

Wallkill Central School District
Special Board of Education Meeting
Wallkill Senior High School Auditorium
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
7:30 p.m.

1. Public Comment

- Four individuals addressed the Board of Education in support of the Girl's Varsity Lacrosse Coach.

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

At 7:46 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Vice President Thomas Frisbie in the Senior High School Auditorium.

Members Present

Mrs. Anderson
Mr. Bartolone
Mrs. Crowley
Mr. Frisbie
Mr. Hecht
Mr. Nafey
Mr. Palen

Members Absent

Mr. LoCicero
Mrs. McCartney
Ms. Alyssa Vega [Student Board Member]

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

3. Approve 2024-2025 Proposed Budget, District Budget Notice and Property Tax Report Card – Agenda #5

Mr. Nafey moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the proposed 2024-2025 budget in the amount of **\$89,466,000**, the District Budget Notice as required by law and the Property Tax Report Card for 2024-2025.

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

Comment:

Mr. Castle commented that the State approved their budget, and the District received an increase of just over \$200,000 in Foundation Aid. The District will maintain:

- All programs and extra-curricular activities for students
- All instructional and non-instructional positions
- The current structure of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program (84 slots)
- Low class sizes in grades K-12 (K-6 average class size of 20)
- Professional Development opportunities to support classroom instruction and student learning
- Support services to address the mental health and academic needs of our students
- Police officers in all five (5) buildings

In addition to the above, the budget includes an additional School Psychologist to meet the needs of our students with disabilities. Mr. Castle stated that we have a responsibility to our students and our taxpayers when developing the budget and due to the fiscal foresight of the Board, the 2024-2025 budget will be below the tax cap (fourth year in a row). It was also mentioned that the five-year average tax levy is 2.18%. With the support of the Board, we are preparing our students to be successful beyond high school. Mr. Castle mentioned that Mr. White held a reading presentation for parents this evening. We are pleased with the opportunities being provided to K-6 students. Finally, he thanked the Board of Education and the community for their continued support.

4. Proposed Executive Session – Agenda #6

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Bartolone moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular persons.

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

The Board reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

5. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Anderson moved items 2 through 4 be taken as consent agenda.

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

Accept Resignations – Coaching – Agenda #2

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Frank Croce** from the position of Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach, effective April 19, 2024.

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the resignation of **Rich Daubel** from the position of Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach, effective April 21, 2024, pending his appointment to the position of Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach.

Rescind Appointment – Coaching – Agenda #3

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and rescind the appointment (4/16/24 Regular Board of Education Meeting) of **Rachael Colombo**, from the position of Unpaid Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach, for the 2023-2024 Spring sports season, pending her appointment to the position of a paid Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach.

Approve Appointments – Coaching – Agenda #4

The Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the following appointments for the Spring 2023-2024 school year season, effective April 22, 2024:

High School:

Rich Daubel	Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$4,130 [pro-rated]
Rachael Colombo	Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$3,337 [pro-rated]

6. Close Meeting – Agenda #7

At 8:35 p.m. Mr. Bartolone moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Corcoran
District Clerk