

AGENDA

Wallkill Central School District
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School
Wednesday, March 18, 2026
7:00 p.m.

*Walk-Through Tour
Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School @ 6:15 p.m.*

*Mrs. Greany, Mr. Redmond, Mrs. LaRocco and
Ms. Salisbury will provide an overview of their
2026-2027 School Improvement Plans*

1. Public Comment
2. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Minutes [2/18/26 Regular Board Meeting]
4. Board Committee Reports
5. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Accept Resignation/Retirement – Non-Instructional
 - B. Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional
 - C. Approve Appointment - Instructional
 - D. Approve Child Rearing Leave
 - E. Approve Substitute Leave Replacement
 - F. Approve Appointments – 2025-2026 Regent's Review – Instructional
 - G. Award Tenure – Instructional
 - H. Award Tenure – Non-Instructional
 - I. Approve Appointment – Coaching
 - J. Nominate Ulster BOCES Board Representative
 - K. Approve Substitute Lists
 - L. Approve Pre-School Special Education Placements
 - M. Approve Special Education Placements
 - N. Approve Resolution – Unused Emergency/Snow Day
6. Business Report
 - A. Approve Use of Facilities
 - B. Accept Treasurer's Report
 - C. Designation of Employee Insurance - Broker of Record
 - D. Approve Legal Fees [2026-2027 School Year]
 - E. Approve Resolution – Cooperative Bidding
 - F. Award Bids – State and Cooperative Vendor Contracts – Capital Improvement Project
 - G. Award Bids – Capital Improvement Project
 - H. Approve Resolution – Stipulation of Agreement
7. Executive Session
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The following are the Superintendent's recommendations:

1. Public Comment
2. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Minutes – [2/18/26 Regular Board Meeting]
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting.
4. Board Committee Reports/Assignments 2025-2026

<i>Audit:</i>	Mrs. Crowley, Chair; Mr. Frisbie
<i>Budget:</i>	Mrs. Crowley, Chair; Committee of the Whole
<i>Buildings & Grounds:</i>	Mr. Frisbie, Chair; Mr. Bartolone, Mr. Nafey, Mr. Palen
<i>CDEP:</i>	Mrs. Anderson, Chair; Committee of the Whole
<i>Curriculum/TAG:</i>	Mrs. Anderson, Chair; Mr. Bartolone, Mr. Hecht
<i>Health & Safety:</i>	Mr. Nafey, Chair; Mr. Bartolone, Mr. Frisbie, Mrs. McCartney, Mr. Palen
<i>Legislative:</i>	Mr. Hecht, Chair; Committee of the Whole
<i>Policy:</i>	Mr. Palen, Chair; Mr. Nafey
<i>Technology:</i>	Mr. Bartolone, Chair; Mr. Olson
<i>Wellness:</i>	Mr. Olson, Chair; Mrs. McCartney
<i>Student Rep:</i>	Ms. Lea Martini
- 5.A. Accept Resignation/Retirement – Non-Instructional
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Andrew DeGroot** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Night Custodial Worker, effective close of business on March 18, 2026, pending his appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Groundskeeper.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Marlene Magnanini** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Teaching Assistant, effective close of business on June 26, 2026.
- 5.B. Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Timothy Connor** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Night Custodial Worker position, effective March 19, 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 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Andrew DeGroodt** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Groundskeeper position effective March 19, 2026, at a salary of \$48,090 pro-rated (Grade 12, Step 12 of the CSEA Contract).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Nicole Hoppenstedt** to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective March 19, 2026, at a salary of \$17.22 per hour [Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, (5.8 hours per day)].

5.C. Approve Appointment – Instructional

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Kayleigh Nafey** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Leptondale Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$155 per day, effective March 19, 2026.

5.D. Approve Child Rearing Leave

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Child Rearing Leave as requested by **Michelle Gambuti**, effective April 24, 2026 through June 26, 2026.

5.E. Approve Substitute Leave Replacement

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Tineisha Slater** certified in Social Work to a Substitute Leave Social Worker, assigned District-Wide for the 2025-2026 school year, at a salary of \$58,538 pro-rated (1NMA + 2 credits), effective April 24, 2026 through June 26, 2026, replacing Michelle Gambuti who is on a Child Rearing Leave.

5.F. Approve Appointments – 2025-2026 Regent’s Review – Instructional

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individuals as Regent’s Review Teachers, effective April 7, 2026, at a rate of \$56.49 per hour, contingent upon student enrollment to support these positions.

Algebra I:	Nicholas Culhane	Colleen Keesler	
	Nicholas Thompson	Melissa Tierney	
Algebra II:	Ashley Dama	Kara DeCarlo	
Chemistry:	Valeria Ramos Avila		
Earth Science:	Jordan Taylor		
English 11:	Jeanne Chun	Karen DeKoskie	Yaddo Hagar
Geometry:	Kara DeCarlo	Keri Donahue	Gary Tuttle
Global 10:	Zachary DeCarlo	Michael Farruggio	Brian Vegliando
Living Environment:	Alison Andolino	Sharon Ellis	Ryan Haver
US History:	Gabrielle Lewis		

5.G. Award Tenure – Instructional

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Frank Alfonso** in the area of Mathematics, effective September 1, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Brenna Berger** in the area of Special Education, effective September 22, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Zachary DeCarlo** in the area of Special Education, effective September 1, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Jonni Dispensa** in the area of Elementary Education, effective September 1, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Nicole Pagliaro** in the area of Elementary Education, effective September 1, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Taylor Palen** in the area of Elementary Education, effective September 1, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Valeria Ramos Avila** in the area of Science, effective September 1, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Bridgette Sroka** in the area of Music, effective September 1, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **MaryKate Taliaferro** in the area of Reading, effective September 1, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Sarah Venza** in the area of Speech, effective September 1, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Jennifer Walsh** in the area of Elementary Education, effective September 1, 2026.

5.H. Award Tenure – Non-Instructional

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award tenure to **Michelle Arteta** in the area of Teaching Assistant, effective September 6, 2026.

5.I. Approve Appointment – Coaching

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

HIGH SCHOOL

Liam Nafey

Assistant Varsity Lacrosse Coach

Unpaid

5.J. Nominate Ulster BOCES Board Representative

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and nominate **Donald Greene** to a three-year term representing the Wallkill Central School District on the Ulster County BOCES Board of Education.

5.K. Approve Substitutes Lists

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

5.L. Approve Pre-School Special Education Placements

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

5.M. Approve Special Education Placements

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

5.N. Approve Resolution – Unused Emergency/Snow Day

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 authorizes all 11-Month and 12-month employees a paid leave day on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, based upon the fact that the District has one remaining unused emergency/snow day for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.A. Approve Use of Facilities

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Senior High School Cafeteria and Auditorium by **Spanish Honor Society** [for a Fundraiser] as indicated below:

Thursday	March 19, 2026 and March 25, 2026*	2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 15, 2026	2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Snow Date only if needed*

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

Mondays & Wednesdays	April 8, 2026 – June 24, 2026	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Leptondale Elementary School Gymnasium by **Girls on the Run** [for a Youth Development Program] as indicated below:

Thursdays & Fridays	April 9, 2026 – June 5, 2026*	3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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**Excluding May 8, 2026*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Gymnasium by **North Point Athletics** [for basketball practice] as indicated below:

Mondays and Wednesdays	April 13, 2026 – June 10, 2026*	5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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**Excluding May 25, 2026*

6.B. Accept Treasurer's Report

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education has reviewed and accepts the Treasurer's Reports as of February 28, 2026 and Revenues as of February 28, 2026.

6.C. Designation of Employee Insurance – Broker of Record

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and replace RSS Agency, Inc. with **Ulster Insurance Services** as the Broker of Record for Employee Health Insurance, effective July 1, 2026.

6.D. Approve Legal Fees [2026-2027 School Year]

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the hourly rate for legal fees to be \$260 per hour [for attorneys] effective July 1, 2026, and to be \$130 per hour [for paralegal services] effective July 1, 2026, for Thomas, Drohan, Waxman & Petigrow LLP.

6.E. Approve Resolution – Cooperative Bidding

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following Blanket Resolution for Cooperative Bidding from Ulster County BOCES:

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, adopting this resolution to jointly request bids for certain commodities to be determined by the Superintendent of this school district from time to time for the 2026-2027 school year,

NOW, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Wallkill Central School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, New York, in the joint bidding of commodities to be requested by the school district Purchasing Agent and approved by the Superintendent; and be it further

RESOLVED that the specifications as prepared by the Steering Committee of participating school districts and presented to this Board of Education will be used and that this Board, if it desires to purchase these commodities agrees to purchase said commodities at the lowest bid price recommended by the Steering Committee of the joint school districts; provided, however, that each participating Board of Education in exercising its legal responsibilities, has the right to reject and/or modify the recommendation of the Steering Committee in the awarding of the bid; and be it further

RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the *Kingston Daily Freeman*, the *Middletown Times Herald Record* and the *Poughkeepsie Journal* in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

6.F. Award Bids – State and Cooperative Vendor Contracts – Capital Improvement Project

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the following State and cooperative vendor contracts for the Capital Improvement Project as indicated below to:

Athletic Flooring System – Wallkill Senior High School

Endurance Flooring
35 Colby Avenue, Suite 1
Manasquan, NJ 08736

Awarded in conjunction with Sourcewell Contract #031022-RBI

SUGGESTED CONTRACT AWARD: **\$533,014.00**

Replacement of Bleachers – John G. Borden Middle School

Young Equipment
325 Rabro Drive
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Awarded in conjunction with the Ed Data Contract #12894.

SUGGESTED CONTRACT AWARD: **\$122,676.00**

Playground System – Leptondale Elementary School:

Young Equipment
325 Rabro Drive
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Awarded in conjunction with the Ed Data Contract #13391

SUGGESTED CONTRACT AWARD: **\$161,740.00**

6.G. Award Bids – Capital Improvement Project

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the following bids for the Capital Improvement Project as indicated below to:

Electrical Work EC-1:

Whispering Pines Development Corp.
PO Box 716
50 Mertes Lane
Vails Gate, NY 12584

Base Bid Amount: \$450,000
\$450,000

SUGGESTED CONTRACT AWARD:

General Work GC-1:

Profex, Inc.
264 N. Plank Rd.
Newburgh, NY 12550

Base Bid Amount: \$748,313
\$(35,000)

Alternate No. OES-04: Pavement and Catch Basin:

Alternate No. PES-04: Exterior Door Replacement:

Alternate No. LES-04: Interior Door Replacement:

\$ 12,500
\$ (6,000)

SUGGESTED CONTRACT AWARD:

\$719,813

Plumbing Work PC-1:

Whispering Pines Development Corp.
PO Box 716
50 Mertes Lane
Vails Gate, NY 12584

Base Bid Amount: \$122,000
\$122,000

SUGGESTED CONTRACT AWARD:

Site Work SC-1:

Whispering Pines Development Corp.
PO Box 716
50 Mertes Lane
Vails Gate, NY 12584

Base Bid Amount: \$1,895,000
\$1,895,000

SUGGESTED CONTRACT AWARD:

6.H. Approve Resolution – Stipulation of Agreement

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the Stipulation of Agreement, dated February 24, 2026, by and between the Wallkill Central School District and Employee 03182026.

7. Executive Session

8. Close Meeting