

*Mrs. Hasbrouck, Mrs. Bouck and Several Students
Presented on the "Foundations" Reading Program*

1. Public Comment – Agenda #1

At 7:19 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment.

- A community member addressed the Board of Education regarding New York Real Property Tax Law which would provide up to a 10% tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.
- Mr. Castle indicated that the Board will be holding a public hearing and will be considering a resolution for adoption at the February Board of Education meeting.

2. Call to Order – Agenda #2

At 7:26 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Joseph LoCicero in the Plattekill Elementary All-Purpose Room.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson
Mr. Bartolone
Mrs. Crowley
Mr. Frisbie
Mr. LoCicero
Mr. Nafey
Mr. Palen
Mr. Petrocelli

Members Absent

Mrs. McCartney
Mr. Marco Martini [Student Board Member]

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

3. Approve Minutes – [12/21/22 Regular Board Meeting] – Agenda #3

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

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

4. Board Committee Reports 2022-2023 – Agenda #4

Audit:

Mrs. Crowley reported that the Audit committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The District anticipates receiving the draft internal audit in the coming weeks and will schedule a meeting to review the draft internal audit.

Budget:

Mr. Devincenzi reported that on January 18th the Board received a copy of the roll-over budget as well as a budget carry over summary sheet. Additionally, the District received notification that the CPI used in the 2023-2024 tax cap formula will be 2% (this does not include exemptions). There are still areas that need to be explored such as BOCES costs, teacher retirements, health insurance, special education inclusion class sizes, elementary class sizes and State Aid. The District anticipates being within the tax cap (like it has been the past ten years) and will utilize fund balance and reserves to assist in balancing the budget.

- Mr. Petrocelli asked about the District's transportation contract and Mr. Devincenzi confirmed that we are currently in year one of a five-year contract.

Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Frisbie reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The committee is scheduled to meet on January 30, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the high school library regarding the Capital Project.

- Mr. Castle indicated that he hopes that the State will approve our plans by the end of the month. Once approved the District can go out to bid.
- Mr. LoCicero asked if the damage at the high school, middle school and District Office was fixed. Mr. Castle stated that Steve Rossi, the custodial staff, engineers, and contractors did a great job working together to get it all done. The doors at the high school and middle school are temporary until new security vestibules can be installed as part of the Capital Project.

CDEP:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the CDEP Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium.

Curriculum/TAG:

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Curriculum/TAG Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in high school room 102.

Health & Safety:

Mr. Palen reported that the Health and Safety Committee has not met since the last meeting but is scheduled to meet at 4:00 p.m. on March 9, 2023, in high school room 102.

Legislative:

Mr. Petrocelli had nothing to report and asked Mr. Castle to speak. Mr. Castle indicated that he wrote letters to our legislators with recommendations, including, but not limited to, fixing the Foundation Aid formula with a minimum increase of 3% (along with updating the current cost of students), expense-based aid (transportation, BOCES, building) be fully funded, and Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) be fully funded since the State is only covering a portion of the costs. The District will be sending out an RFP to certified UPK providers next month. Mr. Castle also suggested that Education Law §3012-d should be repealed. This law dictates how schools evaluate teachers and principals. Districts should be able to determine their own APPR guidelines. Meetings have been arranged with our legislators, many of whom are new to our District and Mr. Castle will continue to advocate for our students and taxpayers. Mr. Petrocelli asked what other Districts are doing and Mr. Castle indicated that he has read that other organizations such as NYSSBA, NYSCOSS, and ASBO are advocating for many of the same things.

Policy:

Mr. Palen reported that the Policy Committee the committee met on January 10, 2023. The committee reviewed three (3) policies that are the January 18, 2023 agenda. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in high school room 102.

- Mr. Petrocelli indicated that the policy meeting was one of the best he attended and that it was very productive.

Technology:

Mr. Bartolone reported that the Technology Committee has not met since the last board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in high school room 102.

