

*Mr. Masopust presented on
The Design Team Committee and
The Portrait of a Graduate*

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:15 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- No public comments.

2. Call to Order – Agenda #2

At 7:15 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Thomas Frisbie in the Plattekill Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson
Mr. Bartolone
Mrs. Crowley
Mr. Frisbie
Mr. Hecht
Mrs. McCartney
Mr. Nafey
Mr. Palen
Mr. Lea Martini [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. Olson

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

3. Approve Minutes – [12/17/25 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

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

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

4. Board Committee Reports 2025-2026 – Agenda #4

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee has not met since the last Board meeting but is scheduled to meet at 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2026, at District Office. The single audit performed by the external auditors is on the agenda this evening for approval and there were no findings.

Budget:

Mr. Devincenzi reported that this evening the Board received a copy of the roll-over budget, a budget carry-over summary sheet and recommended elementary class sizes. There are areas that still 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. White commented that the Governor proposed a 1% increase in Foundation Aid and the District will be advocating for a 3% increase in Foundation Aid.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2026, at 6:00 pm at District office.

CDEP:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the CDEP committee has not met since the 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 has not met since the last Board meeting. 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 has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in high school room 104.

Legislative:

Mr. Hecht reported that Mr. White sent an email to the Board with letters he sent to our legislators that outlined items the District will be advocating for in anticipation of meeting with them. Some of the key points of the letter include the District advocating for a 3% increase in Foundation Aid, extending the waiver to allow School Resource/Patrol Officers retirees to earn more than \$35,000 without a reduction in their pension, repealing the mandate for all school districts to begin purchasing electric busses in 2027 unless the State can fully fund the conversion including the infrastructure costs, continuing the State's financial commitment to Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK), amending laws to give school districts more flexibility with the establishment of reserve funds, and reforming the Property Tax Cap to ensure a minimum allowable growth factor of 2% and put protections in place to prohibit a negative tax cap. Mr. Hecht indicated that the District has one meeting scheduled in January, one in February and additional meetings yet to be confirmed in February with our legislators. Mr. Hecht also indicated that he, Mr. White, Mr. Devincenzi and Mr. Masopust, will be attending the Ulster County School Board Association meeting on January 29, 2026, at iPark in Kingston where Ulster County Legislators were invited to attend.

Mr. White commented that the Governor increased UPK funding to \$10,000 per student but it is unknown if we can increase the number of available seats and keep the same amount of funding per student. The District currently serves eighty-four (84) students. Additionally, Mr. White indicated that being able to establish a health insurance reserve would help offset the increase in costs that impact the budget.

Policy:

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee met on January 7, 2026, and reviewed several policies, four (4) of which are on the agenda for first reading. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at District Office.

Technology:

Mr. Bartolone reported that the Technology Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in high school room 102.

Wellness:

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Wellness Committee has met on January 6, 2026. At this meeting the committee discussed that each elementary school is working on a unique event to be scheduled which will be posted on the District Wellness Calendar. In February or early March there will be jump rope events at Ostrander and Plattekill. All 5th grade classes at the elementary schools are completing the DARE program. Ursula Petricek, DWNurse Practitioner will be conducting CPR/AED classes at the elementary buildings for staff with a max of 12 per class. The Middle School continues to work on Mental Health aspects and social workers are doing Too Good for Drugs program with students. At the high school a Health Fair is being organized with a date to be finalized in April. In addition, a blood drive is being scheduled. 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. The District had a successful food service event at the high school and middle school where the District partnered with Handsome Devil BBQ restaurant and created a pop-up event for students. The food service department will be having other events like this soon. The Food Service department will be looking to create a unique

contest for elementary students with more specific details to come in the near future. Students are utilizing the Athletic Trainer on regular basis to not only treat any injuries but also to do preventative exercises to assist our athletes at the middle and high school level. The committee discussed and reviewed that the District will be purchasing a food trailer that will be used in the District beginning in September 2026. Depending on when the trailer arrives there may be some events where it is utilized prior to September. This purchase is being made using restricted funds in the cafeteria fund that can only be used for food service purchases. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2026, at 3:45 pm in high school room 102.

- Mr. White commented on his experience serving lunch at a “Lunch with Leadership” event at Plattekill Elementary School.
 - Mr. Devincenzi indicated that more of these events will be scheduled in the Spring.

Student Rep:

Ms. Martini commented that it’s been a smooth start for students and staff since returning from winter break and reported on the following:

Clubs:

- SGA will be hosting Alumni Day at the high school on January 30th, with help from the National Honor Society and many other student volunteers. The high school will welcome alumni back from different graduating classes dating back as far as 1977 in an expo-style format where students will be able to ask alumni questions about their post-secondary experiences and current careers. We are excited to hear their stories and build connections with community members.

Athletics:

- Indoor Track and Field athletes were selected for Third Team All State.
- One of our Senior wrestlers broke the all-time winning record within our Wrestling program with 164 wins. This record has stood for the last 22 years.
- The Athletics Hall of Fame committee will be meeting for the first time in early February as we work to help honor our athletes and their accomplishments.
- Over winter break, Wallkill hosted the Girls’ Basketball Coach’s vs Cancer tournament. Both Boys’ and Girls’ Varsity teams continue to show dedication, hard work, and perseverance throughout this season.
- The Nordic Ski team recently competed at both Minnewaska State Park and Lapland Lake Nordic Ski Center. The team has been working hard and enjoying the opportunity.

Music:

- The Winter Concert was held on December 18th, with an incredible performance by our talented student musicians.
- Wallkill hosted their annual Play-a-thon on January 15th, during which elementary, middle, and high school musicians played 50 songs in two hours.
- Wallkill’s Variety Show is scheduled for February 5th. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents to friends, family, and staff.

Ms. Martini also stated that Regents Week began January 20th and will continue until January 23rd. During this time, students will only attend school if they are scheduled for an exam. She concluded by commenting that students and staff have returned from Winter Break feeling energized and ready for the second half of the school year.

5. **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Bartolone moved items 5A through 5L and 6A through 6G be taken as consent agenda.

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

Rescind Appointment – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and rescind the appointment (12/17/25 Board of Education Meeting) of **Erin Muro**, from the position of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, for the 2025-2026 school year.

Accept Resignations/Retirement – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Joy Garrison** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective close of business on January 21, 2026, pending her appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Meghan Melfi** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective close of business on January 21, 2026, pending her appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Reading Lab Teacher Aide.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Erlinda Miles** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective close of business on January 20, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Kimberlee Way** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective close of business on January 23, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Stacey Wesner** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective close of business on January 21, 2026 pending her appointment to the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Library Clerk.

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

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Joy Garrison** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective January 22, 2026, at a salary of \$21,490.56 pro-rated [Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, \$17.22 per hour, (6.5 hours per day)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Meghan Melfi** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Reading Lab Teacher Aide position, effective January 22, 2026, at a salary of \$19,968.00 pro-rated [Step 5 of the CSEA Contract, \$16.00 per hour, (6.5 hours per day)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Provisional appointment of **Stacey Wesner** to Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Library Clerk position, effective January 22, 2026, at a salary of \$26,035.20 pro-rated [Step 7 of the CSEA Contract, \$16.95 per hour, (8 hours per day)].

Approve Appointment – Non-Instructional Translator – Agenda #5.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Michelle Carrillo** to the position of Translator, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, for the 2025-2026 school year, effective January 22, 2026, at a stipend of \$1,500 pro-rated.

Accept Retirements/Resignation – Instructional – Agenda #5.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Barbara Bouck** from the Wallkill Central School District [Universal Pre-Kindergarten Teacher], effective close of business on June 30, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Teresa Custy** from the Wallkill Central School District [Elementary Education Teacher], effective close of business on June 30, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Brittany Louks** from the Wallkill Central School District [Full-Time (1.0 FTE) Reading Teacher], effective close of business on February 5, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Leo Sladewski** from the Wallkill Central School District [Physical Education Teacher], effective close of business on June 30, 2026.

Approve Appointments – 2025-2026 Grades K-6 After-School Academic Intervention Program – Agenda #5.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Instructional appointments of the following individuals for the 2025-2026 Grades K-6 After School Academic Intervention Program:

Leptondale Elementary School

Ciara Conklin	\$56.49 per hour
Megan Jerkowski	\$56.49 per hour
Brandon Overfield	\$56.49 per hour

Award Tenure – Administration – Agenda #5.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Tara Rounds** in the area of Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Intervention Services, effective April 4, 2026.

Approve First Readings – Policy – Agenda #5.H.

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

1. Policy #4250 - Evaluation of the Superintendent
2. Policy #4251 - Evaluation of Administrative Staff
3. Policy #4320 - Assistant Superintendent for Support Services (Business)
4. Policy #4510 - Compensation and Related Benefits

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #5.G.

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

HIGH SCHOOL:

T.D. Mills	Varsity Baseball Coach	\$4,834
Jonathan Avila	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	\$3,571
Joseph Pillitteri	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Unpaid
Sean Murphy	Varsity Softball Coach	\$4,784
Kevin Keesler	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	\$3,771
Chelsea Coen*	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	Unpaid
Jason Diehl	Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	\$3,571
Wala Canario	Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	\$4,284
Matthew Medina*	Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	\$3,521
Richard Daubel	Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$4,334
Valeria Ramos-Avila	Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$3,511
Eric McLaud	Varsity Boys Track & Field Coach	\$4,834
Zachary Bonetti	Assistant Varsity Boys Track & Field Coach	\$3,471
Jennifer Gravelle	Varsity Girls Track & Field Coach	\$4,834
Riley Wood*	Assistant Varsity Girls Track & Field Coach	\$3,421
Hunter Andrews	Varsity Unified Basketball Coach	\$1,171

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Frank Alfonso	Modified Baseball Coach	\$2,381
Michelle Arteta*	Modified Softball Coach	\$2,381
Leo Sladewski	Modified Boys Track & Field Coach	\$2,861
Kevin Falk	Modified Girls Track and Field Coach	\$2,421
Eric McCartney	Modified Boys Lacrosse Coach	\$2,311
Rachael Colombo	Modified Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$2,311

**Pending Issuance of License*

Approve Resolution – Natural Gas Supply with NRG Business Marketing, LLC. – Agenda #6.E.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the General Municipal Law §103, Subdivision 16, the Wallkill Board of Education approve the contract for Natural Gas Supply, with **NRG Business Marketing, LLC.** which was bid and awarded by Genesee County on October 31, 2025.

Approve Resolution – Purchase Agreement – Agenda #6.F.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District (“Board” or “District”) authorizes Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“Ulster County BOCES”) to enter into an Installment Purchase Agreement on the District’s behalf for the acquisition and installation of technology equipment for a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) months for a cost not to exceed \$98,363.37 to commence upon the satisfactory receipt of all equipment on a properly authorized District Purchase Order issued for this purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is authorized to execute an Agreement with Ulster County BOCES in the attached form, and any other documents in furtherance of this resolution.

Approve Resolution – Last Chance Agreement – Agenda #6.G.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approve the Last Chance Agreement, dated December 19, 2025, by and between the Wallkill Central School District and Employee #01212026.

6. Executive Session – Agenda #7

At 7:39 p.m. Mrs. McCartney moved the Board enter Executive Session regarding potential litigation.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

7. Close Meeting – Agenda #8

At 8:51 p.m. Mr. Bartolone moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk