

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD AT THE
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Shover at 6:30 P.M.

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mr. Shover asked if everyone would stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL: K. Bristol, L. Devaren, S. Farrell, P.J. Higgitt, E. McDonough, J. Shover, M. Sweeney, C. Walp, J. Ward
- Absent: 0
- Others Present: T. Broderick, J. Brown, C. DeDominick, M. Harkin, D. Hopkins, M. Jarem, L. Kent, L. Kyer, F. Macri, L. McNeil, S. Paolino, B. Sperling, D. Steenrod, J. Wager
- Visitors: 4
- 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, 2011.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Board APPROVE the following FINANCIAL REPORTS listed below:

- A. Treasurer's Report
B. Budget Transfers

9 Ayes Motion Carried

- V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mr. Shover asked if any visitors would like to speak to the agenda. Mr. Henkel introduced himself. He is serving on the Elementary Reconfiguration Committee and his daughter attends Rensselaer Park and stated that he was there to observe the Board meeting.

Mrs. Santiago introduced herself and her husband. She is on the Elementary Reconfiguration Committee and her children attend Rensselaer Park and they are here to observe the Board meeting as well.

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- VI. COMMUNICATIONS: none

- VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Ms. Ward that Mrs. Nancy Solomon, Home and Careers teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School be placed on administrative leave effective November 9, 2011 through December 8, 2011 and that Mrs. Nancy Solomon's letter of resignation from her position as Home and Careers teacher, be accepted, effective December 8, 2011.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to abolish the position of Assistant Principal at Knickerbacker Middle School effective at the close of business November 23, 2011.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to abolish the position of Instructional Coordinator at KMS/LHS effective at the close of business November 25, 2011.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to create the establishment of an administrative position, Dean of Students, a ten (10) month position at a salary of \$56,100 at Knickerbacker Middle School per the Lansingburgh Administrators' Association contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to create the establishment of an administrative position, at Knickerbacker Middle School/Lansingburgh High School as a Data Analysis/Professional Development Director, a twelve (12) month position at a salary of \$56,000 per the Lansingburgh Administrators' Association contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Mrs. Stephanie Vilorio be granted an unpaid leave of absence beginning October 31, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that Mrs. Mara DeSilva be granted an unpaid leave of absence beginning November 7, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Ms. Ward that Mr. Drew Hopkins be appointed to a 3 year probationary position as Dean of Students at Knickerbacker Middle School effective November 28, 2011 at a salary of \$56,100 as per the L.A.A. contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Ms. Ward that Mrs. Lauri Kent be appointed to a 3 year probationary position as Data Analysis/Professional Development Director at Knickerbacker Middle School/Lansingburgh High School effective November 29, 2011 at a salary of \$56,000 as per the L.A.A. contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that Ms. Maggie Higgins be appointed as Kindergarten Teacher (permanent substitute) at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service –	October 31, 2011
Expiration of Service –	June 22, 2012
Certification Status –	Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade2) (Initial)
Salary – Step 1	\$ 37,528
Masters	450
Grad. Credits – 30	<u>1,250</u>
	\$39,228 (pro-rated)

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Ms. Ward that Ms. Samantha Nazarian be appointed as Physical Education Teacher (permanent substitute) at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, with compensation according to the L.T.A. Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service –	November 7, 2011
Expiration of Service –	June 22, 2012
Certification Status –	Physical Education (Initial)
Salary – Step 2	\$38,146
Masters	450
Grad. Credits – 36	<u>1,500</u>
	\$40,096 (pro-rated)

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Elizabeth Gonzalez-Egan be appointed as English Language Learners Teacher (Permanent Substitute) at Turnpike Elementary School, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – November 21, 2011	
Expiration of Service – June 22, 2012	
Certification Status – Literacy (Birth-Grade 6-Initial), Students w/Disabilities – (Grades 1-6 Initial), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6-Initial), English to Speakers of other Languages–(Initial pending)	
Salary – Step 1	\$37,528
Masters	450
Graduate Credits 40	<u>1,625</u>
	\$39,603 (pro-rated)

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Walp that the following teachers and teacher substitutes be appointed for up to 4 hours weekly for the 2011-2012 ELA and Math Clubs with compensation per the LTA contract:

- Stefan Schechter – Rensselaer P.E.S.
- Sandra Ryan – Rensselaer P.E.S.
- Leah Behe – Rensselaer P.E.S.
- Elise Mamone – Rensselaer P.E.S.
- Carrie Mendolia – Turnpike E.S.
- Catherine Neudecker – Turnpike E.S.
- Elizabeth Thorpe – Turnpike E.S.
- Stephanie Forino – Turnpike E.S.
- Erin Fox – Turnpike E.S.
- Samantha Fane – Turnpike E.S.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the following Coaching Appointments be approved for the 2011-12 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract:

- Edward Young – Modified Cross Country Coach
- Kyle Willetts – Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Advisor Appointment be approved for the 2011-2012 school year, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract:

- Jillian Loudon – Girls Basketball Cheerleading Advisor

9Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the following Volunteer Coaching Appointments be approved for the 2011-2012 school year pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements:

- Wes Gamble – Volunteer Assistant Coach – Girls Basketball
- Michael Benfer – Volunteer Assistant Coach – Boys Basketball

9 Ayes Motion Carried

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following Substitute Teacher be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, for the 2011-12 school year:

Stephanie Adams certified Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following be appointed as an Advisor for the 2011-2012 school year, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract:

Robin Delaney – KMS Odyssey of the Mind

9Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL - none

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the attached, corrected tax assessment of James Andrews of 285 Fifth Avenue 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 Gerald Shoemaker and Lisa Kinne of 263 Bald Mountain Road for the 2011-2012 school tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Board of Education award a contract to Allied Waste Services, the low bidder, in the amount of \$26,700.00, for refuse and recyclable removal for the period December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2012, per the attached memo. Additional pick- ups will be \$70.00 each.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Ms. Ward that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on October 25, 2011 be approved:

- Policy 4325 Academic Intervention Services
- Policy 5300.60 Student Searches and Interrogations
- Policy 5300.60R Student Searches and Interrogations Regulations

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Walp that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Board Workshop on November 21, 2011 be approved:

- Policy 5205 Co-Curricular Code of Conduct
- Policy 5280-E.1 Coaches Handbook
- Policy 5280-E.2 Coaches Evaluation

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney 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, beginning September 28, 2011 through and including August 31, 2012 and that the Superintendent file a signed contract with the Clerk of the Board.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A Resolution of the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District, Towns of Schaghticoke, Pittstown, Brunswick and City of Troy, County of Rensselaer, State of New York:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is party to an Employment Contract with its School Business Official Lisa M. Kyer and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and the School Business Official desire to enter into an Amended Employment Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, at a duly called meeting of the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District at Troy, New York, on a motion made by Mrs. Sweeney, and seconded by Mrs. Farrell, it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes and directs the President of the Board of Education, in consultation with the school attorney, to negotiate and enter into an Amended Employment Contract with the School Business Official Lisa M. Kyer for a term of three years, running from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 at an annual salary of One hundred and eleven thousand, nine hundred and three dollars (\$111,903).

9 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. DeDominick informed the Board that there was no news on the student who injured a week and a half ago. She met with Questar III representatives and the Troy City engineers will be coming in this week to review the fire inspection reports. Mrs. DeDominick stated that we hope for the best for the student.

The Elementary Reconfiguration Committee will meet on November 29, December 6, and December 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lansingburgh High School Cafeteria to examine concerns and to continue exploring, developing and planning for the Reconfiguration. The goal of the committee is to have a recommendation to the Board by the end of January. Kathy Oboyski-Butler and Cyndi DeDominick will be surveying the Ichabod Crane School District where they have the same profile for what we are proposing. We are also surveying the Mohonasen School District as well. Mr. Shover stated that the power point on the reconfiguration is on our web site. We will be sending the committee a reminder of Tuesday's meeting.

The Honor Society inducted 25 students into the National Honor Society and honored former teacher and historian Byron Moak.

The School musical – Annie, was a definite success. It was very enjoyable. On Tuesday the middle school special education teachers and students put on a lovely Thanksgiving feast for faculty, which we were invited to.

School Reports

Mr. Macri

The National Honor Society held their induction ceremony where 25 students were inducted. Their picture appeared in the Record. At the ceremony the students selected to honor Mr. Byron Moak, a retired social studies teacher from Lansingburgh. The students always looked up to him.

The high school students did a great job with the play. It was well put together and it was well attended. On November 30th they will hold their first Red Cross blood drive for students and staff. They hold two a year and earn 2 scholarships sponsored by Red Cross.

We honored students of the quarter and students technology classes designed key chains in the shape of coins with the knight helmet etched into it. Students are chosen for improved academics, improved behavior and progress. On December 1st, we will be hosting the first financial aid night for parents of juniors and seniors. On December 14 is their winter concert, and our annual 6th through 12th grade food drive has begun. Our Better Burgh Club and Student Government have adopted families for the holiday and will provide the families with things needed.

Mrs. Jarem – The LTA is selling raffle tickets for \$25. There will be five \$500 winning tickets pulled. All remaining proceeds will go to the food drive and families who need assistance for the holiday.

Mr. Paolino

Mr. Paolino spoke about the food drive. Last year 100 boxes of food were prepared for Lansingburgh families. This year they would like to exceed that number. Each grade at the middle school has been given an item to bring in. Our sixth grade students have been assigned canned goods, our seventh grade students stuffing and our eighth grade students boxed potatoes and gravy. Our faculty and staff through donations will provide turkey and ham.

Mr. Paolino wanted to thank Ms. Agyeman, Ms. Gibson and Mr. Jasuta for putting on the wonderful Thanksgiving feast. This is the ninth year doing this and each year it has gotten bigger. They served over 150 faculty and staff from the middle school, high school, and district office.

Mr. Paolino stated that their 7th grade green and yellow teams just had an ice cream social for positive behavior. One hundred and fifty-eight students participated. Stewarts donated the ice cream for this event. Their 8th grade maroon team held an ice cream party for 39 students and family members for achieving honor roll. The white team will do the same next week.

For Superintendent's conference day, the KMS faculty and staff met with Brian Mendler on Management Strategies.

Mrs. Steenrod

Parent/Teacher conferences were held last week and the other date is scheduled for tomorrow. During the conferences, the teachers are communicating to parents the upcoming dates for state testing in hopes that they do not schedule vacation during these dates.

Mrs. Steenrod said that they were able to service several families for Thanksgiving. The Fane's donated turkeys to go with the cans of food brought in by students.

For staff development of superintendent's conference day, they had workshops on smart boards. They met with someone from Questar who is a math expert and had great ideas. The faculty is continuing to work on upcoming assessments working through the common core curriculum

For Turnpike's service project, students are selling Make-a-Wish angels for \$1.00 to raise money for Children with cancer. Mrs. Steenrod explained that they make red and green angels and sell them for 25¢ as well. Students who may not have a dollar can purchase an angel for a quarter and still feel involved with raising money for children.

On December 10, Turnpike will be hosting a breakfast for Lansingburgh Veterans. Mr. Williams' choir students will be singing during the breakfast to help out.

Mr. Wager

Mr. Wager said that their writers' workshop started today. They as well were able to serve 25 families for Thanksgiving. They also donated 550 food items to the Lansingburgh Food Pantry at St. Augustine's. The kids are remarkable and looking forward to Christmas.

Mr. Harkin

Mr. Harkin stated that the winter sports season starts Friday night. The boys basketball team is away. Next week will be the first home game. Mr. Harkin said that there is an extremely large wrestling group this year. There are up to 40 students.

XII. USE OF FACILITIESXIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education