Wellness:

Mr. Nafey reported that the Wellness Committee met on January 10, 2023. The committee discussed the following topics:

- The elementary schools will be organizing a jump rope event in February. The schools scheduled unplugged days. Taste Test Tuesdays started at all the schools with the goal to expose students to new healthy food options. The Lions Club will be conducting vision screenings for kindergarten students who want the free screening. The District appreciates the support and service that the Lions Club is providing to our elementary schools. Each elementary school will have some unique events they are working on or have scheduled and those will be posted on the District Wellness Calendar.
- The middle school is focusing on healthy eating habits as well as stress reduction tips. The school is continuing with their "Healthy Habits" announcements.
- The high school is working on scheduling a Health Fair in April.

- Marilyn, Whitsons Food Service Director met with a group of students in all the schools prior to break and will be meeting again this month to create a menu option for each building that will be featured on a future monthly lunch menu. March is National Breakfast Month so the food service department will be doing some promotions during March to highlight breakfast. The District has to go out to bid for our food service contract for the 2023-2024 school year. The District will be working with HMB consultants on the bid specs that are scheduled to be released from the State in March. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2023, at 3:45 p.m. in high school room 102.
- Mr. LoCicero asked more about the Lions Club and Mr. Devincenzi indicated that they couldn't come in last year, so once they are done with the kindergarteners, they will be able to move onto screening first grade students.

Student Rep:

Mr. Palen on behalf of Marco Martini reported the following:

- SGA hosted Alumni Day where last year's seniors came to speak to our current Senior class. For Teacher's Appreciation Week, sandwiches were given out to our hardworking teachers and staff of Wallkill.
- The Vex Robotics Team were awarded the Eagle Award for their hard work from Mt. Academy at Fallsburg.
- Regents Week will be held from January 24th-27th for those students scheduled to take the Regents or have a midterm in other classes.
- Athletics:
 - Boys Basketball is having a strong season and is currently 7-3 only suffering losses to Monroe Woodbury and Lourdes.
 - Girls Basketball is also having a strong season and is currently 9-2. They are ranked third in the State with a big win over Warwick and are on their way to winning MHALS and Sections. The team is led by top point scorers Zoey Meusch and Emma Spindler.
 - Wrestling is having a great season, 8-1 with big wins over Middletown and State ranked D-2 Saugerties. Additionally, Rocco Futia placed 5th at the highly competitive Eastern States Tournament; the team is preparing for the league title.
 - Nordic Ski is heading up to Gore Mountain on Friday to compete.
- Music/Performing Arts:
 - All three music ensembles are preparing for Music In Our Schools Month in March.
 - Coffee House will be held Feb 1st for any prospective students looking to show off their musical talents.
 - Durard Entekin was selected to perform at the NAFME All Eastern Honors Ensemble in April.
 - Wallkill's Panther Drama Club have started the preparations and auditions for the musical Mamma Mia.

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Palen moved items 5A through 5I and 6A through 6D be taken as consent agenda.

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

Accept Resignations – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Brittany Bressler** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Senior Account Clerk and Purchasing Agent, effective January 18, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Amanda Krom** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Registered Nurse, effective January 2, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Brian Rudden** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Supervisory Teacher Aide, effective January 23, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Christian Townsend** from the position of Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Groundskeeper, effective January 17, 2023.

Approve Appointment – Non-Instructional – Agenda #5.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 26-Week Probationary appointment of **Nicole DeVito** to a Full-Time [1.0 FTE] Registered Nurse position, effective February 6, 2023, at a salary of \$42,687 pro-rated (Grade 19, Step 3 based on the CSEA Contract).

Accept Resignations/Retirements – Instructional – Agenda #5.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **John Bohan** from the Wallkill Central School District [Social Studies Teacher], effective June 30, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **David Der Cola** from the Wallkill Central School District [Social Studies Teacher], effective June 30, 2023.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation for retirement purposes of **Eileen Lundgren** from the Wallkill Central School District [Elementary Education Teacher], effective June 30, 2023.

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #5.D.

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

HIGH SCHOOL:

T.D. Mills	Varsity Baseball Coach	\$4,679
Noah Hershfield	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	\$3,396
Jon Avila	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Unpaid
Zachary DeCarlo	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Unpaid
William Earl	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Unpaid
Jon Miller	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Unpaid
Sean Murphy	Varsity Softball Coach	\$4,479
Kevin Keesler	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	\$3,496
Chelsea Murphy	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	Unpaid
Jason Diehl	Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	\$3,296
Mike Strano	Assistant Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	Unpaid
Alex Danon	Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	\$4,329
Jordan Taylor	Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	\$3,546
Gabriel Carbone	Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	Unpaid
Joseph Grago	Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$3,296
Alyson Callahan	Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	Unpaid
Eric McLaud	Varsity Boys Track & Field Coach	\$4,679
Carlos Mercado	Assistant Varsity Boys Track & Field Coach	\$3,296
Jennifer Gravelle	Varsity Girls Track & Field Coach	\$4,679
Lisa Perry	Assistant Varsity Girls Track & Field Coach	\$3,346

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Frank Alfonso	Modified Baseball Coach	\$2,178
Michael Pritts	Assistant Modified Baseball Coach	Unpaid
Michelle Arteta*	Modified Softball Coach	\$2,178
Isaiah Wilson	Modified Boys Lacrosse Coach	\$2,218
Leo Sladewski	Modified Boys Track & Field Coach	\$2,778
Kevin Falk	Modified Girls Track and Field Coach	\$2,218
Gary Benken	Modified Track and Field Coach	Unpaid

**Pending Issuance of License*

Approve First Reading – Policy – Agenda #5.E.

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

1. Policy #8500 – Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA and New York’s Education Law Article 89

Approve First Readings and Adoption – Policy – Agenda #5.F.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the first reading of the following policies, waive the second reading and hereby adopt the following policies:

1. Policy #7301 – High School Course Grading
2. Policy #7302 – Grades 6-8 Course Grading

Approve Substitutes Lists – Agenda #5.G.

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 #5.H.

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

Approve Special Education Placements – Agenda #5.I.

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

Approve Use of Facilities – Agenda #6.A.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Clare F. Ostrander Elementary Gymnasium by **Wallkill Varsity Gymnastics** [for a Clinic] as indicated below:

Tuesday	January 24, 2023	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 25, 2023	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of the Varsity Lacrosse Field [for Practices] and Multi-Purpose Field [for Games] by **Wallkill Youth Lacrosse** as indicated below:

Mondays – Fridays	March 1, 2023 – June 9, 2023	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays	March 4, 2022 – June 10, 2023	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Accept Treasurer’s Report – Agenda #6.B.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education has reviewed and accepts the Treasurer's Reports as of December 31, 2022 and Revenues as of December 31, 2022.

Approve Food Service Consultant – Agenda #6.C.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve HMB Consultants, to provide consultant services for the 2023-2024 Food Service Bid.

Approve Foster Children 2021-2022 Tuition Rates – Agenda #6.D.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 2021-2022 tuition rates for foster children attending the Wallkill Central School District as follows:

Grades K-6	\$11,738
Grades 7-12	\$10,393
Handicapped K-6	\$26,829
Handicapped 7-12	\$25,484

6. Executive Session – Agenda #7

At 7:47 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss personnel.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

7. Add Item to the Agenda

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

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

8. Approve Appointment - Interim Administrator

Mr. Petrocelli moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the agreement with **William Hecht** to be the Interim Senior High School Assistant Principal effective March 6, 2023 through June 23, 2023.

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

9. Add Item to Agenda

Mr. Palen moved item, Appointment of Personnel, be added to the Agenda.

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

10. Appointment of Personnel

Mr. Palen moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the appointment of the following personnel, effective March 6, 2023 through June 23, 2023:

Dignity Act Coordinator

Mr. William Hecht, Wallkill Senior High School

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

11. Close Meeting – Agenda #8

At 8:38 p.m. Mr. Frisbie moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk