

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD AT THE
KNICKERBACKER M.S. AUDITORIUM
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sweeney at 7:30 P.M.

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mrs. Sweeney asked if everyone would stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL: K. Bristol, S. Farrell, P.J. Higgitt, E. McDonough, M. Sweeney, C. Walp
- Absent: J. Shover, J. Ward
- Others Present: T. Broderick, J. Brown, M. Fushs, G. Goodwin, M. Harkin, D. Hopkins, L. Kyer, F. Macri, L. McNeil, K. Messler, K. Oboyski-Butler, S. Paolino, B. Sperling, D. Steenrod, J. Wager
- Visitors: 10
- III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Farrell to accept that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on October 25, 2010.
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board APPROVE the following FINANCIAL REPORTS listed below:
- A. Treasurer's Report
B. Budget Transfers
- V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mrs. Sweeney asked if any visitors would like to speak to the agenda. Mrs. Fredette asked to address the Board of Education regarding Bullying.
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS: none
- VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

6 Ayes Motion Carried

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A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Mrs. Jessica Nikodem be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence beginning November 23, 2010 through June 30, 2011 be granted.

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Ms. Laura Weinman be appointed as School Counselor (permanent substitute) at Lansingburgh High School, beginning November 23, 2010 through June 30, 2011 with compensation according to the L.T.A. Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – November 23, 2010	
Expiration of Service – June 30, 2011	
Certification Status – School Counselor (Provisional)	
Salary – Step 1	\$35,802
Masters	450
Grad. Credits – 48	1,776
Differential	<u>500</u>
	\$38,528 (pro-rated)

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following be appointed as Extracurricular Activity Advisors for the 2010-2011 school year, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract:

David Hamilton – Turnpike Student Council – effective November 1, 2010
Ryan Debrosky – Knickerbacker M.S. Substitute Detention Supervisor

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Walp that the following be appointed as Team Advisors of Extracurricular Activities for the 2010-2011 school year, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract:

Robin Delaney – KMS Odyssey of the Mind Team Advisor
Robin Delaney – KMS Odyssey of the Mind Team Co-Advisor
Suzanne Anthony – KMS Odyssey of the Mind Team Co-Advisor

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the following teachers and teacher substitutes be appointed for up to 4 hours weekly for the 2010-2011 ELA and Math Clubs with compensation per the LTA contract:

Robin Delaney – Rensselaer P.E.S.
Elise Mamone – Rensselaer P.E.S.
Tracy O'Neil – Rensselaer P.E.S.
Carrie Phelan – Rensselaer P.E.S.
Sandra Ryan – Rensselaer P.E.S.
Stefan Schechter – Rensselaer P.E.S.
Marissa Caprara – Turnpike E.S.
Mary Danahy – Turnpike E.S.
Erin Fox – Turnpike E.S.
Kathleen Graber – Turnpike E.S.
Adam Gregoire – Turnpike E.S.
David Hamilton – Turnpike E.S.
Catherine Neudecker – Turnpike E.S.
Devin Simoncavage – Turnpike E.S.
Elizabeth Thorpe – Turnpike E.S.
Linda Townsend – Turnpike E.S.
Darlene Walzer – Turnpike E.S.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Coaching Appointment be approved for the 2010-11 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract:

Samantha Nazarian – Girls Freshman Basketball Coach
Kyle Willetts – Modified Wrestling Coach

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following advisor appointment be approved for the 2010-2011 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements according to the L.T.A. contract:

Jennifer Gula – Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Advisor

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the following Volunteer Coaching Appointments be approved for the 2010-2011 school year pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements:

Steven Black – Volunteer Coach – Boys Bowling
Patrick Lance – Volunteer Coach – Boys Bowling
Marc Fruscio – Volunteer Assistant Coach – Boys Basketball
Keith Hull – Volunteer Assistant Coach – Boys Basketball
Michael Benfer – Volunteer Assistant Coach – Boys Basketball

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the attached list of Home Tutoring Assignments be approved.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following Substitute Teachers be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, for the 2010-11 school year:

Mallory Baughman	certified
Megan Hopkins	certified

6 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the resignation of Ms. Sharon Wolcott, Registered Nurse at St. Augustine's School, be accepted, with regret effective November 5, 2010.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the resignation of Ms. Carmen Guzman, noon aide at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, be accepted, with regret effective November 19, 2010.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Walp that Mrs. Kenyon Mosconi be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence beginning November 15, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Linda Delaney be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as part time Registered Nurse at St. Augustine's School, with compensation at a rate set forth below:

Commencement of Service	November 30, 2010
Salary - Step 1 (certified registered nurse)	\$21.85 hr.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the following Non-Instructional Substitute be approved for the 2010-11 school year, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Contract/Board Policy:

Carmen Guzman	Sub-Custodian, Sub Noon-Aide
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6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Walp that Ms. Erika Pfitz be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Teaching Assistant (permanent substitute) at Knickerbacker Middle School with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service	November 15, 2010
Expiration of Service	December 23, 2010
Salary – Step 9 (certified teacher)	\$17.36 hr.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education President be authorized to approve the following Change Orders for the ongoing 2.9M construction Project:

G-017	BCI	\$ 374.61
H-017	Collett	\$(655.50)

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Board of Education approve payment for the 2010-2011 membership dues to the New York State School Boards Association in the amount of \$8,625.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the attached, corrected tax assessment of William Ginsburgh and Jane Salitan-Hanft of 4 Lori Jean Place for the 2010-2011 school tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated and that the attached, corrected tax assessment of James and Monica Jorgensen of 114th Street for the 2010-2011 school tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board authorize the Superintendent to approve the surplus of old choral risers deemed unsafe for use.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Board authorize the Superintendent to approve the surplus a Cub Cadet mower. The mower is 15 years old and deemed unsafe for use.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the proposed Calendar for Budget Development and Voting for the 2011-2012 school year be approved.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Walp that Mr. Jaime Thomas be approved as Permanent Chairman for the Capital Improvement Bond Vote on December 7, 2010 from 7:00 AM to 9:00 P.M.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education Approve Mr. Michael Karam at the rate of \$300 for servicing and maintaining six machines and Mr. Kevin O'Malley at the rate of \$300 for servicing and maintaining six voting machines for Election Day.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Board of Education approve the following to serve on the Board of Registration on December 1, 2010: Lois Ambuhl, Laurel Sheehy, Betty Ryan, Joan Fitzpatrick, Mary Anne Lynick and Walter Lynick with compensation at \$60.00 each for the day, and that the Chief Inspector for each location be paid an additional \$25.00 for their added responsibilities and services on December 7, 2010, and that the Board of Education approve the following to serve on the Capital Improvement Bond Vote on December 7, 2010 with compensation of \$125.00 each per day:

Election District I
Knickerbacker Middle School
 Lois Ambuhl, Chief Inspector
 Laurel Sheehy, Asst. Chief Inspector
 Janet Walsh, Inspector
 Joan Fitzpatrick, Inspector

Election District II
Turnpike Elementary School
 Betty McLaughlin, Chief Inspector
 Betty Ryan, Asst. Chief Inspector
 Joan Holman, Inspector

Election District III
Speigletown Fire House
 Richard Sheffer, Chief Inspector
 Joyce Jones, Chief Inspector
 Nancy Grenier, Inspector
 Susan Wells, Inspector

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Board President or Superintendent be authorized to enter into a 3-year contract extension to Schindler Plus Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$9,120 for the duration of the 3-year contract ending November 29, 2013.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Board President or Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with Questar III BOCES to provide supplemental services to eligible Knickerbacker Middle School students as required by N.C.L.B. Act, Title I at \$120 per student contact hour for groups of 2-5 students in the same instructional session, and \$995 for (14) one-hour, one-on-one student contact sessions per student, not to exceed the New York State rate, to be completed no later than June 30, 2011 and that the Superintendent file a signed contract with the Clerk of the Board.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board President or Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with Habitat for Learning, Inc., d.b.a. Sylvan Learning Center to provide supplemental services to eligible Knickerbacker Middle School students as required by N.C.L.B. Act, Title I at a per session hourly rate of \$52.00 for each attended session not to exceed the New York State maximum rate of \$1,646. per student and that the Superintendent file a signed contract with the Clerk of the Board.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board President or Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with ClubZ to provide supplemental services to eligible Knickerbacker Middle School students as required by N.C.L.B. Act, Title I not to exceed the New York State maximum rate of \$1,646 for the 2010-2011 school year for supplemental services for each student at a rate of \$60.00 per student, per hour and that the Superintendent file a signed contract with the Clerk of the Board.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board President or Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with Smarties Tutoring Services to provide supplemental services to eligible Knickerbacker Middle School students as required by N.C.L.B. Act, Title I not to exceed the New York State maximum rate of \$1,646 for the 2010-2011 school and that the Superintendent file a signed contract with the Clerk of the Board.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Board of Education Award a contract to Waste Management, the low bidder, in the amount of \$27,073.92, for refuse and recyclable removal for the period December 1, 2010 through November 30, 2011, per the attached memo. Additional pick-ups will be \$85.00 each and \$20.00 for recycles.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education approve the following to serve on the Capital Improvement Bond Vote as an inspector on December 7, 2010 with compensation of \$125.00 per day:

Lorraine Devaren- 10A Lann Avenue, Troy, NY 12182 - Speigletown Fire House

6 Ayes Motion Carried

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Goodwin explained that Soundwaves and the Jazz band are asking to travel to an out-of-state competition for 3 nights at the end of April. He passed out information concerning the trip and asked each Board member to call him by Wednesday with their answer to the field trip.

Prior to the December 20th Board of Education meeting, he would like to have just one workshop either December 7 at 7:15 p.m. (Tuesday) prior to our Special Board Meeting or December 13. The Board chose December 7 at 7:15 p.m.

School Reports

Rensselaer Park Elementary

Mrs. Fushs said that Rensselaer Park just held their first parent conferences and that the second group of parent conferences for the first marking period are this Thursday. The conferences have been well attended. Currently her faculty are going through Math and ELA professional development. For the Thanksgiving holiday, Rensselaer Park faculty, staff and students were able to feed 25 families. They also held a recent fundraiser to raise money for the cancer foundation.

Turnpike Elementary School

Mrs. Steenrod said that their Make A Wish Foundation fundraiser is on its way. The Turnpike faculty sell angels for \$1 from Make-a-Wish and create their own green and red angels to sell to students for \$.25 and \$.50 so each student can purchase an angel if they choose. The students have begun ELA and Math enrichment programs after school, and the winter concert is December 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Knickerbacker Middle School

Mr. Paolino would like to congratulate Mrs. Adel Luciano who received National Board Certification in Guidance. Mr. Paolino thanked Mr. Merrill, Mr. Jasuta and Ms. Agyeman for their 12th annual turkey festival. The students from each of their classes prepare a Thanksgiving luncheon for faculty and staff. Parent conferences for sixth grade have occurred. Open House for 7th and 8th graders is Tuesday evening.

Lansingburgh High School

Mr. Macri said that the high school musical Bye Bye Birdie was a success. Hats off to the kids, parents, and community for their support. Over forty students were inducted into the National Honor Society. Open House was conducted differently this year. A large number of parents were at the open house. Teachers have attended conferences on Character Education in November and will be attending more in December. Students in Mr. South's technology classes have designed a key chain to be presented to students who have excelled. The first blood drive for this year is December 13. The food drive has begun. Their goal is to again feed at least 60 families.

Athletics

Mr. Harkin said to continue to check the website for information concerning sports activities and game schedules. Wrestling and Basketball have begun.

XII. USE OF FACILITIES

- XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mrs. Sweeney asked if there were Executive Session items. Mr. Goodwin said that he had three: 1 collective negotiations, 1 employment history of a particular person, 1 student disciplinary matter.

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Executive Session items.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board go into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:20 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Board end their EXECUTIVE SESSION.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:11 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the meeting be adjourned.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education