

*Mrs. Jennifer Capicchioni [Nugent & Haeussler, P.C.] presented the
2021-2022 Audit Report/Corrective Action Plan*

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1
➤ No Comment

2. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Agenda #1

At 7:03 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Joseph LoCicero in the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mr. Bartolone
Mrs. Crowley
Mr. Frisbie
Mr. LoCicero
Mr. Nafey (*Arrived 7:07 p.m.*)
Mr. Palen
Mr. Marco Martini [Student Board Member]

Members Absent

Mrs. Anderson
Mr. Petrocelli

Also present were Superintendent Castle and Assistant Superintendents Devincenzi, Rounds and White and administrators Albanese, Albert, Brown, Harjes, Hasbrouck, Masopust, Pantaleone, Parete and Redmond.

3. Approve Minutes – [9/21/22 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the minutes of the September 21, 2022, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bartolone and carried 5 – 0.

4. Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan Acceptance – Agenda #4

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan as presented by Jennifer Capicchioni [Nugent & Haeussler, P.C.] for the 2021-2022 fiscal school year so as to satisfy New York State Requirements.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 5 – 0.

5. Board Committee Reports 2022-2023 – Agenda #5

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit Committee met with both the external and internal auditors on October 6, 2022. The committee reviewed the draft audit report, which is on the October 19, 2022, Board agenda as presented by the external auditors, Nugent & Haeussler. Additionally, the committee reviewed with the internal auditors the timeline for the State required internal audit.

Budget:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the District is beginning to work on the development of a preliminary budget for the 2023-2024 school year. The CPI which is part of the tax cap formula is estimated to be at 2%, which will assist the District as the budget is developed. Mr. Devincenzi also indicated that the budget calendar will be provided to the Board at the next Board of Education meeting.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on October 4, 2022, with Tetra Tech, the Districts architect and engineering firm as well Barone Construction, the construction manager for the project. At the meeting the committee reviewed the construction schedule which will include anticipated work in the Summer of 2023 (Phase 1) and Summer of 2024 (Phase 2). The phase 1 project submission is scheduled to be delivered to NYSED on or about November 4th. The committee also reviewed items that will be included in Phase 1 of the project. A webpage has been created that will provide the community with Capital Project updates. Currently on the page, the community can view Phase 1 and 2 items that will be completed for each building. The District will continue to update the page throughout the project progression.

Mr. Castle commented that the District will submit an expedited request to SED, which Mr. Devincenzi indicated will take about 45 days to process. Mr. Castle stated that we will go out to bid in the Spring. However, one of the concerns that the construction manager shared is the availability of supplies. Thus, the District is looking at strategies to order these supplies upfront since they may be difficult to secure.

CDEP:

Mr. White reported that the first CDEP Committee meeting for the 2022-2023 school year is scheduled for October 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mr. White reported that the first Curriculum/TAG Committee meeting for the 2022-2023 school year is scheduled for October 25, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. in high school room 102.

Health & Safety:

Mr. Palen reported that the Health and Safety Committee met on September 28, 2022. The committee reviewed how the opening of school has gone with regards to health and safety measures as well as reviewed the safety components that will be included in the Capital Improvement Project at each building.

Legislative:

Mr. Castle commented that the governor issued an executive order (EO 18) where all counties had to put together a domestic terrorism taskforce. Mr. Castle is part of the Ulster County Taskforce and was asked to represent Ulster County school districts. He attended a meeting recently and the goal is to create a Countywide Threat Assessment and Management Team. The District already has its own building crisis teams but will now be able to consult with the Countywide team once developed. The taskforce will be meeting again to discuss more details, protocols, line of communication, etc. This team is not only for school districts but organizations throughout Ulster County. The Countywide team will take a proactive approach on identifying individuals with mental health needs and address concerns to prevent any potential threats. Mr Castle also stated that this taskforce is being funded by the State. On another note, Mr. Castle indicated that Ulster County BOCES secured a grant to train all our crisis teams in the schools throughout the county.

Policy:

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee has not met since the last meeting. However, there are six (6) policies on the October 19th agenda for second reading. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in high school room 102.

Technology:

Mr. Bartolone reported that the Technology Committee met on October 3, 2022. Mr. Hein updated the committee on equipment and software that the district purchased, staffing changes within the technology department, and gave an update on cybersecurity. Some of the equipment that the District purchased were new Chromebooks for grades 3 through 6, ten (10) new smart displays and four (4) interactive floor projectors. Software purchases include Envisions Math for grades K-6, Dawns Sign for American Sign Language and ESGI Progress monitoring for kindergarten teachers. The next Technology committee meeting will be held on November 7, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. in high school room 102.

Wellness:

Mr. Devincenzi reported that the Wellness Committee met on October 4, 2022. At the meeting the following topics were discussed:

- Marilyn Digregario, Food Service Director for Whitsons discussed the beginning of the year in all the buildings. Marilyn is constantly looking at the menu to see ways she can change the menu and create new offerings. When creating the menu Whitsons is working in "National" days, such as "national taco day." As the year progresses, Marilyn will be looking at other promotions to incorporate on the menus. She is also looking into creating "Chef Days" with guest chefs to come and cook. Additionally, she will be reaching out to the building principals to set up meetings with some students to look at other menu options for each building. This was done last year and was popular in each building.
- In the middle school, the Intervention Service Provider will be beginning the "Too Good for Drugs" program in conjunction with health classes for 7th grade students. Intramurals have begun and they have seen a good turn-out for the program. Additionally, a "Wellness Corner" is now included in the middle school newsletter.
- At the high school, blood drives will be scheduled, and plans have begun for the return of the Health Fair. Mrs. Petricek will be spearheading the development of the Health Fair (Spring 2023), working in conjunction with the staff and community.
- At the elementary level, Ostrander Elementary spoke about working in nutrition to PE classes as well as lessons on overall wellness. Plattekill Elementary is focusing on wellness and movement. Leptondale Elementary as well as the other elementary buildings will be looking to start back up "Taste Test Tuesday's" that expose students to different healthy food options. All three elementary schools will be looking to have various events throughout the year that focus on wellness; for example, the "Jump Rope for Heart", unplugged events, and other building specific events. Finally, all the buildings have begun or will be starting shortly the "Too Good for Drugs" program taught by our school social workers as well as the DARE programs for the 5th grade students.

Student Rep:

Mr. Marco Martini reported on the following:

- Library:
 - Ms. Heeren, Prevention Service Provider, spoke to Freshman about making positive choices.
 - It's Hispanic Heritage Month and a display with various decorations and themes could be seen throughout the library.
 - The library is planning to host a research project with the new ASL program.
 - Morning broadcast by the Journalism class is back with daily announcements.
 - The high school is hosting a Parent Engagement Night in the library on November 2, 2022, for parents to learn about teen substance abuse.
- Mrs. Jennifer Gravelle was selected as the New York State Adaptive Physical Education Teacher of the Year. She will be presented her award on November 18, 2022, at the Turning Stone Convention Center in Verona.
- Predominantly Sophomores and Juniors took advantage of the PSAT that was held this past weekend. SAT Prep is available for both English and Math on a weekly basis.
- College Representatives are giving informational sessions throughout the day to interested students including highly rated universities such as Tufts University, RPI, Binghamton, and Ivy League Brown University.
- Clubs:
 - NHS is facilitating the Panther Club Mentoring Program (to elementary school students) which pairs tutors with students in need of help whether it be Math, English, Chemistry. The NHS is also holding bakes sales and will be donating meals for Thanksgiving.
 - Leo club participated in the Weekend of Wallkill and are planning a "Socktober" drive to donate fresh pairs of socks to those in need.
 - SGA organized a very successful Pep Rally, Bonfire and Annual Powder Puff game. Their Spirit Week themes of Pajama Day, Adam Sandler Day (with tons of Bobby Bouchers and oversized t shirts), Teen Beach with bikers and surfers, all had great participation. The Night Underneath the Stars Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 15th was a huge success with over 70% of the school attending and a turnout of over 700 students and \$7,000 raised. The wrestling part of the gym had to be opened to accommodate all the students.
- Athletics
 - The Football team is 4-3 with big wins over Washingtonville, Pine Bush, and Valley Central and is preparing for a matchup on Friday, October 21st against Minisink. If they win, they will receive the 1st seed and another home game.
 - The Boys Cross Country team is preparing for MHALS and Sections races.

- The Boys Varsity Soccer team is 13-1-1; they suffered a tough 1-0 loss to Lourdes in the MHAL semifinal and are preparing for Sections against Cornwall or New Paltz.
- The Girls Varsity Soccer team is 6-4-0.
- The Girls Varsity Volleyball team led by Coach Michella is currently undefeated for the 1st time in Wallkill History. The team is preparing for MHALS and Sections, with high chances of taking home both titles.
- Tay Fisher who graduated from Kingston, played D-1 basketball, and was a Harlem Globetrotter spoke to Freshmen and Sophomores regarding topics about overcoming adversity and setting high goals.
- Music:
 - All three music ensembles are preparing for the upcoming POPS concert on October 24th and the Variety show.
 - Music Teachers have submitted resumes for possible applicants for Area-All State and are sending many students selected to play in the festival at Tri Valley next month.
 - Area All State Band - Jack Simon on trumpet, Anna Rubenstein for percussion, and Marco Martini on Tuba
 - Area All State Chorus - Izzy Polchinski, Lauren Tuck, Hugo Concha, Lauren Weber, Hannah Rubenstein,

6. Discussion:

- Mr. Castle commented that due to the overwhelming number of students attending the homecoming dance the District received assistance from the Ulster County Sheriff's Department. He was happy to see that many students attended and recognized the adults who were present to supervise, assist and support the students during this important event. He also commented on how proud he was to see the students and community come out for the Homecoming Parade and Football game on Friday night. He thanked Mr. Redmond for organizing the event and coordinating with the building principals who he also thanked for their support.

Mr. Castle thanked the Board of Education for their support and stated he is appreciative of all they do for our students. He indicated that it is School Board Recognition Week and on behalf of the community thanked the Board of Education and handed each Board member a certificate for their dedicated leadership in public education and continuing service to the children of this community.

7. Consent Agenda

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Nafey and carried 6 – 0.

Accept Retirement/Resignations – Non-Instructional – Agenda #6.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Ivelisse De La Cruz** from the position of Full-Time Typist [1.0 FTE], effective October 19, 2022, pending her appointment to a Full-Time Typist (Spanish Speaking) position.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Deborah Murphy** from the position of Part-Time [0.50 FTE] Library Clerk, effective December 23, 2022.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Sheryl Palen** from the position of Internal Claims Auditor for the 2022/2023 school year, effective October 19, 2022.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Tracey Rohl** from the position of Acting Internal Claims Auditor for the 2022/2023 school year, effective October 19, 2022.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Brian Rudden** from the position of Part-Time [.97 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective October 19, 2022, pending his appointment to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide.

Approve Appointments – Non-Instructional – Agenda #6.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Pamela Banse** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Special Education Teacher Aide position, effective October 20, 2022, at a salary of \$19,918.08 pro-rated [Step 3 of the CSEA contract, \$15.96 per hour (6.5 hours per day)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 90-Day appointment of **Ivelisse De La Cruz** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Typist (Spanish Speaking) position, effective October 20, 2022, at a salary of \$37,842 pro-rated (Grade 10, Step 10 of the CSEA Contract). This position was newly created at the August 17, 2022 Board of Education meeting.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Tracey Rohl** to the position of Internal Claims Auditor for the 2022-2023 school year at a stipend of \$4,055 pro-rated, effective October 20, 2022.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Brian Rudden** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide position, effective October 20, 2022, at a salary of \$16,657.92 pro-rated [6.0 hours per day (\$14.46 per hour, Step 3 of the CSEA Contract)].

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of **Maribel Sutka** to a Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide position, assigned to the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School, for the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$14.46 per hour [6.5 hours daily], effective October 20, 2022.

Approve Appointment – Instructional – Grades K-6 After School Academic Intervention Program – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Instructional appointment of the following individual for the Grades K-6 After School Academic Intervention Program.

Leptondale Elementary School

Kathleen Winter

\$54.42 per hour, effective 10/3/22

Approve Second Readings – Policy – Agenda #6.D.

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

1. Policy #7222 – Education of Homeless Children and Youth
2. Policy #7400.4 – Athletic Code of Conduct
3. Policy #7605 – Concussion Management
4. Policy #7625 – Dignity for All Students Act
5. Policy #7626 – Sex Discrimination - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
6. Policy #8250 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #6.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointments for the 2022-2023 school year Winter season:

High School:

Michael Ferrazzano

Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach

Unpaid

Middle School:

Christopher Hoey

Modified Wrestling Coach

\$2,604

Alexis Farias*

Modified Cheerleading Coach

\$1,089

**Pending Issuance of License*

Approve Proposed 2023 High School Senior Class Trip – Agenda #6.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed Class of 2023 Senior Class Trip to Orlando, FL from Friday, April 21, 2023 through Monday, April 24, 2023.

Approve Proposed 2023 High School Music Trip – Agenda #6.G.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Wallkill Senior High School Music Trip [Spring Competition] to Boston from Friday, April 28, 2023 through Sunday, April 30, 2023.

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #6.H.

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.I.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #6.J.

The Board approve the placement of Special Education students as recommended by the Committee on Special Education in its September minutes.

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #7.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Senior High School Gymnasium by **Wallkill Boys Basketball** [for a Basketball Clinic] as indicated below:

Friday	November 4, 2022	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	November 5, 2022	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Plattekill Elementary School Gymnasium by the **Rotary of Southern Ulster** [for a Basketball & Volleyball Program] as indicated below:

Basketball:

Mondays	November 28, 2022 – March 13, 2023*	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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Volleyball:

Tuesdays	November 29, 2022 – March 14, 2023*	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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**Excluding December 26 & 27, 2022; January 2 & 16, 2023 and February 20, 2023*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Plattekill Elementary School Gymnasium by **Wallkill Area Youth Soccer/SUFC** [for Indoor Soccer Practice] as indicated below:

Wednesdays & Thursdays	November 30, 2022 – March 30, 2023*	6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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**Excluding December 15, 28 & 29, 2022 and January 18, 2023*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the John G. Borden Middle School Gymnasium by **Wallkill Area Little League** [for Tryouts] as indicated below:

Saturdays	January 28, 2023 – March 18, 2023	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Leptondale Elementary All-Purpose Room by **Wallkill Area Little League** [for Practice] as indicated below:

Tuesdays and Thursdays	February 7, 2023 – March 30, 2023	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary All-Purpose Room by **Wallkill Area Little League** [for Practice] as indicated below:

Mondays and Wednesdays	February 27, 2023 – March 29, 2023*	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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**Excluding March 15, 2023*

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the District Athletic Fields [when available] by **Wallkill Area Little League** [for Baseball and Softball] as indicated below:

Weekdays:	March 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023	4:00 p.m. to Dusk
Weekends:	March 4, 2023 – November 26, 2023	6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Wallkill Senior High School Lobby, Auditorium, Band and Chorus Rooms by **New Paltz School of Ballet** [for Ballet Performances] as indicated below:

Thursday	June 1, 2023	2:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Friday	June 2, 2023	2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Saturday	June 3, 2023	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	June 4, 2023	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 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 September 30, 2022 and Revenues as of September 30, 2022.

Approve Agreement – Professional Development – Agenda #7.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Agreement between the Wallkill Central School District and Mr. Jim Wright to provide professional development services in the area of RTI/MTSS.

Award Bid – Automotive Repairs – Agenda #7.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the Automotive Repairs Bid, for the period of November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023 as indicated below to:

Wallkill Automotive
19 Bridge Street, PO Box 746
Wallkill, New York 12589

Hourly Labor Cost:	\$85.00
Parts and Supplies Discount:	10%

Award Bid – Snow Removal and Sanding Contract – Agenda #7.E.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the Snow Removal and Sanding Contract for the Leptondale and Plattekill Elementary Schools for the period of November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2024 as indicated below to:

J&N Stafford Corporation of New York
5571 Route 9W
Marlboro, NY 12542

Approve Professional Medical Services Agreement – Agenda # 7.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Professional Medical Services Agreement between NuVance Health Medical Practice, P.C. and the Wallkill Central School District. A copy of this agreement shall be attached to the minutes and on file with the District Clerk.

8. Executive Session – Agenda #8

At 7:26 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and negotiations.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 6 – 0.

The Board reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

9. Add Item to the Agenda

Mr. Frisbie moved item, Accept Resignation – Administration be added to the Agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 6 – 0.

10. Accept Resignation – Administration

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Nicholas Pantaleone** from the position of John G. Borden Middle School Principal, effective November 25, 2022.

Motion seconded by Mr. Nafey and carried 6 – 0.

11. Add Item to the Agenda

Mr. Frisbie moved item, Approve Appointment – Interim Administrator be added to the Agenda.

Motion seconded by Mr. Palen and carried 6 – 0.

12. Approve Appointment - Interim Administrator

Mr. Bartolone moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the agreement with **Yvonne Herrington** to be the Interim John G. Borden Middle School Principal effective November 28, 2022 through March 3, 2023.

Motion seconded by Mr. Nafey and carried 6 – 0.

13. Close Meeting – Agenda #9

At 8:17 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bartolone and carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk