

Regular Meeting Board of Education
Leptondale Elementary School
Wednesday, December 17, 2025
7:00 p.m.

*Presentation of "Intro to Teaching"
 by Mr. Vegliando and Students*

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:14 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- *No public comments.*

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

At 7:14 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Thomas Frisbie in the Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson
 Mr. Frisbie
 Mr. Nafey
 Mr. Palen
 Mr. Olson
 Ms. Lea Martini [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. Bartolone
 Mrs. Crowley
 Mr. Hecht
 Mrs. McCartney

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

3. Amend Change Order – [10/15/25 Regular Board Meeting – Agenda #7.F] – Agenda #3

Mr. Nafey moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and amend and approve the the minutes of the October 15, 2025, (Agenda #7.F.) Regular Board Meeting so as to read:

Current Minutes: Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following Change Orders:

Sausto Contracting, Inc.:	EC-1-01	(\$37,006.92)
	EC-2-01	(\$22,340.46)

Amended Minutes: Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following Change Order:

Sausto Contracting, Inc.:	EC-2-01	(\$22,340.46)
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Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 5 – 0.

4. Amend Change Orders – [11/19/25 Regular Board Meeting – Agenda #7.I.] – Agenda #4

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and amend the minutes of the November 19, 2025, (Agenda #7.I.) Regular Board Meeting so as to read:

Current Minutes: Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following Change Orders:

Clean Air Quality, Inc.:	HVAC-1-17	\$32,842.00
	HVAC-1-18	\$ 2,671.95
	HVAC-1-19	\$ 8,641.00
	HVAC-1-20	(\$ 1,231.00)

Amended Minutes: Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following Change Orders:

Clean Air Quality, Inc.:	HVAC-1-17	\$32,842.00
	HVAC-1-18	\$ 671.10
	HVAC-1-19	\$ 2,000.85
	HVAC-1-20	(\$ 1,231.00)
	HVAC-1-21	\$ 8,641.00

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

5. Approve Minutes – [11/19/25 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #5

Mr. Nafey moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the October 15, 2025, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

6. Board Committee Reports – Agenda #6

Audit:

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Audit Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next committee meeting will be scheduled once the draft report from the internal audit is received. It is anticipated after the first of the new year.

Budget:

Mr. Devincenzi reported that as was stated at the last meeting the 2025-26 budget process has begun, and the rollover budget will be presented to the Board in January as well as a review of elementary class sizes. Lastly, on December 18, 2025, building allocations of per pupil expenditures will be provided to all departments and building administrators with the per pupil expenditure rate remaining the same.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met and reviewed and discussed some Capital Project options on December 16, 2025. The committee discussed potential renovations to the high school gymnasium including the creation of a new weight room and trainer’s room. Currently the District is awaiting NYSED approval of Phase 3 Capital Project work slated to be completed in the summer of 2026.

CDEP:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the CDEP Committee has not met since our last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee met on December 9, 2025. Mr. Vegliando presented an overview of the newly established dual-enrollment Introduction to Teaching course at the high school, emphasizing the inclusion of student observation hours, “Teaching Tuesdays,” and the development of student-created lesson plans. Mrs. Greany reported on the ongoing exploration of an agricultural science elective, noting recent site visits to Tri-Valley and Rondout Valley for program evaluation. The next steps involve visiting Ulster BOCES at iPark and initiating syllabus creation and curriculum development. Mr. Masopust provided an update on the TAG program for the 2025–2026 academic year. Notable activities include the formation of a Lego League Team at the elementary level, with students engaging in team role selection, robotics construction, and research projects to be showcased in spring of 2026. Additional highlights are the scheduled Odyssey of the Mind Region 5 Tournament on February 28, 2026, an enrichment activity with George Steele for

SNAP/TAG students in March, the District-Wide Spelling Bee in January, and the introduction of a TAG showcase event in the spring. Further, Mr. Masopust shared information regarding the initial CDEP meeting held on November 19, 2025, and the Superintendent's Conference Day on November 26, 2025. He also highlighted the impact of assemblies led by speed painter Tom Varano, whose presentations encouraged students to embrace individuality, creativity, and to dream big. Lastly, the Curriculum Committee analyzed the results of two recent surveys. The student survey indicated strong interest in expanding extracurricular and athletic offerings, particularly in bowling, girls flag football, and clubs such as art, culinary, and debate/Model UN. The parent survey, with 300 responses, reflected high satisfaction with educational experiences and included suggestions for reimagining the SNAP/TAG program and enhancing after-school and extracurricular opportunities, especially at the elementary level. The Design Team Committee continues to meet monthly to review the New York State Portrait of a Graduate Initiative and NY Inspires Framework, with a focus on integrating technology and artificial intelligence to advance project-based, authentic learning experiences, informed by stakeholder feedback. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in high school room #102.

Health & Safety:

Mr. Nafey reported that the Health and Safety Committee met on December 4, 2025, and discussed any health and safety concerns in the buildings. Additionally, the committee discussed some potential safety upgrades to the District that will be completed prior to next school year. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in high school room #104.

Legislative:

Mr. White indicated that he attended the UCSBA Legislative Advocacy Group Zoom meeting on December 1st where the group discussed common positions for advocacy in the county. The group agreed that the county should advocate for a minimum increase of 3% in Foundation Aid. Mr. White also shared that meetings will be scheduled with our legislators in the new year in order to advocate for the needs of our District.

Policy:

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. There are 6 policies on the agenda for second reading. The next committee meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on January 7, 2026, at District Office.

Technology:

Mr. Masopust reported that the Technology Committee met on December 8, 2025. Mr. Hein reported that Windows desktop upgrades are nearly complete District-Wide, with final work at the District Office. The high school's Tech Lab (Room T106) is transitioning to high-powered laptops to support project-based learning. The District will purchase Aristotle K12 software licenses for all Windows devices, enabling analytics to inform budgeting. Families are actively using the WEGLOT website translation tool for multilingual access. The committee is evaluating Finalsite's Athletics Manager for real-time athletic updates and continues to discuss the NIST 2.0 Cybersecurity Framework, focusing on governance. Mr. Masopust shared that K-12 teachers are receiving training on Aristotle K12 filtering software, and a two-part professional development series on project-based learning and technology integration will be offered in partnership with Ulster BOCES. Work has begun on the District's 2026-2029 Technology Plan, required by NYSED, with submission due July 1, 2026. The AI Circle team is developing a District-Wide vision for responsible AI use, collaborating with neighboring districts and BOCES specialists. At a meeting last night, the AI Circle team partnered with Onteora School District to engage in a Dilemma Tuning Protocol activity where each district's team presented their vision and goals and received feedback from the opposing team to assist in design. Lastly, the committee discussed the potential benefits of purchasing ParentSquare, a unified communication platform designed specifically for school districts. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in high school room #102.

- Mr. White commented that we currently use SchoolMessenger to send out text and email messages. ParentSquare is more like a Social Media page. We are looking to enhance what we currently use to communicate with the Wallkill community to something that is more comprehensive and up to date.

Wellness:

Mr. Olson reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting and is scheduled to meet at 3:45 p.m. on January 6, 2026, in high school room #102.

- Mr. Devincenzi introduced the concept of purchasing a food truck for the District. It would be something that the District would utilize in collaboration with Whitsons. It would also include an educational component for students who are interested in the culinary arts and provide multiple opportunities to be used by clubs for different extracurricular events throughout the District. The committee will be working on a plan.
- Mr. White compared it to the Portrait of a Graduate where the District would create real life experiences for students through extracurricular activities and support clubs with their fundraising efforts. Whitsons would also be able to utilize it at special events at the schools as well as make the food program more interesting.

Student Rep:

Ms. Martini reported:

- The high school has begun planning the annual Alumni Day event, which will be held on January 30, 2026. The District is looking forward to welcoming alumni back and giving our students a chance to learn about different experiences and opportunities after high school.
- Spanish 6 classes created Spanish lessons for Ostrander's Holiday Happenings Hullabaloo which took place earlier today. With their lessons they interactively taught grades 3rd through 5th some Spanish words

Clubs:

- SGA is hosting their Winter Spirit week which started today and goes until December 23rd. Students have expressed excitement over classic holiday themes, such as Ugly Sweater Day.
- SGA's coat drive is currently accepting donations, which can be dropped off at any of our schools. The coat drive will come to an end on Tuesday, December 23rd.
- National Honor Society donated 62 full Thanksgiving meals to the Loaves and Fishes Pantry for families in need. They are now collecting food donations for the holidays and will be donating the food to the Loaves and Fishes Pantry on December 18th.
- Spanish Honor Society collected gift wrapping materials for Christmas Wishes Ulster County and traveled to their Kingston location last week to wrap gifts for children and families in need this holiday season.
- Our Spanish 6 classes visited El Repertorio Español in New York City to watch La Breve y Maravillosa Vida de Oscar Wao.
- Athletes Helping Athletes held their first meeting on December 5th.

Athletics:

- Our winter sports are off to a great start, and athletes are happy to be back for the winter season.
- All 13 winter sports are in full swing at the Varsity, JV, and Modified levels.
- All 10 Varsity sports teams eligible were awarded Scholar-Athlete Team status. This is achieved by 75% of the team having a 90 GPA or above.
- 13 student-athletes received All-Section or All-League Honors, including one volleyball student-athlete being awarded 4th Team All-State and another volleyball student-athlete being awarded 5th Team All-State.
- New York State Winter Sports Officials Appreciation Days were celebrated from December 9-12. All officials who worked at a Wallkill event were gifted electrolytes to keep them hydrated for all their games and matches.
- Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Chelsea Coen, had her first career win as the Varsity Coach on December 5th in a 60-35 win over Burke Catholic.

Music:

- Five Wallkill musicians were selected to compete at the All-county level, and five musicians were selected from hundreds of applications coming from Ulster, Sullivan, Orange and Rockland counties to compete at the Area All-State Music Festival.
- Two musicians were selected for NYSBDA Honors Ensemble.
- The high school winter concert will be held on December 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

There's a lot of great events and opportunities coming up for our students at the high school, and we look forward to a productive winter season. Ms. Martini wished everyone Healthy and Happy Holidays over the break.

7. Report by Director of Athletics, Physical Education, and Health

Mr. Hershfield updated the Board on a Hall of Fame Project. He thanked the District Administration for their support in helping to recognize the legacy and achievements of individuals who have had an impact on our community. He indicated that a committee is being formed (including coaches, admin and community members), and after break there will be a four-phase implementation for the handbook, including nomination forms and rubrics. The committee hopes to open nominations at the beginning of May and then close them on July 1st. The project is expected to be rolled out in the Fall of 2026. A ceremony will be held the day before Homecoming for the inductees who will also be honored during half-time at the Homecoming game.

- Mr. White indicated that once the handbook is completed it will be posted on the website along with a timeline for nominations.
- Mr. Frisbie asked and received clarification that nominations for inductees will be accepted annually during a specific time frame. Mr. Frisbie went on to say that the Hall of Fame Project was a great idea.

8. Consent Agenda

Mr. Palen moved items 7A through 7J and 8A through 8I be taken as consent agenda.

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

Accept Resignations/Retirement – Non-Instructional – Agenda #7.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Nichole Conklin** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Library Clerk, effective close of business on January 4, 2026, pending her appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Main Office Clerk/Extra Curricular Classroom Treasurer position.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Marisol Lopez** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Reading Lab Teacher Aide, effective close of business on December 30, 2025.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Samantha Smith** from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide, assigned to the Special Education Department, effective close of business on December 17, 2025, pending her appointment to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Chelsea VanDeMark** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective close of business on January 21, 2026.

Accept Resignation – Non-Instructional Translator – Agenda #7.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Marisol Lopez** from the position of translator at the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, effective close of business on December 30, 2025.

Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional – Agenda #7.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Nichole Conklin** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE, 12-Month] Main Office Clerk/Extra Curricular Treasurer position, effective January 5, 2026, at a salary of \$31,796.60 pro-rated, [\$16.39 per hour (Step 5 of the CSEA Contract, 7.5 hours per day)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Provisional appointment of **Jonathan Klepeis** to Part-Time [.97 FTE] Security Guard position, effective December 18, 2025, at a salary of \$32,353 pro-rated [Step 3, Grade 18 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 **Luz Lema** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Night Custodial Worker position, effective January 2, 2026, at a salary of \$35,270 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 **Erin Muro** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, for the 2025-2026 school year, at a salary of \$15.72 per hour, effective December 18, 2025.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Samantha Smith** to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective December 18, 2025, at a salary of \$17.22 per hour [Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, (5.8 hours per day)].

Approve Appointment – Instructional – Agenda #7.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Lochlyn Jablesnik** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$155 per day, effective December 18, 2025.

Accept Resignation – Co-Curricular – Agenda #7.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Shannon LaRocco** from the Co-Curricular position of Be-You-tiful Club Advisor, effective September 26, 2025.

Approve Appointment – Peer Coach – Agenda #7.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individual as a Peer Coach for the 2025-2026 school year:

Joy Heeney	Peer Coach	\$650 pro-rated
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Approve Second Readings – Policy – Agenda #7.G.

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

1. Policy #3250 – Community Use of School Facilities
2. Policy #3260 – Operation Of Motor-Driven Vehicles On District Property
3. Policy #3300 – Public Access to Records
4. Policy #3400 – The Maintenance of Public Order on School Property
5. Policy #3500 – Emergency Closings
6. Policy #5665 – Privacy And Security For Student Data And Teacher And Principal Data

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #7.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 #7.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 #7.J.

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

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #8.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Leptondale Elementary School Gymnasium by **Wallkill Youth Basketball** [for Practice] as indicated below:

Mondays	January 5, 2026 – February 23, 2026*	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	January 6, 2026 – January 27, 2026	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursdays	January 8, 2026 – January 29, 2026	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Excluding January 19, 2026, and February 16, 2026*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Senior High School Gymnasium by **Wallkill Girls Basketball** [for a Basketball Clinic] as indicated below:

Wednesdays	January 7, 2026 & January 14, 2026	5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays	January 8, 2026 & January 15, 2026	5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary Gymnasium by **Wallkill Varsity Gymnastics** [for a Clinic] as indicated below:

Wednesday and Thursday	January 21 and 22, 2026	3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday	January 23, 2026*	3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

** Snow date if needed*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Senior High School Multi-Purpose Field by **Wallkill Varsity Football** [for a Football Camp] as indicated below:

Thursday	June 11, 2026	2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday	June 12, 2026	2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	June 13, 2026	9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Monday	June 15, 2026	2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Accept Treasurer’s Report – Agenda #8.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education has reviewed and accepts the Treasurer's Reports as of November 30, 2025 and Revenues as of November 30, 2025.

Approve Appropriation – 2026 Senior Celebration – Agenda #8.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve an appropriation of \$1,500 in support of the **2026 Senior Celebration**.

Approve Resolution - Waiver of Potential Conflict of Interest – Agenda #8.D.

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

WHEREAS, the law firm of Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle, LLP (“TDWPM”) presently represents the Wallkill Central School District (“District”) as general and labor counsel; and

WHEREAS, TDWPM also serves as labor counsel to the Town of Shawangunk (“Town”); and

WHEREAS, the District has requested TDWPM to prepare and negotiate an Intermunicipal Agreement between the parties regarding School Resource Officers and Special Peace Officers;

WHEREAS. TDWPM requires the Town and District to waive any potential conflict of interest before it may perform this task;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wallkill Central School District waives any potential conflict of interest to enable TDWPM to prepare and negotiate the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wallkill Central School District authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Waiver of Potential Conflict of Interest in the form annexed hereto.

Approve Resolution – Provider Reimbursement Agreement – Agenda #8.E.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the Provider Reimbursement Agreement with the following school stated below, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The Board authorizes the Board President to sign the approved agreements.

The Arc Rockland – Prime Time for Kids

Approve Memorandum of Agreement – Wallkill Teachers’ Association – Agenda #8.F.

The Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and the Wallkill Teachers’ Association, dated December 17, 2025, regarding a Be-You-tiful Club Advisor.

Approve Creation of Strategic Game Club and Memorandum of Agreement – WTA – Agenda #8.G.

The Board approve the creation of the Strategic Game Club and approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and the Wallkill Teachers’ Association, dated December 17, 2025, which establishes a stipend.

Approve Assistant Superintendent for Support Services Contract – Agenda #8.H.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the terms and conditions agreement for **Brian Devincenzi**, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

Approve Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Intervention Services Contract – Agenda #8.I.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the terms and conditions agreement for **Tara Rounds**, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Intervention Services, for the period April 4, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

9. Accept Donation – Agenda #8.J.

Mrs. Anderson moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of \$221.65 from The Latorre Family to be used towards the purchase of 65 – 1 Piece Soprano Recorders with Straps for the Plattekill Elementary School.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 5 – 0. [With Thanks]

10. Executive Session – Agenda #9

At 7:38 p.m. Palen moved the Board enter Executive Session regarding current litigation to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 5 – 0.

The Board reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

11. Add Item to the Agenda

Mrs. Anderson moved item, Approve Resolution be added to the Agenda.

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

12. Approve Resolution

Mr. Nafey moved the Board approve the following resolution:

Be it RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District that the Superintendent take the necessary steps to implement the decision of the Hearing Officer in SED File No. 45759.

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

13. Close Meeting – Agenda #10

At 8:52 p.m. Mr. Palen moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Anderson and carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk