

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD
AT THE KNICKERBACKER MIDDLE
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sweeney at 7:33 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL: K. Bristol, S. Farrell, P.J. Higgitt, E. McDonough, J. Shover,
M. Sweeney, C. Walp, J. Ward

Absent: 0

Others Present: T. Broderick, J. Brown, M. Fushs, G. Goodwin, D. Hopkins,
L. Kyer, F. Macri, Katherine Oboyski-Butler, B. Sperling,
J. Wager

Visitors: 2 (L. Weinman, J. McMahon)

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on December 20, 2010, and the minutes from the SPECIAL BOARD MEETING held on January 10, 2011 be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol 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 acknowledged visitors at the Board meeting and went on to read the Board policies governing visitors who wish to address the Board.

None wished to speak.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS:
None

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that the resignation, due to retirement, of Mr. George J. Goodwin, Superintendent of the Lansingburgh Central Schools be accepted with regret, effective at the close of business June 30, 2011.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that Dena Rich be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence extension beginning September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Ms. Laura Weinman be appointed as School Counselor at Lansingburgh High School, per the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service -	November 23, 2010
Expiration of Probationary Service -	November 22, 2013
Certification Status – School Counselor (Provisional)	
Tenure Track - School Counselor	
Salary – Step I	\$36,792
Master’s Degree	450
Differential	500
Graduate Credits – 48	<u>1,776</u>
	\$39,518 (pro-rated)

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Krysten Kellman be appointed as School Counselor (Permanent Substitute) at Lansingburgh High School with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service -	January 31, 2011
Expiration of Probationary Service -	June 30, 2011
Certification Status –School Counselor (Provisional)	
Salary – Step 1	\$36,792
Masters	450
Differential	500
Graduate Credits –46	<u>1,665</u>
	\$39,407 (prorated)

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough 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 2010-11 school year:

Amanda Agneta	Uncertified
R. Scott Birge, Jr.	Certified
Richard LaJeunesse	Uncertified
Emily Rose	Certified

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the following Volunteer Coaching Appointments be approved for the 2010-2011 school year pending completion of NY State Coaching certification requirements with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. Contract:

- Robert Gregware – Volunteer Assistant Modified Basketball Coach
- Edward Richards – Volunteer Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for purposes of retirement of Rita Maloney, from the position of teacher aide, effective January 3, 2011, in accordance with the resignation Agreement and General Release, dated December 22, 2010, and hereby authorizes and ratifies the execution of that Agreement by the Superintendent.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Ms. Ward that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purposes of retirement of Mrs. Debra Bressette, from the position of custodian effective January 29, 2011.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Ms. Alexandria LaCoss 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 6, 2011
Expiration of Probationary Service	January 5, 2014
Salary – Step 1	\$13.21 hr

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that Ms. Sarah T. McCart 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 Rensselaer Park Elementary School, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant/Nurses Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	February 1, 2011
Expiration of Probationary Service	January 31, 2014
Salary – Step 1	\$13.21 hr

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Ms. Ward that the following Non-Instructional Student Step Worker be approved for the 2010-2011 school year:

James Domey

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Ms. Ward that Ms. Donna Welcome be appointed as Deputy District Clerk for the 2010-2011 school year.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Ms. Ward that the Board of Education engage Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. to act as Financial Advisors for the \$18.5M Capital Improvement Project and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to negotiate a contract with this firm. A copy of this contract will be filed with the District Clerk.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Board of Education Amend the location of the Monthly Board Meetings to the following:

- Monday, February 28, 2011 – Knickerbacker Middle School Auditorium
- Monday, March 28, 2011 – Turnpike Elementary School Cafeteria
- Tuesday**, April 26, 2011 – Rensselaer Park Elementary School Cafeteria
- Monday, May 23, 2011 – LHS/KMS Media Center
- Monday, June 27, 2011 – LHS/KMS Media Center

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Measurement Incorporated, in the amount of \$36,875, to complete the required Curriculum Audit of Knickerbacker Middle School and that the Superintendent file a copy of this contract with the District Clerk.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board of Education Approve the Lansingburgh C.S.D. Corrective Action Plan for the 2009-2010 Independent Audit as discussed at the Audit Committee Workshop on January 31, 2011.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education President be authorized to approve the following Change Orders for the 2.9M construction project:

G-018	BCI	\$4,147.79	at LHS
G-019	BCI	\$ 860.43	at TES
G-020	BCI	\$2,000.00	at KMS
H-009	Family Danz	\$2,233.52	at LHS
E-011	DLC	\$1,063.07	at LHS
H-015	Family Danz	\$8,014.00	at KMS

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Board of Education Approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: yes

A motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purposes of retirement of Ms. Barbara Vollmer from the position of Library/Media Specialist at Rensselaer Park/Turnpike Elementary School, effective June 30, 2011.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Goodwin stated that the Governor's budget proposal will be released tomorrow. He will keep the Board informed. Newly elected Assemblyman Steven McLaughlin sent him a letter asking for the school district's top three priorities. He would like to indicate containment/reduction of charter school costs, mandate and cost relief related to special education and allow school districts to collaborate on student transportation. Assemblyman McLaughlin also indicated in his letter that he would like to attend our workshops/meetings so Mr. Goodwin will also enclose the dates of the remaining meetings.

Mrs. Fushs: Rensselaer Park – We have just completed the ELA assessments with Mondo reading design. The Rensselaer Park PTA held their PARP program and invited several guests in to read to the children. The Student Council is currently active in the Pennies for Patients Program for their service project this month. This program supports those with cancer. The Fifth grade students just had their school DARE program graduation on Tuesday, January 25 at 2:00 p.m. On Friday, January 28, the fifth grade students held an evening Dare Fair. There was a magician, picture I.D.s were taken by the Sheriff Department and there was also a D.J. Mr. Rowlands and Mr. Schechter's Drama club presented Rock of Ages. It was written by Mr. Rowlands and Mrs. Cotler. The fourth and fifth grade students did an excellent job.

Mr. Macri: Lansingburgh High School – Mr. Macri thanked the Rensselaer Park PTA for sponsoring such an enjoyable day on January 27th. He loved reading to the fourth grade students. It was a great day. Mid-term exams and Regents exams were given. Everything seemed to go very well. LHS piloted the Integrated Algebra scanning program. The results from the mid-terms just recently came out. Mrs. Brown, Mr. Wager, the counselors and myself are reviewing the results and are addressing the student needs. Mrs. Brown recently took a group of students to the S.T.O.P. program at Siena. S.T.O.P. stands for students together opposing prejudice. Our second coffee house attendance was low; however it was a great night. They discussed a variety of different topics with parents. Everything is posted on the website. Cyber Bullying was also discussed.

Mr. Hopkins: Knickerbacker Middle School – He as well read to second graders at Rensselaer Park. On January 13th they held their second principal's tea. Due to weather, only 7 attended. Their focus was on bullying. At their January 10th faculty meeting they discussed the Knickerbacker Middle School Corrective Action Plan goals related to special education and ELA. Their S.I.N.I. team reviewed the goals which included curriculum mapping, assessments, teaming, and school climate.

Mr. Goodwin – I want to congratulate Mrs. Sperling. The State Education Department just recently conducted a comprehensive education audit and the District is in full compliance.

XIII. USE OF FACILITIES:

Mrs. Sweeney asked Mr. Goodwin if there were any Executive Session items to be discussed. Mr. Goodwin said yes, two, matters related to the medical, financial credit or employment history of a particular person.

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

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:55 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Ms. Ward 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. Walp and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the meeting be adjourned.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education