

**REVISED**  
3/29/10

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  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010.

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL: K. Bristol, K. Gamble, P.J. Higgitt, E. McDonough, J. Shover,  
M. Sweeney

Absent: S. Farrell, J. O'Malley

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

Visitors: 0

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by  
Mr. McDonough that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on December 22, 2009, and  
The minutes from the SPECIAL BOARD MEETING held on January 5, 2010 be approved.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. McDonough  
that the Board approves the following FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

6 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mrs. Sweeney asked if any visitors would like to speak to the agenda.  
None

VI. COMMUNICATIONS:  
None

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the resignation, due to  
retirement, of Mrs. Marcella Fushs, Principal at Rensselaer Park Elementary School  
be accepted with regret, effective June 30, 2011.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the resignation of Ms. Kim Guiffre, School Psychologist at Turnpike Elementary School be accepted, with regret, effective January 29, 2010

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that the resignation of Ms. Mary Migliozi-Chambers, Drama Club Co-Advisor, be accepted, with regret, effective January 11, 2010.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the date of commencement of Probationary Service and expiration of Probationary Service for Ms. Devin Simoncavage be corrected as set forth below:

\*\*Commencement of Probationary Service - September 1, 2008  
 Expiration of Probationary Service - August 31, 2011  
 Certification Status –Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)

**CORRECTION:**

A motion to Amend minutes to reflect change in Commencement of Probationary Service for Devin Simoncavage to \*\*Commencement of Probationary Service - **January 26, 2009.**

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Ms. Elizabeth Petrasovic be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as School Psychologist at Turnpike Elementary School with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service - January 27, 2010  
 Expiration of Probationary Service - January 26, 2013  
 Certification Status –School Psychologist (Provisional)  
 Salary – Step 1 \$35,802 (pro-rated)  
 Masters 450  
 Differential 500  
 Graduate Credits – 69 2,553  
 \$39,305 (prorated)

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. Shover that Ms. Jeri Simson be appointed as Co-Advisor of Drama Club at Turnpike Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Shover 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 2009-10 school year:

Melissa Gordon	Uncertified
Jennalea Jura	Uncertified
Kathy Lawler	Uncertified
Madison Wickes	Certified
Samantha Fane	Certified

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the attached list of Home Tutoring assignments be approved.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following Coaching Appointments be approved for the 2009-2010 school year pending completion of NY State Coaching certification requirements with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. Contract:

Eric Jasuta – JV Boys Lacrosse Coach  
 Gerard Buchanan – JV Girls Basketball Coach (effective 1/12/10-3/10)

6 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that the following Non-Instructional Substitutes be approved, on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law for the 2009-2010 school year with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Contract/Board Policy:

Brian Livolski - Substitute Custodian  
 Mark LaFortune, Jr. - Substitute Custodian

6 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board of Education Amend the designated day of the week for their Regular Monthly Board Meetings to the last Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. All other exceptions will be publicized by the District Clerk as required by law and/or by the Board of Education by-laws.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board of Education Amend the location of the Monthly Board Meetings to the following:

Monday, February 22, 2010 – Knickerbacker Middle School Auditorium  
 Monday, March 29, 2010 – Rensselaer Park Elementary School Cafeteria  
 Monday, April 26, 2010 – Turnpike Elementary School Cafeteria  
 Monday, May 24, 2010 – Lansingburgh High School Media Center  
 Monday, June 21, 2010 – Lansingburgh High School Media Center

6 Ayes Motion Carried

At 7:43 p.m. Mrs. O'Malley arrived and joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the adopted Calendar for Budget Development and Voting for the 2010-2011 school year be Amended to reflect the changes to the regular monthly Board of Education Meeting and workshop dates.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board of Education Approve the Lansingburgh C.S.D. Plan for Providing Services to Students with Disabilities as discussed at the January 5, 2010 Board workshop.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough 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 9.9M construction project:

H-010	Collett	\$1,167.00
H-012	Collett	\$2,665.00
H-013	Collett	\$4,784.00
H-014	Collett	\$5,743.00
E-016	Clune	\$ 924.00
G-048	Bunkoff	<u>\$ 588.00</u>
		\$15,871.00

7 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Goodwin presented the following Policies for first reading information:

Policy 4010 – Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials  
Policy 4751 – Class Rank and GPA  
Policy 6700 – Purchasing  
Policy 6720 – Purchasing Authority  
Policy 8131 – Pandemic Planning

Mr. Macri: Mid-term exams began today. For the month of January, review and preparation took place in subject areas. Questar III will be doing an item analysis on the English 11 Regents exam to provide feedback to share with teachers to determine which areas students might be deficient in so they may focus their instruction on those areas. Mr. Macri stated that there will be an in-house analysis on the Global Studies exam as well. There may be five January graduates. In February, the high school will be scheduling two blood drives prior to the end of the school year.

Mr. Paolino: On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, ELA and Science teachers were given release time to continue their work with CELA and the Leadership Team began to discuss administration and scoring of state exams. Eighth grade students have asked if they could sponsor a fund raiser for Haiti.

Mrs. Fushs: Rensselaer Park will have their school DARE program graduation on Wednesday, February 3 at 1:30 p.m. The students are currently active in the Pennies for Patients Program for their service project this month. This program supports those with cancer. To date they have raised \$700. On January 22, our Rensselaer Park PTA held their PARP program and invited several guests in to read to the children. For literacy night, our theme was snuggle up to a good book. Several teachers came dressed up as book characters. The teachers demonstrated to parents how to read to their children so they comprehend what is being read to them. They made book marks and had hot chocolate and cookies.

Mrs. Steenrod: We held bingo night for parents and students. It went well. Our MONDO program is really off to a great start. There have been meetings by grade level and this month we have started assessments on student growth in the program. Report cards will be distributed on February 5<sup>th</sup> and parent conferences will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. McNutt's students want to do a service project inspired by MONDO. They would like to fund raise so they can adopt a foster child. Mrs. Steenrod said that they continue to meet with Melissa Pinke, Questar III to improve their crisis response program.

Mr. Harkin: Ariana Youngs reached her 1000 point mark as a basketball player. The Varsity Boys Basketball team is currently in first place. The girls varsity basketball team are on a roll. They have won three games in a row. The wrestlers just sponsored a two-day tournament held at the high school. The turnout was very positive. The boys bowling team will finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place and the girls team will finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Both groups always do very well in sectionals. In indoor tack, Alney Tobias was 1<sup>st</sup> in the country for the 1000 meter race for one week, then lost a meet. The calendar on the website has been updated. The Boys Varsity Basketball team will be playing their regularly scheduled Friday game vs. Cohoes on Sunday at 12:00 p.m. at Siena College in the Coaches vs. Cancer tournament.

XIII. USE OF FACILITIES:

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a disciplinary matter concerning an employee, collective negotiation update and hiring of a particular person.

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the Board end their EXECUTIVE SESSION.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 P.M.