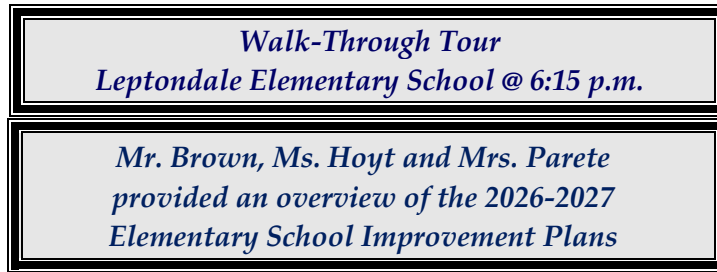


Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Leptondale Elementary School  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
7:00 p.m.



1. Commendations – Agenda #1

*The Board recognized various individuals for their outstanding achievements who were awarded tenure during the course of the 2025-2026 school year and the Wallkill Senior High School Top Ten Students, including Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2026.*

2. Public Comment – Agenda #2

At 7:38 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

➤ No public comments.

3. Call to Order – Agenda #3

At 7:38 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Thomas Frisbie in the Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mr. Bartolone

Mrs. Crowley

Mr. Frisbie

Mr. Hecht

Mrs. McCartney

Mr. Nafey

Mr. Palen

Ms. Lea Martini [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mrs. Anderson

Mr. Olson

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.

4. Approve Minutes – [3/18/26 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

Mr. Nafey moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

5. Approve Minutes – [4/14/26 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #4

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026, Special Board of Education Meeting.

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

6. Board Committee Reports 2025-2026 – Agenda #5

**Audit:**

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit committee has not met since the last meeting, but will be scheduling a meeting once we receive the draft report on the agreed upon testing areas.

**Budget:**

Mr. Devincenzi reported that on the agenda this evening is the approval of the proposed 2026-2027 budget as well as the property tax report card and school budget notice. Last week the budget proposal was discussed that is on the agenda for approval. The District is able to bring in a tax levy of 2.70%, which is below the tax cap for the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year while maintaining current program offerings and adding some new exciting extra-curricular activities for our students based on an interest survey given earlier in the year. Additionally, the District will be utilizing existing staff to offer some new course offerings at the high school and we are re-imagining our after-school AIS program that has been in existence since COVID. This budget is exciting because we were able to add some of these new or re-created opportunities for students K-12 while being mindful of the taxpayers. We will have some presentations regarding the budget and they are:

- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Ostrander PTO presentation at 7:00 p.m.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Leptondale PTO presentation at 7:00 p.m.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Public Budget Hearing will be at 6:00 p.m. in the High School library.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Plattekill PTA presentation at 6:30 p.m.

The budget vote is on May 19, 2026, from noon to 9:00 p.m. with polling sites at Leptondale Elementary School, Plattekill Elementary School, and the Senior High School.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The District has received approval from NYSED for the final part of the Capital Project, and we will be opening bids at the end of the month. The District is planning on awarding bids at a Special Board meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last summer of capital work on the approved Capital Project. Mr. Frisbie commented that a building walk-through was completed this evening at Leptondale and the building looks great. He thanked Mr. Rossi, Mr. Collins and Mr. Brown.

**CDEP:**

Mr. Masopust reported that the CDEP committee has completed meeting for the 2025-2026 school year and will meet again in the next school year.

**Curriculum/TAG:**

Mr. Masopust reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in high school room #102.

- Mr. Masopust shared that the District is excited to enhance a lot of different areas of our academic and interscholastic athletic programming. The District will be adding a full-time ENL teacher, creating a strategic gaming club, a Girls Flag Football Club, and a Model UN Club at the Senior High School. In addition, the District will be providing students with the opportunity to attain the New York State Seal of Biliteracy, as well as offering four new elective courses at the high school level, including American Sign Language 4, which is dual enrollment through SUNY New Paltz, Agricultural Science, a new elective, rooted in student interests, Music as Poetry, and then Sports Journalism, a dual enrollment class through Mount St. Mary College. Some capital work is also being done in our current journalism studio, which will be enhanced with equipment. Per Mr. Devincenzi, the District is going to create a TV studio/podcast area that's in the current Active Learning Center. He commented that this will be a great space and opportunity for students to learn as we continue to grow the program. Mr. Masopust also shared that the District will be adding a Weightlifting Club at the middle school. In the area of interscholastic athletic programs, the District will be adding a Girls Varsity Golf team, Varsity Girls and Boys Bowling team, as well as a Unified Bowling team. At the elementary level, the District will be offering instrumental band to fourth grade students. Finally, the District will be restructuring the after school elementary AIS program using an inquiry based/project based model that'll include opportunities for teachers to present club or activity style workshops. In addition to that, the District is looking to offer some intramural activities for students at the

elementary level in sports or athletic programming. This will be in line with Mr. White's and the Board's vision of creating more student engagement as well as aligning with the attributes of Portrait.

- Mr. White indicated that these are nice enhancements, driven by student surveys, while still being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers.
- Mr. Masopust wanted to reiterate how proud and impressed he was with the elementary building principles and their team for their leadership abilities and gave accolades for the creation of their school improvement team (SIT) plans which cultivate a sense of belonging, and promote collaboration and communication.

### **Health & Safety:**

Mr. Nafey reported that the Health and Safety Committee has not met since the last meeting. The final committee meeting of the year will be held on May 5, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in high school room 104.

### **Legislative:**

Mr. Hecht reported that on Monday, lawmakers came together in Albany to pass the fifth extender to the budget, keeping the State moving forward. There are a number of items still on the table that they need to resolve before the budget is in place. They really don't center around education, but we need them in place before the budget is approved. He stated that the District will be optimistic, and hope that by the 19th, we have something.

### **Policy:**

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting but is scheduled to meet on May 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in high school room 102. On the agenda this evening there are two (2) policies to be deleted and six (6) policies for first reading. These policies were reviewed at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting along with four (4) additional policies that were not revised.

### **Technology:**

Mr. Bartolone reported that the Technology Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in high school room 102.

### **Wellness:**

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Wellness Committee met on March 24, 2026. At the meeting the following was discussed: The District continues to see increased participation in the food service program at all buildings. The student committees in all buildings created a lunch menu option which was featured on building menus, all of which were highly successful, and this is something that will be continued each year. At the high School, the health fair is scheduled for April 22, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; currently there are 26 vendors confirmed to attend. At the middle school, fitness testing is happening in PE. The nurse is creating a wall of healthy habits for students that will also include pamphlets. At the elementary schools, February was focused on Heart Healthy month, in March fun activity days were created with a focus on movement and wellness in all the buildings. In Ostrander they had a Jump for Health Day and had a large student participation. Field Days will be coming up in June in all the buildings. Finally, the food trailer has arrived, and we have received approval from the Department of Health for use of the trailer. It's going to be an extension of our kitchen, but the goal is that this could be a learning opportunity for our students as well as being used for clubs or activities. The District has a local restaurant person that will be helping us set up the trailer on Thursday. Mr. Devincenzi also mentioned that the District will hold one more food event from a surprise vendor as an end of year celebration which will be District-Wide with a date to be determined. The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in room high school 102.

### **Student Rep:**

Ms. Martini reported:

- The Panther Players production of Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief was a huge success with an excellent turnout. Every student did a wonderful job on their part in running the play.
- Regents Review Sessions are underway as students prepare for end of year exams.
- The high school will host its Annual Health Fair on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with over 28 organizations scheduled to attend.

- *The Annual College and Career Fair will be held from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the High School Gym. Two- and four-year colleges, union apprenticeships, tech and trade schools, military branches, as well as career opportunities will be represented.*

**Clubs:**

- *Elections were held and the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian were filled at the National Honor Society's last meeting.*
- *On April 28, 2026, NHS will host their Annual Induction Ceremony in the High School Auditorium.*
- *Spanish Honor Society will be hosting officer elections at their next meeting.*
- *SGA is preparing for Junior Prom, which is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Villa Borghese, and Senior Ball, which is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Villa Venezia.*
- *Be-YOU-tiful Day will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Student athletes chosen by their coaches will help run the event, and we look forward to hosting an incredible day for our students.*

**Athletics:**

- *The Spring season is in full swing as our 18 teams have begun to play.*
- *The brand-new athletics website is up and running. An amazing new feature of the website is the ability to look at scores from the day's events.*
- *Varsity Baseball had a great trip to Myrtle Beach over Spring Break, playing schools from both New York and Illinois.*
- *Varsity Softball notched their first win of the year against Highland sporting their brand-new home uniforms.*
- *Girls Varsity Lacrosse won a big road game at Burke Catholic and added to their success with a big home win vs Beacon under the lights.*
- *Boys Varsity Lacrosse went on the road to beat Pine Bush in overtime in their first game and look to continue to build as the season progresses.*
- *On April 13<sup>th</sup> Boys Tennis won a big home match vs Marlboro.*
- *Track and Field has had two home meets so far this year, and many student-athletes are off to a great start and setting personal bests.*
- *We are very excited for Unified Basketball to have their first home game on April 23<sup>rd</sup> vs Rhinebeck.*

**Music:**

- *NYSSMA solos will be held May 1-2, 2026.*
- *The Festivals of Music Trip to Williamsburg, Virginia was this past weekend, April 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Wallkill Senior High School Choral and Instrumental ensembles received excellent and superior ratings in almost every evaluation category. Additionally, the Wallkill High School Chamber Orchestra received the "Best Overall Orchestra" award.*
- *The Senior Trip begins on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and students will be returning on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.*

7. **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Bartolone moved items 7A through 7K and 8A through 8F be taken as consent agenda.

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

- *Mr. White wanted to acknowledge that the Hall of Fame Handbook resolution was just approved on the consent agenda. He thanked Mr. Hershfield, who facilitated the committee and the rest of the committee, which was made up of many different constituents in the community, who did a really good job in creating the thorough Hall of Fame Handbook. Mr. White mentioned that the Board received a copy and that the District is going to have our first inauguration this fall. He is excited to see what's going to take place and how we're going to plan to acknowledge athletes from the past and going forward.*
- *Mr. Frisbie commented that he read the handbook and that obviously a lot of hard work went into it. He thanked everyone for doing a great job.*

**Accept Resignation/Retirements – Non-Instructional – Agenda #7.A.**

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Sol Hernandez** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective close of business on June 25, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Courtney Moroney** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Account Clerk, effective close of business on April 30, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Diane Wilson** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Occupational Therapy Assistant, effective close of business on June 26, 2026.

Approve Appointment – Non-Instructional – Agenda #7.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **John Gennaro** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Night Custodial Worker position, effective April 22, 2026, at a salary of \$35,270 pro-rated (Grade 11, Step 3, night differential based on the CSEA Contract).

Approve Deletions to Policy Book – Agenda #7.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Policy Committee and approve the deletion of the following policies:

1. Policy #5200 – Revenues
2. Policy #5240 – School Tax Assessment and Collection

Approve First Readings – Policy – Agenda #7.D.

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

1. Policy #1580 – Annual Organization Meeting
2. Policy #5100 – Budget Planning and Development
3. Policy #5110 – School District Budget Hearing
4. Policy #5130 – Administration of the Budget
5. Policy #5210 – District Investments
6. Policy #5250 – Sale and Disposal of School District Property

Approve 2026-2027 Proposed Budget, District Budget Notice and Property Tax Report Card – Agenda #7.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed 2026-2027 budget in the amount of **\$96,125,875**, the District Budget Notice as required by law and the Property Tax Report Card for 2026-2027.

Approve 2026-2027 District Calendar – Agenda #7.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed District Calendar for the **2026-2027** school year.

Approve Resolution – District Athletic Hall of Fame Handbook – Agenda #7.G.

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

WHEREAS the Wallkill Central School District Board of Education seeks to celebrate the success of noteworthy athletes, coaches, teams and other community members for their accomplishments and contributions to the Wallkill Central School District’s Athletic Programs.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that in recognition of the need to perpetuate the memory of those exceptional people who brought honor to the Wallkill Central School District and can serve as role models for present and future generations, the Board hereby establishes the Wallkill Athletic Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby directed to lead the project to establish the framework to organize and govern the Hall of Fame as well as the rules for inducting each of the outstanding athletes, coaches, teams, and special contributors to be honored.

Approve Resolution – Appointment of Chairman & Inspectors of Election – 2026 Annual Budget Vote and Election – Agenda #7.H.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District, Orange and Ulster Counties, New York, has called the 2026 annual meeting of the qualified voters of said School District; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of a permanent chairman and inspectors of election for said annual district meeting; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Wallkill Central School District, Orange and Ulster Counties, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The following duly qualified voter of said School District is hereby appointed as the permanent chairman of the annual district meeting referred to in the preambles hereof:

**Dustin Palen**

Section 2. The following named are hereby appointed to act as inspectors of election at said annual district meeting as Key Masters, of said annual district meeting, to serve in each Election District as follows:

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1:

**Gillian Batchasingh**

**John Doyle**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2:

**Paula Cook**

**Carol Graham**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 3:

**Tammy Henry**

**Danielle Reynolds**

Section 3. The following named are hereby appointed to act as inspectors of election at said annual district meeting as Ballot Masters, of said annual district meeting, to serve in each Election District as follows:

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1:

**Laura Bucker**

**Sherry Palen**

**Catherine Siano**

**April Zoutis**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2:

**Linda Palkovic**

**Joan Post**

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 3:

**Jamie Hoyt**

**Elizabeth Patsey**

**Linda Sullivan**

Section 4. Each inspector of election appointed for said annual district meeting, as herein provided, shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$150 for each day actually and necessarily spent on the duties of his/her office. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as permanent chairman and inspectors of election for said annual district meeting.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #7.I.

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.J.

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



Award Bid – Field Maintenance (Grass Fields) – Agenda #8.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the Field Maintenance Contract for the Wallkill Senior High School Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse and Practice Football Fields for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years as indicated below to:

**Landscape Impressions**

13 Filomena Drive  
New Hampton, New York 10958

Total Cost per Year: \$11,110.00

8. Executive Session – Agenda #9

At 8:02 p.m. Mr. Bartolone moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

9. Close Meeting – Agenda #10

At 8:23 p.m. Mrs. McCartney moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran  
District Clerk