

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD AT
KNICKERBACKER AUDITORIUM ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Shover at 7:32 P.M.

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mr. Shover asked if we would all 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, F. Macri, L. McNeil, K. Oboyski-Butler, S. Paolino, B. Schongar, B. Sperling, D. Steenrod, J. Wager
- Visitors: 3
- III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on September 27, 2011 be APPROVED.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney 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 addressed the visitors in the auditorium and asked if anyone wished to address the Board of Education on the agenda. Mr. Sullivan introduced himself and student Billy Maselli, spoke on behalf of the LHS Student Government. He was there to present gifts to the Board of Education for Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Paolino read a letter from Mrs. Lyons on behalf of Student Council to the Board honoring them for their continued service to Lansingburgh and to thank them for serving on the Board of Education.
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. DeDominick stated that several communications sent home with the Board members' packets on Friday and two additional communications.

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the resignation of Ms. Jessica Clermont, Art Club Co-Advisor at Lansingburgh/Knickerbacker Middle School, be accepted with regret, effective September 26, 2011.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Ms. Ward that the resignation of Ms. Kathryn Schwenker, Art Club Co-Advisor at Lansingburgh/Knickerbacker Middle School, be accepted with regret, effective September 26, 2011.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following be appointed as advisors of Extracurricular Activities for the 2011-12 school year with compensation according to the LTA contract:

Kathryn Schwenker - LHS/KMS Art Club Advisor
 Kathryn Schwenker - LHS School Play Art Advisor
 Suzanne Anthony - LHS Odyssey of the Mind Team 2 Advisor

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Walp that Ms. Olivia Mars be appointed as a English Teacher (Permanent Substitute) at Knickerbacker Middle School, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – October 11, 2011
 Expiration of Service – January 27, 2012
 Certification Status – English Language Arts 7-12 (Initial
 Salary – Step 4 \$39,707
 Masters 450
 Graduate Credits 36 1,500
 \$41,657 (pro-rated)

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Advisors be reappointed for the 2011-2012 school year with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract:

Christopher Rian Colbert – KMS/LHS Ski Club Advisor
 Derek Fox – KMS/LHS Ski Club Advisor
 Maureen Sullivan – KMS/LHS Ski Club Advisor
 Patrick Wilson – KMS/LHS Ski Club Advisor
 Shaun Donegan – KMS/LHS Substitute Ski Club Advisor
 Kevin Sheehan – KMS/LHS Substitute Ski Club Advisor
 Beverly Cottrell – TES Ski Club Advisor
 Angela Mauriello – TES Ski Club Advisor
 Christine Retell – TES Ski Club Advisor
 Jason Blackmur – RPES Ski Club Advisor
 Leigh McNeil – RPES Ski Club Advisor

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Coaching reappointments be approved for the 2011-2012 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract:

Guy DiBacco – Boys Varsity Basketball
 Gary Pascucci – Boys Junior Varsity Basketball
 Jeffrey Pasinella – Boys Modified Basketball
 Krystal Phillips – Girls Varsity Basketball
 Kristen Pasinella – Girls Modified Basketball
 Daniel Bechand – Varsity Wrestling
 Bruce Black – Boys Varsity Bowling
 Roland Blanchet – Girls Varsity Bowling
 Christian Brophy – Indoor Track
 Dale Broomhead – Assistant Indoor Track

9Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Ms. Ward that the following Coaching appointment be approved for the 2011-2012 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract:

Ryan Debrosky – Girls Junior Varsity Basketball

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Ms. Ward that the following Substitute Teachers be approved 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:

Renee Patti	Certified Teacher	Childhood Education 1-6/MS in Curriculum and Instruction
Laura Hickey	Certified Teacher	Childhood Education 1-6

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the attached list of Home Tutoring Assignments be approved, with compensation according to the L.T.A. Contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Mrs. Karen Walp be appointed as a Teacher Aide at Turnpike Elementary School, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. contract, effective October 14, 2011.

8 Ayes Motion Carried
1 Abstain (C. Walp)

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Corrective Action Plan be accepted as discussed at the Audit Committee meeting held on October 25, 2011.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Walp that the attached list of In-Service and Graduate Credit hours be approved and that reimbursement of credit for the staff members listed be authorized in accordance with the LTA contract, effective September 1, 2011.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Walp that the attached list of Graduate Credit hours be approved and that reimbursement of credit for the staff members listed be authorized in accordance with the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistants' contract, effective September 1, 2011.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Health Service Contract Rate to be charged to other public schools for health services provided to students attending private and/or parochial schools in the Lansingburgh Central School District be approved in the amount of \$480.00 per student for the 2011-12 school year.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to file the final report for the 2010-2011 school year for payment to the Lansingburgh Central School District at Troy, pursuant to Public Law 874 Federally Aided Program for Impact Aid, and make representation and commitments thereto for and in behalf of said applicant in connection with the report, and that the Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to file the survey report for the 2011-12 school year for the above Public Law 874.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on September 27, 2011, be approved:

- Policy 1800 – Gifts from the Public
- Policy 4850 – Animals in School
- Policy 5100 – Attendance
- Policy 5152 – Admission of Non-Resident Students
- Policy 6100 – Annual Budget
- Policy 6110 – Budget Planning

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee at the Policy Committee meeting on October 13, 2011, be discontinued:

- Policy 4325 Compensatory Education
- Policy 5120 School Census
- Policy 5330 Searches and Interrogations

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Lansingburgh Central School District has agreed to participate in the Rensselaer Student Transportation Collective (the “Collective”) for purposes of study opportunities to reduce school district spending by sharing school transportation services, spare buses, and centralizing materials and equipment; and that the Collective has applied for funding to carry out this transportation study through the NYS Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program and that the Collective seeks to participate in the NYS Department of Education Regional Transportation Pilot program (“Pilot program”) as it undertakes the transportation study, in order to obtain enhanced technical assistance on regulatory provisions, guidance on best practices in safe pupil transportation services, and to have its study expenses be eligible for purposes of State Transportation Aid as may be allowed and that the NYS Education Department requires the board of education to approve and state the district’s interest and willingness to participate in the Pilot program and that the Collective’s participating districts will seek such approval of their respective boards of education;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District states its interest and willingness to participate in the Pilot program and directs that such reports and information be submitted to NYS Education Department as necessary to participate in the Pilot program and enhance the efforts of the Collective’s transportation study.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Ms. Ward that the attached, corrected tax assessment of Robert and Janet Martin of 1203 River Road for the 2011-12 tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated, and that the attached, corrected tax assessment of David and Susan Chow of 56 Wetsel Road for the 2011-12 tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated, and that the attached, corrected tax assessment of Samuel Denardo of 70 Liberty Road for the 2011-12 tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated, and that the attached, corrected tax assessment of Marilyn Pascucci of 2 Brielle Drive for the 2011-12 tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated, and; It is Further Resolved that The Tax Collection Software Program incorrectly calculated the following property owner’s bills due to an error for the 2011 – 2012 school tax year due to incorrect application of Residential STAR Savings due to Mobile Home Park status. We received a request to correct the bills from Shawn Connors, Application Developer of Capital Region BOCES as set forth below:

John and Monica Jorgenson of 1-22 Anchor Park Way 70.72-3-2.2

J&R Mobile Home Estates 1000 Second Avenue 70.73-1-1

J&R Mobile Home Estates 1002 Second Avenue 70.72-3-1

9 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. DeDominick stated that we have three New Business Items.

Mrs. DeDominick asked the Board to allow for an Elementary Reconfiguration Study. As we approach the new budget year we would like to establish a committee to study elementary reconfiguration as one school Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 2 and the second elementary school Grades 3 through Grades 5. Staff would be aligned accordingly. By doing this, this would possibly allow us to incorporate into the one school, four Pre-Kindergarten classrooms offering eight ½ day sessions. This would help to build a stronger foundation for our students’ future. The committee would study if:

- 1) Can we do it
- 2) How much it would cost
- 3) What are the benefits of it

After the Elementary Reconfiguration Study was complete we would then do an implementation study for Pre-K. Having Pre-K in the building would allow for better communication between Kindergarten, Grade 1 and leaders. This would also allow Pre-K students to become adjusted to the school, strengthen their foundation and it would allow for the ability to deliver curriculum. The goal is to have a recommendation to the Board in January.

After the Elementary Reconfiguration Study was complete we would then do an implementation study for Pre-K. Having Pre-K in the building would allow for better communication between Kindergarten, Grade 1 and leaders. This would also allow Pre-K students to become adjusted to the school, strengthen their foundation and it would allow for the ability to deliver curriculum. The goal is to have a recommendation to the Board in January.

With the Board's permission, we would like to pursue both studies.

Mr. Shover asked for a motion to approve the Elementary Reconfiguration Study and the Pre-K Implementation Study.

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney to give permission to implement the Elementary Reconfiguration Study and the Pre-K study.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

Mrs. DeDominick stated that the committee would consist representatives from PTA, teachers association, elementary principals, and primary teachers and community with an optimum size of 25.

Mrs. Oboyski-Butler passed out copies of the School District Report Card and the Individual Building report cards to the Board. She explained to the Board the contents of the report card. The blue page is a summary of all four schools and the out of district schools.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. DeDominick indicated that there are three policies for first readings. The Academic Intervention Services policy we have not had and the Student Searches and Interrogations with Regulations are revised policies.

On November 14, we will be having our Community Relations meeting. We sent letters to our three representatives, Senator McDonald, Assembly Majority Leader Canistrari and Assemblyman McLaughlin. The meeting will have topics on the tax cap, charter schools and budget building.

On December 10, we will be having a Veterans Appreciation breakfast at Turnpike School. Invitations will go out to the local veterans.

The Prism concert was an outstanding presentation. She has had several parents comment on this presentation.

Mrs. DeDominick enclosed in their packet the Questar III tax cap publication. Dr. Baldwin had promised us a printout. We may want to modify it.

We will need to amend the school calendar. When the calendar was developed, April 9 was designated as a make-up day if we use too many snow days. We could like to change this to Friday, March 23rd, Superintendent's Conference Day. However, the first ½ of the day would be student attendance and the second half of the day would be Superintendent's Conference Day.

Mr. Shover asked for a motion to amend the 2011-2012 Calendar.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Higgitt to amend the 2011-2012 School Calendar. If there is too many snow days used, the first make-up day will be March 23rd and students would attend the first half of the day and the second half of the day would be Superintendent's Conference Day.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

Project update – There is excellent progress through State Ed. Processing paperwork quickly through the channels. We hope to go out to bid in January and if all goes well, work would begin in the Spring. It would affect the sports: baseball, football, track, lacrosse will be affected. No construction will be done until after Regents exams and graduation. Smartboards are in Turnpike, Rensselaer Park and they are working on Knickerbacker. After abatement is complete, LHS will be started on Christmas break.

For Superintendent's Conference Day, Mrs. DeDominick was able to obtain Brian Mendler, an Intercity Special Education consultant from Rochester. He will be speaking to 6th-12th grade faculty for 3 hours and specifically with the middle school staff in the afternoon. The high school teachers will do math in-service and suicide prevention training for the afternoon session. Elementary teachers will have Smartboard training.

Mr. Harkin – Athletics

Boys sectional soccer will be held on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and the Girls sectional soccer game will be held on Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the high school. Mr. Harkin asked if he could discuss the Code of Conduct and other issues in Executive Session.

Mrs. Sweeney asked a question concerning the code of conduct. Do athletes sign for each sport if they are three sports? Mr. Harkin said yes.

Mr. Harkin would like to re-write the code of conduct and write a Coaches Code of Conduct as well as an Academic Code of Conduct. Once written it will be presented for review to the Policy Committee. We would like to extend it to all extracurricular activities as well. The Coaches Code of Conduct would also include advisors of activities.

Mrs. Sweeney asked a question concerning the code of conduct. Do athletes sign for each sport if they are three sports? Mr. Harkin said yes.

Mr. Harkin would like to re-write the code of conduct and write a Coaches Code of Conduct as well as an Academic Code of Conduct. Once written it will be presented for review to the Policy Committee. We would like to extend it to all extracurricular activities as well. The Coaches Code of Conduct would also include advisors of activities.

Mr. Macri - LHS

The high school hosted a Prism concert featuring several high school student bands. Next year we would like to incorporate the art department as well as the music department for the Prism concert. The Art department is currently taking pictures to incorporate into the Prism concert for next year. The creative crafts art students have made tie-dye scarves to present to Albany Medical patients (children) who are undergoing cancer treatments. Each scarf has an inspiration written on the scarf. Seniors are dressing up for Halloween. We have conducted lockdown and fire drills for practice. The Troy Police department will be visiting the KMS/LHS complex with their canine unit. During the drill the building will be under lockdown. The staff and students are holding a bad mitten tournament on November 10. On November 15, Mr. Macri will be holding a Principal's Tea in the media center. There will be volunteer teachers will be present. There will be student displays and the topic will be How to Speak to your Teenager. Mr. Macri had a parent suggest to him that there be a monthly parent meeting to discuss various issues facing high school students and parents.

The high school is also preparing exam preparation classes to better serve their high school students' needs. Tenth and eleventh grade students took the PSAT exam. Students will be participating in the Youth Summit, the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on November 10, and the high school musical is Annie November 18, 19 and 20. Mr. Macri said that their first blood drive is November 30th.

Mr. Paolino – KMS

The KMS Student Council sponsored a Red Ribbon week for drug and alcohol awareness. Mrs. Pendergast, to promote literacy, for every book checked out, she gives a student a raffle ticket for a chance to win gift certificates to book stores. The Advanced Afterschool Program held their open house. One of the activities offered to the students is Ms. Felio instructs the students in dance and song. Mr. Macri lends his talents as well. They held their supplemental education services vender fair. Eight vendors attended. Approximately a dozen parents attend between 4-6 p.m. The Building Leadership team met to discuss how to meet their achievement goals.

Mr. Wager– RPES

Sam Jovel from Questar III met with K-5 teachers. She spoke on Words their Way. The PTA held the Pumpkin Festival. There was an amazing turnout. The book fair raised \$5,000 in just three days. The PTA fundraiser raised \$19,000. We are continuing with our K-2 and 3-5 combined TES/RPES meetings once a month. Our goal is to be on the same page as a whole elementary unit. We have had a request from Equinox to create Happy Thanksgiving cards to go out with their Thanksgiving Day dinners. Parent conferences will be on November 17 and 29.

Mrs. Steenrod – TES

Kathy Birdwell and Sam Jovel worked with the faculty on ELA and math. Currently Seal a Smile is going on. Permission slips are sent home to families. They do cleanings, evaluations and referrals at no cost to the students. The harvest festival is this week. It is a great family night. There is a minimal fee charged. There is pizza, twirl art, haunted house, book fair and cotton candy. The sheriff's department will be there to fingerprint children. LHS student council members are helping with the festival. The smartboards are in and everyone is going wild.

XIII. Use of Facilities

XIV. Executive Session

Mr. Shover asked if there were any Executive Session items. Mrs. DeDominick said yes and would like to invite Mr. Harkin, Mrs. Oboyski-Butler, Mr. Macri and Mrs. Brown for executive session.

Mr. Shover asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Code of Conduct policy.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Board go into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:28 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Ms. Devaren that the Board end their EXECUTIVE SESSION.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:42 P.M.

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 P.M.