	
<b>UniMak, LLC.:</b>	GC-1-07	\$ 34,866.00	
	GC-1-08	(\$6,372.25)	

8. Accept Donation – Agenda #7.G.

Mrs. Anderson moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$200 from Walden Community Council to be used for supplies in Ms. Jennings’ classroom at the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School (\$100) and Ms. Gross’ classroom at the Leptondale Elementary School (\$100).

Motion seconded by Mr. Nafey and carried 7 – 0 . [With Thanks]

➤ *Mr. White indicated that the donation came from a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student from Ostrander and a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student from Leptondale who participated and won at Walden Community Day’s Spelling Bee.*

9. Executive Session – Agenda #8

At 7:24 p.m. Mr. Bartolone moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

10. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

At 8:01 p.m. Mr. Bartolone moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 7 – 0 .

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran  
District Clerk