

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 27, 2009.

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Absent: N. McHugh

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

Visitors: 2

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on December 16, 2008, be Amended to read that the following report from the Tax Collector, be corrected to read for the **2008-2009** collection period be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board approves the following FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

8 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 Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Macey that the resignation, due to retirement, of Ms. Susan deGaspard, First Grade Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School be accepted with regret, effective June 30, 2010.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the resignation, due to retirement, of Ms. Marcia Plante, Physical Education teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School be accepted, with regret, effective June 30, 2010.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Lisa Pingelski, Social Studies Teacher at Lansingburgh High School be granted no more than 4 days of supplemental sick leave, at 1/400th of her annual salary, as per the L.T.A. Contract.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Mara DeSilva, Physical Education Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence beginning December 15, 1008 through June 15, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Ms. Justine Nigro be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Reading Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	-	January 12, 2009
Expiration of Probationary Service	-	January 11, 2012
Certification Status – Literacy B-12 (Initial), Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)		
Salary – Step 1		\$35,802
Masters		450
Graduate Credits – 36		<u>1,332</u>
		\$37,584 (pro-rated)

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Lance that Ms. Devin Simoncavage be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Grade 4 Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	-	January 26, 2009
Expiration of Probationary Service	-	January 25, 2012
Certification Status – Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)		
Salary – Step 1		\$35,802 (pro-rated)

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Ms. Leah Behe be appointed as part-time Special Education Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, effective December 17, 2008-June 30, 2009 with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service	-	December 12, 2008
Expiration of Service	-	June 30, 2009
Certification Status – Students with Disabilities 1-6 (Initial)		
Salary – Step 1		\$35,802
Differential		500
Masters		450
Graduate Credits – 55		<u>1,998</u>
		\$38,750 ÷ 2 = (\$19,375) pro-rated

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Ms. Samantha Nazarian be appointed as Physical Education Teacher (Permanent Substitute) at Rensselaer Park Elementary School effective December 15-June 25, 2009 with reimbursement according to the LTA Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service	-	December 15, 2008
Expiration of Service	-	June 25, 2009
Certification Status – Physical Education (Initial)		
Salary – Step 1		\$35,802 (pro-rated)

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Lynn Paradowski be appointed as Special Education Teacher (Permanent Substitute) at Turnpike Elementary School Effective February 2 – June 30, 2009 with reimbursement according to the LTA Contract.

Commencement of Service	-	February 2, 2009
Expiration of Service -		June 30, 2009
Certification Status – Students with Disabilities 1-6 (Initial), Childhood Education gr. 1-6 (Initial)		
Salary – Step 1		\$35,802
Differential		500
Masters		450
Graduate Credits – 34		<u>1,221</u>
		\$37,973(pro-rated)

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Substitute Coaching Appointment be approved for the 2008-2009 school year pending completion of NY State Coaching certification requirements with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. Contract:

Shaun Donegan – Substitute Ski Club Advisor – KMS/LHS

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey 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 2008-09 school year:

Leah Behe	Certified
Christopher Rian Colbert	Certified
Joy Purcell	Uncertified
Andrew Leece	Uncertified
Victoria Rotondi	Certified

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the attached list of Home Tutoring assignments be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Lance that Ms. Gretchyn Bedard 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 at Lansingburgh High School, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant/Nurses Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	January 5, 2009
Expiration of Probationary Service	January 4, 2012
Salary – Step 1	\$14,098.69 (pro-rated)

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Ms. Carrie Ortiz be appointed as a School Nurse at Turnpike Elementary School on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, effective January 20, 2009 with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant Contract.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to Table the Adoption of the Lansingburgh Central School District (403) b Retirement Plan

THEREFORE:

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley to Table the Adoption of the Lansingburgh Central School District 403 (b) Retirement Plan until the Board could have further discussion on it at the next Board Workshop on February 3, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following parent be approved as an alternate member for CPSE (Committee on Preschool Special Education):

Renee DeJesus - Alternate

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mr. Macey that the Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) to provide GED instruction to students in the Youth Build program, January 2009 through June 2009 at the rate of \$1,245.50 per student and that the Superintendent file a copy of the signed contract with the district clerk.

8Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District of the State of New York for the purpose of entering into a contract for Cooperative Education Services:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District of New York State (the "School District") desires to enter into a contract with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties ("Questar III"), entitled the "Contract for Cooperative Educational Services", a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services, Questar III will, on behalf of the School District, facilitate the provision of lease/purchase financing for the capital equipment described in Schedule A of the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services (the "Capital Equipment");

WHEREAS, the School District believes that the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services will facilitate the provision of technology improvement under the model schools program;

WHEREAS, the School District believes that the Cooperative Bidding Program provides a cost effective means of facilitating the Contract for Educational Services and that it is in the best interests of the School District to execute and deliver the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, or such other individuals as the Board of Education may appoint, be, and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver such documents and papers in the name of the School District as he or she deems necessary, advisable or appropriate to carry into effect the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

EXHIBIT A

CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

This Contract (the "Contract for Cooperative Educational Services") made this January 27, 2009 by and between the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District of New York State (the "School District") and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties ("Questar III"). The School District and Questar III shall sometimes be referred to herein individually, as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Section 1950 (4) (jj) of the Education Law permits the School District to contract with Questar III for a period in excess of one (1) year, but not exceeding five (5) years;

WHEREAS, Questar III desires to facilitate the provision of lease/purchase financing for the capital equipment described in Schedule A attached hereto (the "Capital Equipment");

WHEREAS, the Parties believe that the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services will facilitate the provision of technology improvement throughout the model schools program in a Questar III component school district;

WHEREAS, the Parties believe that the Cooperative Bidding Program provides a cost effective means of facilitating the Contract for Educational Services;

WHEREAS, on the 10th day of October, 2008, the School District filed with the Commissioner of Education a statement of assurance of technology services, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Questar III is authorized to facilitate provision of the lease/purchase financing pursuant to the Contract for Cooperative Services Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and premises set forth herein, the Parties intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. In consideration for Questar III's facilitation of the provision of the lease/purchase financing for the Capital Equipment, the School District agrees to pay, upon demand by Questar III, the total contract cost for the provision of the Capital Equipment pursuant to the Cooperative Bidding Program, including but not limited to the purchase price, interest, fees and other expenses incurred by Questar III in connection with the facilitation of the lease/purchase financing.
2. The School District further agrees to obtain insurance in an amount not less than the replacement value of the Capital Equipment from the perils of fire, extended coverage, vandalism and theft, naming Questar III as the insured, for the term of the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services.

The Contract for Cooperative Educational Services shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties, the terms and provisions of which shall not be altered, except by mutual agreement of the Parties, in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have set their hands, the day and year indicated below:

Questar III By: _____	School District By: _____
Name: C. Harry Hadjioannou	Name: <u>George J. Goodwin</u>
Title: Assistant Superintendent for Business & Financial Services	Title: <u>Superintendent of Schools</u>
Date: _____	Date: _____
Address: Questar III 10 Empire State Blvd Castleton, NY 12033	Address: <u>Lansingburgh C.S.D.</u> <u>576 Fifth Avenue</u> <u>Troy, N.Y. 12182</u>

SCHEDULE A
Description of the Capital Equipment
1 - Ricoh Pro 1356EX Network Printer
8 - Ricoh Aficio MP8000 Network Printers
8 - Ricoh Aficio MP 3350B Network Printers

SCHEDULE B
Schedule of Payments

Year 1-2008/2009	<u>\$27,157.90</u>
Year 2-2009/2010	<u>\$27,157.90</u>
Year 3-2010/2011	<u>\$27,157.90</u>
Year 4-2011/2012	<u>\$27,157.90</u>
Year 5-2012/2013	<u>\$27,157.90</u>

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that IKON be awarded the Service/Maintenance Agreement for the copiers purchased through Questar III BOCES, for a five year period at 0.00028 cost per copy as discussed at the Board Workshop on January 13, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION ITEMS: _____

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Macey that the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 26, 2009 with the Lansingburgh Teachers Association regarding the Retirement Incentive be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Memorandum of Agreement Dated January 26, 2009 with the Lansingburgh Administrators Association regarding the Retirement Incentive be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 27, 2009 with the Lansingburgh CSD Teaching Assistant Unit, Rensselaer County Education Local 871 of CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, ALF-CIO (CSEA) regarding the Retirement Incentive be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 27, 2009 with the Lansingburgh School District Unit, Rensselaer County Education Local 871 of CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, ALF-CIO (CSEA) regarding the Retirement Incentive be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Goodwin presented the following Policies For Information:

1. Policy 0100 – Equal Opportunity
2. Policy 5100 – Attendance
3. Policy 5550 – Student Privacy

The district Health and Safety Fair is scheduled for March 25, 2009 from 4 – 8 p.m. in the KMS Gym, classrooms and media center. There will be workshops and informational booths set up throughout the first floor.

Mr. Goodwin stated that he received an email today regarding Regents exams if school were to be closed on Wednesday. There would be no exams given. If it is unsafe for students to come to school it is unsafe to administer Regents and school exams. Mr. Goodwin asked for the principals' reports:

Mrs. Bergin, Principal LHS stated that the Regents and School exams were taking place Tuesday through Friday of this week.

Mr. Paolino, Principal KMS stated that the Middle School ELA State exams have been completed. Student make-up tests are currently being given.

Mrs. Fushs – Both Turnpike school and Rensselaer Park have completed their NYS ELA assessment tests and they are being scored. The RPES Fourth grade students are taking the ELA Field Test this week. Their school DARE program graduation is scheduled for Wednesday night with a snow date of Thursday.

The students are currently saving pennies for patients program. This program supports those with cancer.

Mr. Harkin –The Varsity Boys Basketball team is currently tied for first place. The girls are above 500. The sectional games begin next week. I will be finishing up the spring coaches interviews and will have recommendations for you for February.

XIII. USE OF FACILITIES:

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

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Macey that the Board end their EXECUTIVE SESSION.

8 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 Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the meeting be adjourned.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

