

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Plattekill Elementary School
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Walk-Through Tour
Plattekill Elementary School @ 6:15 p.m.

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:00 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

➤ No public comments.

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

At 7:01 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Thomas Frisbie in the Plattekill Elementary School.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson

Mr. Bartolone

Mrs. Crowley

Mr. Frisbie

Mr. Hecht

Mrs. McCartney

Mr. Nafey

Mr. Palen

Ms. Lea Martini [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mr. Olson

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

3. Approve Minutes – [4/21/26 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

4. Approve Minutes – [5/7/26 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #4

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the May 7, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

5. Canvass Vote [5/19/26] – Agenda #5

Mr. Nafey moved the Board accept the vote of May 19, 2026, including absentee, early mail voter, contested votes, and write-ins on one proposition and three candidate positions on the Board of Education as follows:

PROPOSITION I – BUDGET

513 YES 171 NO

CANDIDATES:

THOMAS FRISBIE	<u>485</u>
MICHAEL MCLYMORE	<u>289</u>
ERIN MCCARTNEY*	<u>465</u>
KATHRYN ANDERSON	<u>482</u>

WRITE-INS*: Cynthia DeMarchi, Luke Ercoline (2), Cheryl Harmeling, Jeff Palen, and Georgia Weinmann

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

- *On behalf of the Board, Board President, Mr. Frisbie thanked the community for supporting the 2026-2027 budget.*
- *Mr. White made the following statement “On behalf of the District, I would like to extend my gratitude to the entire community, for the continued engagement and support, your participation is a reflection of the pride and commitment you all share in our schools. I also want to thank the election workers, for their professionalism and dedication throughout the process, as well as our District Clerk, Kelli Corcoran. for her careful coordination and attention to detail. My appreciation also extends to the members of the Board of Education, for their leadership and service, and to our administrative team, for their ongoing commitment to ensuring a smooth and successful process in students’ lives. Together, your collective efforts help strengthen our community and support the success of all students. So, thank you very, very much.”*

6. Board Committee Reports – Agenda #6

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee is scheduled to meet on May 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at District Office to review the draft report on the tested area performed by the internal auditors. Additionally, the committee will be meeting with the external auditors, Nugent and Haeussler to review the required yearly external audit scheduled for July.

Budget:

Mrs. Crowley and Mr. Devincenzi simply said thank you for supporting the budget.

- *Mr. Frisbie commented that the Administrators did a great job preparing for the budget, communicating and presenting valuable information to the public at all the budget hearings in the different schools.*
- *Mr. White stated that it was a group effort and that the vision was to engage and make relevant learning experiences for all students. He is excited about the new course offerings and clubs that will be available for students at the high school and middle school, as well as a revamped and reimaged after school AIS program at the elementary school. He also mentioned that the District will be starting instructional band lessons at the 4th grade level where in the past it was just orchestra, while at the same time reflected on the talent of our student musicians. Overall, Mr. White is looking forward to what will be in place next year and is hoping for increased engagement for students when they participate in more events.*

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. As an update, work will continue this summer as part of the ongoing Capital Project at all buildings. This will be the final phase of the previously approved Capital Project. Mr. Frisbie thanked Mr. Devincenzi for his efforts along with our contractors and consultants for all the work that has been done. Mr. Frisbie commented that a walk-through was completed this evening and the building looked great. He thanked Mrs. Parete, Mr. Rossi, and his staff.

CDEP:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the CDEP committee has not met since the last Board meeting and is scheduled to meet next school year in November.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee met on April 28, 2026. Mrs. Werlau shared a T.A.G. update, including recent Author's Day presentations and the T.A.G. culminating project presentations held on May 7, 2026, in the High School Library. She also proposed expanding the middle and high school T.A.G. program to include Model UN. Mrs. Mourges reviewed the high school American Sign Language sequence, noting that ASL 4 will be offered for the first time in 2026-2027, allowing students to earn 3 college credits through SUNY New Paltz and up to 6 total credits in the program. Mrs. Greany provided an update on the high school's EF Tours partnership, including a 2027-2028 Italy trip opportunity for the Class of 2029. Mr. Masopust reported on District-Wide professional development, highlighting workshops that were scheduled for the May 8, 2026, Superintendent's Conference Day. Ms. Rounds shared updates on Elementary and Secondary Summer School and introduced the reimagined elementary after-school AIS program for 2026-2027 school year. The committee will reconvene next school year in October.

- Mr. White mentioned that Superintendent's Conference Day was stellar and Mr. Masopust and Ms. Rounds did a great job making the workshops and professional development relevant to all staff. One of the returning speakers was Sweethearts and Heros, which seems to be a favorite presenter amongst the staff. Mr. White stated that our food trailer made its debut, talked about its menu and how Whitson's Food Service did an awesome job preparing and serving breakfast and lunch for the day.

Health & Safety:

Mr. Nafey reported that the District Committee met on May 5, 2026. The committee reviewed the draft of District-Wide safety plan as well as reviewed the security upgrades the District has completed and discussed future upgrades. This is the last meeting for the school year unless another meeting is required.

Legislative:

Mr. Hecht reported that we did our part and are still just waiting on the State to approve their budget.

Policy:

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee met May 7, 2026, and reviewed several policies. There are eight (8) policies on the agenda for first reading this evening and six (6) for second reading.

Technology:

Mr. Bartolone reported that the Technology Committee met on April 27, 2026. The committee discussed the upcoming rollout of ParentSquare as a unified, multi-channel communication platform designed to enhance engagement with families, along with a phased implementation plan beginning in May and full parent onboarding by June. Updates were also provided on the SmartPass system, which will support real-time student pass monitoring at the high school. The District's athletics webpage improvements were highlighted as part of ongoing website enhancements. In cybersecurity, the District is advancing implementation of Microsoft Sentinel with support from Leva Cloud Services to strengthen threat detection in alignment with national standards. The committee also reviewed progress on the 2026-2029 District-Wide Technology Plan, including key submission milestones to BOCES and NYSED. Finally, an update was shared on the AI Circle initiative, including recent professional collaboration sessions and plans for continued work supporting instructional innovation, equity, and alignment with the Portrait of a Graduate. The committee will reconvene next school year in October.

- Mr. Masopust shared that Mr. Hein has been doing an excellent job researching the benefits of the new communication platform ParentSquare, which will be replacing our current system SchoolMessenger that we use to send out mass email, text and phone messages. ParentSquare is a much more comprehensive system with features that allow us to communicate and share information, images and pictures through an app, text message, and email. It will also have the capacity and the capability to electronically distribute report cards in that way. The District will implement a staggered rollout starting with the training of faculty and staff. Then the District will communicate with parents via a mass mailing or email asking them to ensure that their contact information is correct with their child(s) school prior to the transition to the new platform on July 1st.
- Mr. White is excited about the implementation of ParentSquare and reiterated that information will be able to be shared via an app, text or email.

- Mr. Frisbie commented on how good the Athletics webpage looks and how he can easily access teams, schedules, scores, and records.

Wellness:

Mr. Devnicenzi reported that the Wellness Committee has not met since the last Board meeting, but is scheduled to meet on June 2, 2026, at 3:45 p.m. in high school room #102. Mr. Devnicenzi also congratulated Whitsons on doing a great job this year for partnering with different restaurants and bringing them into the school. For example, Handsome Devil at the high school and Hudson Taco at the high school and middle school. The final event to celebrate the end the year, the District will be partnering with our first in District business and have Magnanini Day on May 28th with fresh homemade pasta at all five buildings.

Student Rep:

Ms. Martini reported the following:

- Junior prom recently took place on May 15th at Villa Borghese. Students and staff shared that it was a great event and a fun time was had by all.
- Senior Ball will take place on Friday, June 5th at Villa Venezia.
- Senior Scholarship and Awards Night is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2026, at the high school.
- The Senior Class Trip to Orlando took place from April 24th-27th. During the trip students got to participate in the Universal Grad Bash, visit all Disney parks, as well as Universal Studios' Epic Universe. The trip was a huge success, and everyone had a great time.
- Mr. Smith's Engineering and Design class held prototype presentations in the auditorium earlier today.
 - Mr. White commented that the end of year Project Lead the Way prototypes were awesome; they were creative, practical and functional in design. Leah glossed over her own prototype of a dresser drawer that folded out like a tackle box.
- Mr. Vegliando's Global Expo is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 28th. Students are hard at work on their projects, and we look forward to their presentations.
- AP Exams have continued to take place in the High School Library and Auditorium Lobby.

Clubs:

- Be-YOU-tiful day will take place tomorrow, Thursday, May 21st. The day will include a variety of fun activities centered around giving a field day experience for our students.
- Spanish Honor Society elected their officials for the 2026-2027 school year. SHS will be hosting a celebration for its senior members on June 9th, which include a variety of games and food for the students.
- The final National Honor Society meeting for the 2025-2026 school year scheduled for today was postponed.

Athletics:

- Our Spring sports season is beginning to wrap up.
- Varsity and JV Baseball look to finish their season strong, while Modified Baseball has a few games remaining as they try to cap off an undefeated season.
- Varsity Softball is awaiting their playoff matchup as their regular season comes to a close.
- Boys Lacrosse hosted their Alumni Appreciation game today after school vs. Our Lady of Lourdes.
- Girls Lacrosse hosted their first ever Youth Night with 25 youth players in attendance to cheer on the team in a win against Middletown.
- Girls Modified Lacrosse had a great inaugural season with over 20 student-athletes.
- Nearly 60 track and field student-athletes will be competing in the MHAL Track meet tomorrow.
- Tennis sent two representatives to MHALs earlier this week and are looking forward to Sections.
 - Mr. Masopust indicated that an 8th grader won the whole championship and is going to compete in first singles in the sectional tournament.
- The Athletic Office will be hosting their third NCAA Signing Day on June 15th at 3:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Music

- The Spring Instrumental Concert was held on May 6th, where the orchestra and band honored their senior members.
- The Spring Choral Concert is scheduled for tomorrow, May 21st at 7:00 p.m.

7. Consent Agenda

Mr. Bartolone oved items 7A through 7M and 8A through 8F be taken as consent agenda.

Motion seconded by Mrs. McCartney and carried 8 – 0.

Approve Resolution – Eliminate Instructional Position – Agenda #7.A.

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

RESOLVED: that one (1) instructional [1.0 FTE] position in the following tenure area shall be eliminated as per the 2026-2027 Wallkill Central School District budget and that the Superintendent shall be directed to advise the least senior person in that tenure area, if applicable.

1	1.0 FTE	World Languages Teacher
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Create Positions – Instructional – Agenda #7.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and create the following Instructional positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

1	1.0 FTE	English As a Second Language Teacher
1	1.0 FTE	Universal Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

Create Position – Non-Instructional – Agenda #7.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and create the following non-instructional position for the 2026-2027 school year:

1	1.0 FTE	Supervisory Teacher Aide
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Accept Resignation – Non-Instructional – Agenda #7.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Timothy Connor** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Night Custodial Worker, effective close of business on May 8, 2026.

Approve Substitute Leave Replacement – Agenda #7.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Lauren Koehler** certified in **Physics 7-12** to a Substitute Leave Phycsis Teacher position, assigned to the Senior High School for the 2026-2027 school year, at a salary of \$57,944 (1NBA + 22 credits), effective September 3, 2026 through June 25 2027, replacing Samrat Pathania who is on a Leave of Absence for the 2026-2027 school year (*previously approved at the February 18, 2026 Board of Education meeting*).

Approve Appointment – 2026 Elementary Summer School Principal – Agenda #7.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Julie Salisbury** to the position of 2026 Elementary Summer School Principal at a salary of \$6,000 (includes set-up fee) effective May 21, 2026.

Approve Appointment – 2026 Secondary Summer School Principal – Agenda #7.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Shannon LaRocco** to the position of 2026 Secondary Summer School Principal at a salary of \$7,994 (includes set-up fee) effective May 21, 2026. In the event that a third period is necessary, Mrs. LaRocco’s salary will be \$10,659.

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

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

1. Policy #5630 – Nicotine/Tobacco Free, Smoke Free Environment Policy
2. Policy #6130 – Drugs/Controlled Substances (Staff and the Public)
3. Policy #7221 – Admission of Non-Resident Students
4. Policy #7224 – Admission of Non-Resident Children of the Teaching and Administrative Staff
5. Policy #7420 – Drugs/Controlled Substances and Alcohol (Students)
6. Policy #7421 – Drug Detecting Canines
7. Policy #7602 – Prescriptive Medication
8. Policy #8201 – Prevention Instruction

Approve Second Readings – Policy – Agenda #7.I.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Second 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

Set Board of Education Meeting Dates – July, August, September 2026 – Agenda #7.J.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and set the following dates for the Reorganization July, Regular August, and Regular September Board of Education Meetings, to be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Wallkill Senior High School.

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #7.K.

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.L.

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.M.

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 Senior High School Gymnasium by **Wallkill High School Cheerleading** [for a Youth Cheer Clinic] as indicated below:

Monday and Tuesday

June 8, 2026 & June 9, 2026

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 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 April 30, 2026, and Revenues as of April 30, 2026.

Approve Employment Contract – School District Computer Technician – Agenda #8.C.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the employment contract between the Wallkill Central School District and Thomas Hein, School District Computer Technician, covering the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, is hereby approved and is to be placed on file with the District Clerk.

Approve Memorandum of Agreement – Wallkill Administrators' Association – Agenda #8.D.

The Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and the Wallkill Administrators' Association, dated May 6, 2026, regarding the Board's approval and implementation of Policy #7224.

Approve Memorandum of Agreement – Wallkill Teachers' Association – Agenda #8.E.

The Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and the Wallkill Teachers' Association, dated May 6, 2026, regarding the Board's approval and implementation of Policy #7224.

Approve Resolution – School-To-Work Agreement – Agenda #8.F.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves and ratifies the Superintendent's execution of the agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and The Arc Mid-Hudson for ENRICH School-To-Work program for the 2026-2027 school year.

8. Executive Session – Agenda #9

At 7:28 p.m. Mr. Bartolone moved the Board enter Executive to discuss current litigation and the history of a particular position.

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

The Board reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

9. Add Item to the Agenda – Eliminate Position – Non-Instructional

Mr. Nafey moved item, Eliminate Position – Non-Instructional be added to the agenda.

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

10. Eliminate Position – Non-Instructional

Mrs. Anderson moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the elimination of the following non-instructional position:

1 (1.0 FTE) Occupational Therapy Assistant

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

11. Add Item to the Agenda – Create Position – Non-Instructional

Mrs. McCartney moved item, Create Position – Non-Instructional be added to the agenda.

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

12. Create Position – Non-Instructional

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the creation of the following non-instructional position for the 2026-2027 school year:

1 (1.0 FTE) Occupational Therapist

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

13. Close Meeting – Agenda #12

At 7:56 p.m. Mr. Nafey moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk