

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
THE LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD  
IN THE RENSSELAER PARK ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL CAFETERIA ON TUESDAY,  
MARCH 25, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. McHugh at 7:41 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL: S. Farrell, K. Gamble, P.J. Higgitt, B. Lance, A. Macey,  
H. McGrath, N. McHugh, M. Sweeney

Absent: J. O'Malley

Others Present: A. Bergin, T. Broderick, D. Carroll, F. Erickson,  
M. Fushs, G. Goodwin, M. Harkin, L. Kyer, F. Macri,  
K. Messler, L. McNeil, K. Oboyski-Butler, S. Paolino,  
B. Sperling, D. Steenrod, J. Wager

Visitors: 9

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on February 26, 2008 and the MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING held on February 26, 2008 be APPROVED.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Board APPROVE the following FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Budget Transfers
- B. Treasurer's Report

8 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mrs. McGrath asked if any visitors would like to speak to the agenda.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: none

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the RESIGNATION of Mr. David Merrill Assistant Boys Varsity Track Coach be ACCEPTED, with regret, effective February 29, 2008.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the RESIGNATION of Ms. Kristen Holland, Foreign Language teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School, be ACCEPTED, with regret, effective June 30, 2008.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Mrs. Jamie Sbardella, Elementary Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School be GRANTED an unpaid parental leave of absence beginning February 25, 2008 through January 26, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Lance that Ms. Randi Behrens, Mathematics Teacher, be ASSIGNED one additional teaching section of Mathematics, at 1/6<sup>th</sup> of her annual salary effective March 11, 2008 (prorated).

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Mr. Ryan Debrosky, Mathematics Teacher, be ASSIGNED one additional teaching section of Mathematics, at 1/6<sup>th</sup> of her annual salary effective March 11, 2008 (prorated).

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Hilary Powell, Mathematics Teacher, be ASSIGNED one additional teaching section of Mathematics, at 1/6<sup>th</sup> of her annual salary effective March 11, 2008 (prorated).

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that Ms. Sarah Smith, Mathematics Teacher, be ASSIGNED one additional teaching section of Mathematics, at 1/6<sup>th</sup> of her annual salary effective March 11, 2008 (prorated).

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. Macey that Ms. Christine Strube, Mathematics Teacher, be ASSIGNED one additional teaching section of Mathematics, at 1/6<sup>th</sup> of her annual salary effective March 11, 2008 (prorated).

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Macey that Ms. Kate Ireland, be APPOINTED as a Special Education Teacher (Permanent Substitute) at Turnpike Elementary School, With compensation according to the L.T.A. Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – February 25, 2008	
Expiration of Service – June 26, 2008	
Salary – Step 1	\$35,100.00
Masters	450.00
Graduate Credits – 117	4,329.00
Differential	<u>500.00</u>
	\$40,379.00 (prorated)

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Brenda Cole, be APPOINTED as Teaching Assistant at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	April 8, 2008
Expiration of Probationary Service	April 7, 2011
Salary – Step 1 (prorated)	

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney 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 2007 – 2008 school year:

Catina Bianchi	Certified
Kenneth Hoffman	Certified
Samantha Nazarian	Certified
Jennifer Patricelli	Uncertified
Linda Segreto	Uncertified

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following COACHING APPOINTMENT be APPROVED, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, for the 2007-08 school year, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. Contract:

Patrick Wilson – Volunteer Assistant Modified Baseball Coach

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following attached list of Home Tutoring assignments be APPROVED.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following Non-Instructional Substitutes be APPOINTED, on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, for the 2007-08 school year:

Kandie Bleau	Sub-Typist, Noon Aide
Tammy Bouchey	Sub-Custodian
Wendy Teta	Sub-Typist, Teacher Aide
Victor Higgins III	Sub-Custodian

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell 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 Teachers’ Contract, effective February 1, 2008.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education President be authorized to APPROVE the following Change Orders for the ongoing 2005 construction project:

GC-079	Greco	\$ 9,660.00
GC-080	Greco	\$16,000.00
GC-081	Greco	<u>\$16,000.00</u>
		\$41,660.00

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Macey that the following policy, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on February 26, 2008, be approved:

Policy 4710 – Grading System

8 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Goodwin handed out a revised School District Safety Plan. There was a change to page 8. Today the State Education Department released the high school accountability results. Our high school is in good standing and the District is in good standing as well.

Capital Improvement Projects: There are currently three which are intersecting. There will be a Special Board Meeting next Tuesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. to award the bids for the December 2006 project. Work will begin this Spring. Pike will help manage the project and adhere to the dates due to summer school.

The General Contractor – low bidder was Bunkoff (out of Latham), Gloria Ciminelli and Mike Ridolpho (from Pike) Lisa and I meet today to discuss the timeline and expectations. Gloria Ciminelli is the Project Manager and Patrick Rogers is our on-site person for the 9.9m project.

For the December 05 project, we just received approval on Friday to amend the three components that still remain: Renovate the Girl's Locker Room, 40 security cameras on LHS complex, and HVAC Units at Middle School. We will need to bid as soon as possible because it will be tight.

February 2008 project: It has been submitted to the State Education Department. I have scheduled meetings with the Key Communicators for April 28 and June 9. I would like to get their input on the project, then go back to the architect and board. Visitations to schools with modern Technology rooms will be set up.

I have scheduled a meeting with Bob Schofield, Lisa, and Mrs. McHugh for Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. regarding the Troy School District Utility Tax. We will find out our options and go from there. We have an article ready for publication but we probably shouldn't do it at this time.

B. School Activities

Athletics Department

Mr. Harkin – On April 9 we will have our first Lacrosse game. Baseball and Softball are practicing outside. The hitting tunnel is set up in the tennis courts. The students are constantly active with no one standing around. The track team is running. On Monday we will hopefully play our first baseball game at Turnpike School. It has been a very successful Spring. We had three students make it to the State level in athletics, Nick Oligney, Al Tobias and Jim Bulmer. Jim has been chosen all area athlete. Our football team won the liftoff competition.

Rensselaer Park Elementary School

Mrs. Fushs – We have been celebrating PARP for the month of March. We have had several guest readers come into our school. We have administered the third, fourth, and fifth grade math assessment tests. Our fourth grade has also taken the field test last week. Our Odyssey of the Mind team took second place at the Regional competition. This year we have five Olympics of the Visual Arts teams. Our Father/Daughter dance is this coming Friday. We will be having our first Science fair on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Knickerbacker Middle School

Mr. Paolino stated that they have just completed the math assessment tests. They will begin scoring soon. The Knickerbacker M.S. Odyssey of the Mind team beat Ichabod School and now are off to the State competition.

Mr. Paolino explained how they had gone back to teams at the middle school and the eighth grade team – Maroon Team, had planned a trip to the Alpha lanes if, students for the third marking period interim, were passing all their classes. These students would be eligible to attend the bowling event. Mr. Paolino wanted to commend both students and teachers. Out of a possible 100 students, 88 students were eligible to participate in this activity. Out of the 12 students who weren't eligible, growth was met with these students as well. It was a very, very successful event.

Lansingburgh High School

Mrs. Bergin said that the guidance department is very busy with the seniors making their college choices. Workshops have been set up and well attended. Our guidance counselors have gone into the middle school to meet with the eighth grade students to begin the scheduling process. Mrs. Bergin has meet with the seniors to go over graduation materials. Our Odyssey of the Mind team placed first and are off the State competition as well.

We have been holding meetings with the students who plan to attend this year's prom. We have discussed the Rensselaer County Prom Promise and the Cinderella Project.

Turnpike Elementary School

Turnpike as well have been celebrating PARP this month and have had several guest speakers. We have been promoting literacy with activities to support them, i.e., book fair, book markers, and gift certificates. They had a drop everything and read day, a Parpcycle day, pajama day to make it fun for the students with this year's character ed project. We had pledge sheets for grades 3-5 for the number of chapters read and we had pledge sheets for the number of pages read for the lower grades. The pledges raised were being donated to "Whole in the Wall Ranch". The students could buy horses for 50 cents. They also had races in reading. They also participate in Reading is Fundamental.

C. Notes

The April 29, 2008 Board of Education meeting will be held at Turnpike Elementary School and the May meeting will be at Lansingburgh High School.

XII. USE OF FACILITIES:

Mrs. McHugh asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 1 student issue and 1 employee negotiations issue.

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:12 P.M.

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:50 P.M.

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

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Clerk to the Board of Education