Regular Meeting Board of Education
Wallkill Senior High School Auditorium
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
7:00 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 7:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Thomas Frsibie in the Wallkill Senior High School Auditorium.

Members Present	Members Absent
Mrs. Crowley	Mrs. Anderson
Mr. Bartolone	Mr. Olson
Mr. Frisbie	
Mr. Hecht	
Mrs. McCartney	
Mr. Nafey	
Mr. Palen	

Also present were Superintendent White and Assistant Superintendents Devincenzi, Masopust and Rounds and administrator Greany.

3. Amend/Approve Appointments – 2026 Non-Instructional Translators – 6/17/26 Regular Board Meeting – Agenda #3
Mr. Nafey moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and amend and approve the minutes of June 17, 2026, (Agenda #6.C.) Regular Board Meeting so as to read:

Current Minutes: Mrs. Anderson moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointments of the following individuals to the position of translator for the 2026-2027 school year, effective September 1, 2026:

Senior High School:	Roberta Tejeda	$1,500
John G. Borden Middle School	Lorence Vangelatos	$1,500
Leptondale Elementary School:	Samanta Rivera	$1,500

Amended Minutes: Mrs. Anderson moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointments of the following individuals to the position of translator for the 2026-2027 school year, effective September 1, 2026:

Senior High School:	Roberta Tejeda	$1,500
John G. Borden Middle School	Lorence Vangelatos	$1,500
Plattekill Elementary School:	Samanta Rivera	$1,500

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

4. Approve Minutes – [7/7/26 Reorganization/Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #4
Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the July 6, 2023, Reorganization/Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

5. Board Committee Reports/Assignments 2026-2027 – Agenda #5

Audit:	Mrs. Crowley, Chair; Mr. Frisbie
Budget:	Mrs. Crowley, Chair; Committee of the Whole
Buildings & Grounds:	Mr. Frisbie, Chair; Mr. Bartolone, Mr. Nafey, Mr. Palen
CDEP:	Mrs. Anderson, Chair; Committee of the Whole
Curriculum/TAG:	Mrs. Anderson, Chair; Mr. Bartolone, Mr. Hecht
Health & Safety:	Mr. Nafey, Chair; Mr. Bartolone, Mr. Frisbie, Mrs. McCartney, Mr. Palen
Legislative:	Mr. Hecht, Chair; Committee of the Whole
Policy:	Mr. Palen, Chair; Mr. Nafey
Technology:	Mr. Bartolone, Chair; Mr. Olson
Wellness:	Mr. Olson, Chair; Mrs. McCartney
Student Rep:	***TBD***

- *Mr. Frisbie reported that the Board Committees have been established for the 2026-2027 school year. The Board was provided 2026-2027 Building Walk-Through dates and Committee Meeting Calendars. The meeting dates will be posted on our website. There will be no committee reports this evening; however, the policy committee did meet to discuss the two policies on tonight's agenda. All committee reports will begin in September. The Student Board Representative will be sworn in at the September 16th Board of Education Meeting.*

6. Consent Agenda

Mr. Bartolone moved items 6A through 6Q, and 7A through 7J be taken as consent agenda.

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

Accept Retirement – Administrative – Agenda #6.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Robert Albanese** from the position of Senior High School Assistant Principal, effective close of business on August 31, 2026.

Accept Resignations/Retirements – Non-Instructional – Agenda #6.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Sarah DeWitt** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective close of business on September 2, 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 for retirement purposes of **Mary Ellen Fazio** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervisory School Monitor, effective close of business on July 30, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Carlie Hughes** from the position of Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide (Greeter), effective close of business on September 2, 2026, pending her appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Remedial Lab Teacher Aide.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Stephanie Schwartz** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teaching Assistant, effective close of business on July 29, 2026.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Marlaine Scotto** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide, effective close of business on September 3, 2026.

Approve Appointment – 2026 Non-Instructional Translator – Agenda #6.C.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individual to the position of translator for the 2026-2027 school year, effective September 1, 2026:

Leptondale Elementary School:	**Michelle Carrillo**	$1,500

Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional – Agenda #6.D.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Sarah DeWitt** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective September 3, 2026, at a salary of $22,314.24 [Step 4 of the CSEA Contract, $17.88 per hour, (6.5 hours per day)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day Probationary appointment of **Carlie Hughes** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Remedial Lab Teacher Aide position, effective September 3, 2026, at a salary of $20,442.24 [Step 4 of the CSEA Contract, $16.38 per hour, (6.5 hours per day)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Samantha Lamendola** certified as a Teaching Assistant**,** to a 4-Year Probationary Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teaching Assistant position, in the Teaching Assistant tenure area, commencing September 3, 2026, and ending September 2, 2030, at a salary of $25,625 [Grade 3, Step 3 of the CSEA Contract].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Marie Stelljes** to a Part-Time [0.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective September 8, 2026, at a salary of $16.19 per hour (Step 3 of the CSEA Contract, 5.8 hours per day).

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Jennifer Torres-Diaz** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, for the 2026-2027 school year, at a salary of $16.19 per hour, with a minimum of 150 days, effective September 8, 2026.

Approve Appointments – Instructional – Agenda #6.E.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **John Rauschenbach** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Senior High School for the 2026-2027 school year, with a minimum of 150 days, at a rate of $160 per day, effective ~~September 8, 2026~~. **September 3, 2026.*** ***(*Amended at the 9/16/26 BOE Meeting)***

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Alyssa Thompson** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year, with a minimum of 150 days, at a rate of $160 per day, effective ~~September 8, 2026~~. **September 3, 2026.*** ***(*Amended at the 9/16/26 BOE Meeting)***

Approve Appointment – Co-Curricular – Agenda #6.F.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following individual to the Co-Curricular position for the 2026-2027 school year.

HIGH SCHOOL:

Melissa Tierney	Model UN	$1,446

Approve Appointments – 2026-2027 After-School Homework Assistance Lab – Agenda #6.G.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Instructional appointments of the following individuals for the 2026-2027 After-School Homework Assistance Labs:

HIGH SHOOL:

Michael Farrugio	Social Studies	$68.32 per session

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Debra Becker	English Language Arts	$68.32 per session
Katie Lobato	English Language Arts	$68.32 per session
Stacey Wager	English Language Arts	$68.32 per session
LeeAnn Pazoga	Substitute	$68.32 per session

Approve Appointments – 2026-2027 Grades K-6 After-School Academic Intervention Program – Agenda #6.H.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Instructional appointment of the following individuals for the 2026-2027 Grades K-6 After School Academic Intervention Program:

Leptondale Elementary School

Kelly Dutka	$57.76 per hour

Ostrander Elementary School

Sara Ellison	$57.76 per hour
Joy Heeney	$57.76 per hour
Joseph Kutcha	$57.76 per hour
Donna Otto	$57.76 per hour
Shannon Riley	$57.76 per hour
Cristen Sasaki	$57.76 per hour
Bridgette Sroka	$57.76 per hour
Tanya Yuro-Clark	$57.76 per hour

Plattekill Elementary School

Diane Tanner	$57.76 per hour

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #6.I.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointments for the Fall 2026-2027 school year season:

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Kylie Detz	Modified Girls Soccer Coach	$2,312
Leo Sladewski*	Modified Cross Country Coach	$2,792

Pending issuance of fingerprint clearance

Approve Resolution – Policies #7402 and #7521 – Agenda #6.J.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following resolution:

Resolved that the Board of Education approves the first readings of Policy #7402 – Cell Phones and Policy #7521 – Athletic Placement Process. The Board of Education waives a second reading and hereby adopts Policy #7402 – Cell Phones and Policy #7521 – Athletic Placement Process.

Approve Resolution – Recertification of LEAD Teacher Evaluators – Agenda #6K.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following personnel as Lead Teacher Evaluators for the 2026-2027 school year after having received appropriate training in accordance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education §30-3.10 and such individuals are hereby re-certified as qualified Lead Teacher Evaluators for the purpose of conducting and completing evaluations.

Scott Brown	**Anita Hoyt**	**Nicole Parete**
Alyssa Greany	**Shannon LaRocco**	**Michael Redmond**
Noah Hershfield	**Joseph Napoli**	**Julie Salisbury**

Approve Resolution – Recertification of INDEPENDENT Teacher Evaluators – Agenda #6L.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following personnel as Independent Teacher Evaluators for the 2026-2027 school year after having received appropriate training in accordance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education §30-3.10 and such individuals are hereby re-certified as qualified Independent Teacher Evaluators for the purpose of conducting and completing evaluations.

Scott Brown	**Anita Hoyt**	**Joseph Napoli**	**Tara Rounds**
Alyssa Greany	**Shannon LaRocco**	**Nicole Parete**	**Julie Salisbury**
Noah Hershfield	**Brian Masopust**	**Michael Redmond**	

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #6.M.
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 #6.N.
The Board approve the placement of Pre-School Special Education students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #6.O.
The Board approve the placement of Special Education students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Approve Professional Development Plan – Agenda #6.P.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Professional Development Plan as presented for the period September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

Designate Legislative Voting Delegate – NYSSBA Annual Meeting – Agenda #6.Q.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and designate **William Hecht** as the Voting Delegate for the Annual Business Meeting of the New York State School Boards Association to be held October 22, 2026 through October 24, 2026, in Buffalo, New York.

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #7.A.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Plattekill Elementary School, Leptondale Elementary School and Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Cafeterias [for a Before and After School Program] and the All-purpose Rooms [for an After-School Program] by **YMCA of Middletown** as indicated below:

Mondays – Fridays	September 8, 2026 – June 24, 2027	7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Mondays – Fridays	September 8, 2026 – June 24, 2027	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the John G. Borden Middle School Gymnasium, by the **Wallkill "Over 35" Men's Basketball,** [for open Men's Basketball] as indicated below:

Mondays	September 14, 2026 – June 7, 2027	6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the John G. Borden Middle School parking lots by **Senior Celebration Committee** [for a Fundraiser] as indicated below:

Saturday	September 26, 2026* **Rain Date:* October 3, 2026	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Accept Treasurer's Report – Agenda #7.B.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education has reviewed and accepts the Treasurer's Reports as of June 30, 2026 and July 31, 2026 and Revenues as of June 30, 2026, and July 31, 2026.

Approve Conference Attendance – Agenda #7.C.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attendance of **one board member and up to two (2) additional board members [tuition only]**, at the New York State School Boards Association Annual Convention and Educational Expo from October 22, 2026, through October 24, 2026, in Buffalo, New York.

Approve Agreement – Rose Institute/Manhattanville University – Agenda #7.D.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Agreements between the Wallkill Central School District and The Rose Institute for Learning and Literacy/Manhattanville University School of Education to provide professional development and practicum in Orton-Gillingham for the Wallkill Central School District, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Approve Agreement – Professional Development – Agenda #7.E.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and Dr. Brandon Beck to provide professional development services to the administrative team at the August 25, 2026, Administrator's Professional Development Day.

Approve Agreement – Universal Prekindergarten – Agenda #7.F.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Universal Prekindergarten Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and School Time.

Approve Resolution – Special Education Service Contracts – Agenda #7.G.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves contracts for the provision of special education services to District students with the following schools stated below. The Board authorizes the Board President to sign the approved contracts.

Abilities First
Center for Spectrum Services
Green Chimney's
Hawthorne Cedar Knolls U.F.S.D
Hawthorne Foundation Inc.
New York School For the Deaf
The Arc Mid-Hudson Brookside School
The Center for Discovery, Inc.
Upstate Cerebral Palsy Inc. Dba Upstate Caring Partners
Wraparound Services of HV

Approve Resolution – RIC ONE Risk Operations Center – Agenda #7.H.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the "ROC");

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the **Wallkill Central School District**, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC and its attorneys to negotiate Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, "Ed Law 2d") related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;"

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted;

BE IT RESOLVED, the **Wallkill Central School District** Board of Education authorizes the use of DPAs negotiated by the RIC ROC and its attorneys, consistent with its needs and the needs of its students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **Wallkill Central School District** reserves to itself the right to make determinations regarding the use of such DPAs and the software and/or technology resources to which they relate and to consult with its own legal counsel to review any specific issues or concerns before executing any DPA.

Set 2026-2027 Tax Rate – Agenda #7.I.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and set the tax rate for the 2026-2027 school year at **$15.06** per thousand of true value based on the approved budget of **$96,125,875**.

Award Contract – Capital Improvement Project – Agenda #7.J.
The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the following contract for the Capital Improvement Project as indicated below to:

Special Testing Services:
Advance Testing Company, Inc.
3347 Route 208
Campbell Hall, NY 10916

Base Proposal Amount: $25,000.00

7. Accept Donations – Agenda #7.K.
Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of a Cold Plunge Tub (at a value of $22,298) from Orange County Pools and Spas to be used at the Senior High School.

Motion seconded by Mr. Nafey and carried 7 – 0. [With Thanks]

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation of brass and percussion musical instruments, and equipment (at a value of $3,000) from Will and Cathy Castillo to be used by the district's music departments.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 7 – 0. [With Thanks]

Comments:

- *Mr. White provided an update on the Capital Project. He indicated that we're on time and all projects are going well with one exception. There is a delay with the parking lot at Leptondale Elementary School due to some trouble with the soil. However, since the work is outside it would not impact the students but he is hopeful that the work will be done before the beginning of school.*

- *Mr. White also pointed out that Mr. Albanese's retirement was on tonight's agenda, and his last day will be August 31st. He thanked Bob for his work and dedication to the Wallkill students. He was a great asset at the high school, and made an impact on the administrators, teachers, staff and students. He always had words of wisdom to impart. Mr. White shared that Mr. Albanese gifted him a navy blazer that has "Wallkill Panthers" embroidered on it and that he is going to have it stitched with Mr. Albanese's initials and make it a District heirloom that gets passed down as a legacy.*

- *Mr. Frisbie thanked Mr. White for his kind words and stated that Bob would be missed.*

8. <u>Executive Session – Agenda #8</u>
At 7:08 p.m. Mr. Bartolone moved the Board enter Executive Session to interview prospective candidates for the position of Senior High School Assistant Principal, negotiations and pending litigation.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:44 p.m.

9. <u>Add Item to Agenda</u>
Mr. Bartolone moved item, <u>Accept Resignation – Administrative</u>, be added to the Agenda.

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

10. <u>Accept Resignation – Administrative</u>
Mr. Hecht moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Noah Hershfield** from the position of Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health, effective close of business on September 2, 2026, pending his appointment to a Four-Year Probationary High School Assistant Principal.

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

11. <u>Add Item to Agenda</u>
Mr. Bartolone moved item, <u>Approve Appointment – Administrative</u> be added to the Agenda.

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

12. <u>Approve Appointment – Administrative</u>
Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Noah Hershfield**, certified in School Building Leader to a 4-Year Probationary period in the Assistant Principal tenure area, commencing September 3, 2026, and ending September 2, 2030. Effective September 3, 2026, Mr. Hershfield's annual salary will be $115,000, which shall be pro-rated for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

13. <u>Add Item to Agenda</u>
Mr. Nafey moved item, <u>Approve Memorandum of Agreement – Wallkill Administrator's Association</u> be added to the agenda.

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

14. <u>Approve Memorandum of Agreement – Wallkill Administrator's Association</u>
Mr. Hecht moved the Board to approve the memorandum of agreement by and between the Wallkill Central School District and the Wallkill Administrator's Association, dated August 19, 2026, regarding a stipend for an Interim Director of Athletics, Physical Education, and Health.

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

15. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

At 8:48 p.m. Mrs. McCartney moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk