

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 29, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. McHugh 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, N. McHugh, J. O'Malley, M. Sweeney

Absent: none

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

Visitors: 5

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mrs. McHugh asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss one disciplinary matter related to a particular person.

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:32 P.M.

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board ended their Executive Session at 7:53 P.M.

IV. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on December 18, 2007, be approved.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Board approve the following FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

VI. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mrs. McHugh asked if any visitors would like to speak to the agenda.
none

VII. COMMUNICATIONS:

none

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the resignation, due to retirement, of Mr. Howard Barnes, Sixth Grade Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School, be accepted with regret, effective June 30, 2009.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the resignation, due to retirement, of Ms. Susan Shea, fifth grade teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, be accepted, with regret, effective June 30, 2009.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the resignation of Ms. Eileen Culliton, Freshman Class Advisor for Lansingburgh High School, be accepted, with regret, effective September 2007.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the resignation of Ms. Cheryl Zwobada, Teaching Assistant at Turnpike Elementary School, be accepted, with regret, effective February 29, 2008.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the resignation of Mr. Kashon Holmes, Assistant Varsity Boys Track Coach, be accepted, with regret, effective February 17, 2008.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following be appointed to tenure to the position to which they have served the required probationary period as specified below:

Name – Stephanie DeFrancesco
Tenure Area – Elementary Teacher
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – January 19, 2008

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Ms. Erinne Flanigan be Appointed as Committee on Special Education Chairperson, effective January 28, 2008 through June 20, 2008 per the LTA contract (prorated).

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Ms. Kate J. Ireland be approved as a Special Education Teacher (permanent substitute) at Turnpike Elementary School for the period of January 30, 2008 through June 30, 2008 with reimbursement according to the July Re-organizational Board Meeting Minutes.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Mr. Davis Chamberlain be appointed as Head Coach for J.V. Lacrosse beginning March 2008 through June 2008 with reimbursement according to the LTA memorandum of agreement at 6% of teacher base.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Mr. Jonathan Pravel be appointed as Assistant Coach for J.V. Lacrosse beginning March 2008 through June 2008 with reimbursement according to the LTA memorandum of agreement at 4% of teacher base.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Macey that Ms. Mara DeSilva be appointed as Intramural Coach for Girls Lacrosse beginning March 2008 through June 2008 with reimbursement according to the LTA Contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Ms. Lauren Liesman be appointed as Intramural Coach for Volleyball beginning January 2008 through June 2008 with reimbursement according to the LTA Contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that Ms. Maria Giglio be appointed as Freshman Class Co-Advisor for Lansingburgh High School for the 2007-2008 school year with reimbursement according to the LTA Contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Ms. Sarah Smith be appointed as Freshman Class Co-Advisor for Lansingburgh High School for the 2007-2008 school year with reimbursement according to the LTA Contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that Mrs. Rose Masterson be appointed as Social Studies Teacher (permanent substitute), at Knickerbacker Middle School from January 29, 2008 for the duration of the 2007-2008 school year with reimbursement at a rate of \$227.80 per day.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that Mr. Michael Stott be approved as a Social Studies Teacher (permanent substitute) at Lansingburgh High School beginning February 1, 2008 with reimbursement according to the LTA Contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Macey 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 2007-08 school year:

Jacklyn-Anthony Viel	K-12	Uncertified
Wendy Teta	K-12	Uncertified
Matthew McMahon	5-12	Certified

9 Ayes Motion Carried

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the resignation of Ms. Melanie Holcomb, Typist/Attendance Clerk be accepted, with regret, effective January 11, 2008.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. Macey that the Mr. Robert Schongar be appointed to a permanent position as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds I, Permanent, per Rensselaer County Civil Service.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Lance that Mr. Arnaud (Jerome) Bolivar, Be appointed as Part-Time Custodial Worker for the Lansingburgh Central School District, effective February 2, 2008 with compensation per the CSEA contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following Non-Instructional Substitute be approved 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, with reimbursement according to the C.S.E.A. Contract/Board Policy:

Kelly Bristol - Sub-Typist, Teacher Aide, Custodian, Noon Aide

9 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following Policies, as presented for information at the Regular Board Workshop of December 18, 2007 by the Policy Committee, be approved:

Policy 4351	Travel and Exchange Programs
Policy 4351-R	Travel and Exchange Programs Regulations
Policy 8630	Computer Resources and Data Management
Policy 8630-R	Computer Resources and Data Management Regulations

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Soundwaves Field Trip to Cedar Point, Ohio, May 15-17, be approved as discussed at the Board Workshop held on January 15, 2008.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the attached List of Students with Disabilities, be approved.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. Macey that the Lansingburgh Board of Education approve the revision to the Monthly Board Meeting Locations:

February 26, 2008 – Knickerbacker Middle School
 March 25, 2008 – Rensselaer Park Elementary School
April 29, 2008 – Turnpike Elementary School
 May 27, 2008 – Lansingburgh High School

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$3,808.03 from the Lansingburgh Football Booster Club. Be it further resolved that these funds be used to offset the purchase of football cleats and the cheerleaders bus to the State championships.

8 Ayes Motion Carried
 1 Abstain (Mr. Macey)

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education increase the 2007-2008 General Fund Appropriations and Revenues in the amount of \$6,000 for the purpose of field trips, science supplies, and equipment and school presentations for the Rensselaer Park Elementary School, as a result of a donation from the Schreier Family Foundation be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried
 1 Nay (Mrs. O'Malley)

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mr. Sweeney that Mr. Jaime Thomas be approved as Permanent Chairman for the Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Knickerbacker Middle School Auditorium and for the Bond Vote on February 26, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Board of Education approve the following to serve on the Board of Registration on February 13, 2008: Lois Ambuhl, Mary Anne Lynick, Toni McKnight, Betty McLaughlin, Jean O'Connell, and Betty Ryan with compensation of \$60.00 each for the day, and that the Board of Education approve the following to serve on the Board of Elections on February 26, 2008 with compensation of \$125.00 each for the day:

Election District I
Knickerbacker Middle School
 Jean O'Connell, Chief Inspector
 Lois Ambuhl, Inspector
 Lois Bushey, Inspector
 Marilyn Mackey, Inspector

Election District II
Turnpike Elementary School
 Betty McLaughlin, Chief Inspector
 Betty Ryan, Inspector

Election District III
Speigletown Fire House
 Toni McKnight, Chief Inspector
 Joan Rasmussen, Inspector

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Board of Education approve Mr. Michael Karam to service three voting machines for the Bond Vote on February 26, 2008, at a rate of \$300 and that Mr. Michael Karam be paid an additional \$50.00 for training of Bond Vote poll workers.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education approve Mr. Sam Bizzaro to service three voting machines for the Bond Vote on February 26, 2008, at a rate of \$300.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

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

HC-013	Campito	\$ 993.00
HC-014	Campito	\$ 6,087.00
HC-015	Campito	\$ 3,011.00
HC-016	Campito	\$ 993.00
GC-072	Greco	\$ 542.00
GC-073	Greco	\$ 3,379.00
HC-017	Campito	\$17,155.00
HC-018	Campito	\$17,155.00
GC-071	Greco	\$19,951.00
GC-074	Greco	\$ 6,300.00
GC-075	Greco	\$ 6,469.00
GC-076	Greco	\$ 5,619.00
GC-077	Greco	\$ 9,079.00
GC-078	Greco	<u>\$ 8,925.00</u>
	Total change orders	\$105,658.00

9 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. School Activities

- Lansingburgh High School
- Knickerbacker Middle School
- Rensselaer Park Elementary School
- Turnpike Elementary School
- Athletic Director Report

Mr. Goodwin presented the following Policies For Information:

- B. Policy 4000 – Student Learning Objectives and Instructional Goals (For Your Information)
- C. Policy 4321 – Programs for Students with Disabilities under the Idea and New York’s Education Law Article 89 (For Your Information)
- D. Policy 4321.1 – Provision of Special Education Services in the Least Restrictive Environment (For Your Information)
- E. Policy 4321.2 – School-Wide Pre-Referral Approaches and Interventions (For Your Information)
- F. Policy 4321.3 – Allocation of Space for Special Education Programs (For Your Information)
- G. Policy 4321-4 – Independent Educational Evaluations (For Your Information)
- H. Policy 4321.5 – Confidentiality and Access to Individualized Education Programs, Individualized Education Services Programs and Service Plans (For Your Information)
- I. Policy 4321.6 – Availability of Alternative Format Instructional Materials for Students with Disabilities (For Your Information)
- J. Policy 4321-7 – District-wide and Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities (For Your Information)
- K. Policy 4321-8 – Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation (For Your Information)
- L. Policy 4321-9 – Declassification of Students with Disabilities (For Your Information)
- M. Policy 4321.10 - Programs and Services for Parentally-Placed Non-Public School Students with Disabilities (For Your Information)

- N. Policy 4321.11 – Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures Upon a finding of Significant Disproportionality (For Your Information)
- O. Policy 4321.12 – Use of Time Out Rooms, Physical Restraints and Aversives (For Your Information)
- P. Policy 5300.50 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities (For Your Information)
- Q. Policy 5460 – Child Abuse in a Domestic Setting (For Your Information)
- R. Policy 5460-R – Child Abuse in a Domestic Setting Regulation (For Your Information)

Mrs. Bergin, Principal LHS stated that second semester has begun. Exams went well. Students will be evaluated. The guidance counselors have been meeting with Juniors and have begun to meet with next year's Sophomores. They have scheduled programs in preparation for the Prom – alcohol awareness with the local representatives from M.A.D.D. Seniors have been wrapping up their college evaluations and are awaiting responses. HVCC will be sending a representative to the school soon. Seniors have been working on character education projects. Sponsored Coaches vs. Cancer and raised money for cancer. The school has participated with Knickerbacker Middle School on two tobacco surveys. Seniors are currently mentoring middle school students. Mr. Macri ran an evaluation on attendance to compare tardiness from 2006/2007 vs. 2007-2008. In 2006-2006 there were over 3,000 students tardy to school. At present they have 1,100 students who have been tardy.

Mr. Goodwin (Mr. Paolino was absent) – ELA state assessments have been administered. Math assessments will be in March. The middle school students are working with high school mentors and over 70 students are being mentored by adults as well. Mr. Paolino will be meeting with students regarding good choices and decisions.

Mrs. Fushs – NYS ELA assessment tests are being scored. She is very hopeful. The mentor program currently has 35 to 40 students being mentored by staff. The students at Rensselaer Park are sponsoring a Pennies for Patients program to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Students were asked to bring in spare change. There are approximately 75 school which participate. Last year, Rensselaer Park placed twelfth. The program raised money to help with the survival rate for childhood acute lymphocytic leukemia in children under 15. Their school DARE program graduation will be at 1:40 p.m. on Thursday. Rensselaer Park had student art projects exhibited at Siena College for Martin Luther King Day. The next Peter, Paul and George Family Night was held on January 11. There were Folk singers, instruments, song and dance from around the world. It was a great time.

Mrs. Steenrod said that everything that was in her report to the Board is what has been occurring. She and her faculty have been analyzing Math results from last year to see the areas that need to be focused on for the students this year. There will be bingo tomorrow night at Turnpike.

Mr. Harkin – the basketball team is currently leading. He has been meeting with scholar athletes and also struggling athletes. Kenny Youngs received the New York State Coaches Association Player of the Year award. Twenty-five to 40 students have come out for volleyball. There are 13 students signed up for Lacrosse. The bowling team for both boys and girls finished second for the season. Sectionals are coming up.

Nyquan McGuirt won the Martin Luther King Essay contest.

Mr. Goodwin's superintendent report.

The policies listed on the Board meeting agenda are for first readings. All but the first one are special education related and have been reviewed by the Director of Pupil Personnel Services. On February 5th, state primaries will be held at Rensselaer Park and Knickerbacker Middle School. Lisa Kyer, the superintendent of Troy, the business administrator for Troy and I met on Friday to discuss the Utility Tax Lansingburgh residents are being taxed by the utility tax imposed by the Troy School District. The Troy superintendent was open to discussion. He will talk to his school district to try to solve the problem. Lisa will be working with Troy's business administrator. A letter was sent to the superintendent. Hopefully there will be a resolution.

I will be scheduling a meeting with Senator Bruno's and his staff. The date will be forthcoming. I also hope to schedule a meeting with Ron Canestrari as well.

We held a Key Communicator meeting last evening. It went very well. The feedback was positive. Matt Monaghan made his presentation to them. He will be at the Public Hearing. Mrs. Farrell represented the board. It was a very positive meeting.

I have sent invitation letters to the unitary plan committee members, key communicators, superintendent search committee and other active members to increase community involvement for practices/policies. We will look at the unitary plan, title one, and Contract for Excellence. We will receive input from them and share the information. I will also post the meetings on the web site. I have scheduled the District Safety Planning Committee Meeting for February 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. I sent letters to the task force for school safety and the Safety Committee.

School Resource Officers are being pulled out of school districts. Officer McMahon is with us through a grant. Bill Rohr is exploring possibilities beyond 2009 through grant funding.

We can do a press release in the Troy Community Bulletin Board section of the Record for the two upcoming committee meetings for interested community members.

XIII. USE OF FACILITIES:

Mrs. McHugh asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss one staff item.

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:43 P.M.

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education