

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sweeney at 7:58 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL: K. Bristol, S. Farrell, K. Gamble, P. J. Higgitt, E. McDonough,
J. O'Malley, J. Shover, M. Sweeney

Absent: none

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

Visitors: 0

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on January 26, 2010, be APPROVED.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: none

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: none

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the resignation of Mr. Patrick Wilson, LHS Mock Trial Advisor, be accepted, with regret effective February 15, 2010.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. McDonough, that Ms. Melissa McQuade be appointed as Special Education Teacher at Lansingburgh High School, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – September 17, 2009	
Expiration of Probationary Service – September 16, 2012	
Certification Status – Students with Disabilities Gr. 7-12 Supplemental English	
Salary – Step 4	\$37,881
Masters	450
Differential	500
Graduate Credits - 39	<u>1,443</u>
	\$40,274 (pro-rated)

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol 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:

Cheryl Bianconi	Certified
Allyson Connors	Certified
Stacey Irwin	Certified
Megan Melsom	Uncertified
Laura Pierino	Certified
Kelli Siracusa	Uncertified
Tina Stehlin	Certified
Sharon Zachgo	Certified

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following Coaching Appointments be approved for the 2009-10 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract:

Coaching Reappointments

Varsity Softball Coach	John Cipperly
Junior Varsity Softball Coach	Timothy Fontaine
Modified Softball Coach	Catherine Stockton
Varsity Baseball Coach	Joseph Henkel
Junior Varsity Baseball Coach	Ryan Debrosky
Modified Baseball Coach	John Naples
Varsity Lacrosse Coach	Jonathan Pravel
Assistant Varsity Girls Track Coach	Dale Broomhead
Varsity Boys Track Coach	Christian Brophy
Assistant Varsity Boys Track Coach	Erik Smith
Head Modified Track Coach	Edward Young
Assistant Modified Track Coach	Allen McNall

New Appointments

Assistant Varsity Track Coach	Patrick Wilson
Girls Varsity Track Coach	Erik Smith

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Shover that Mr. Christopher Rian Colbert be appointed to the position of LHS Mock Trial Advisor effective February 23, 2010 with compensation according to the LTA contract.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the resignation of Stacy Weeks, Noon Aide/Breakfast Aide at Rensselaer Park Elementary School be accepted, with regret effective February 12, 2010.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Shover that the resignation, due to retirement, of Mr. Lawrence Lowell, custodian at Lansingburgh High School, be accepted with regret, effective June 30, 2010.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley 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 reimbursement According to the C.S.E.A. Contract/Board Policy:

Kenneth Retell, Jr.	-	substitute custodian
Donna Colligan	-	substitute clerical/typist, teacher aide, breakfast aide, noon aide

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. Shover that Ms. Carmen Guzman be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as noon-aide at Rensselaer Park Elementary School for the 2009-2010 School year with compensation as approved by the Board of Education on July 7, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board meeting on January 26, 2010, be approved:

- Policy 4010 – Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials
- Policy 4751 – Class Rank and GPA
- Policy 6700 – Purchasing
- Policy 6710 – Purchasing Authority
- Policy 8131 – Pandemic Planning

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following non-resident tuition rates be approved by the Board of Education:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>2008-2009 Rate</u>	<u>2009-2010 Rate</u>
Handicapped K-6	\$11,240	\$13,845
Handicapped 7-12	\$12,726	\$14,915
Full Day K-6	\$ 2,590	\$ 2,674
Secondary 7-12	\$ 4,076	\$ 3,744

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Board of Education Approve the following items for surplus:

1. Pitney Bowes Mailing System Model#A510, serial# 55774 and cart it sits on. (replaced with new model in 06')
2. Forms Deleavor 2205 – use to separate orders. BOCES said to discard.
3. Brothers Intel fax 4100 – broken
4. Data Card – select image card – replaced with new model Summer 09
5. HP Laser jet drawer – broken
6. Monitor – broken

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Board President or Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with Habitat for Learning, Inc., d.b.a. Sylvan Learning Center to provide supplemental services to eligible Knickerbacker Middle School students as required by N.C.L.B. Act, Title I, not to exceed the New York State maximum rate of \$2,390.70 per student and that the Superintendent file a signed contract with the Clerk of the Board.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Board President or Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with Questar III BOCES to provide supplemental services to eligible Knickerbacker Middle School Students as required by N.C.L.B. Act, Title I, not to exceed the New York State maximum rate of \$2,390.70 per student and that the Superintendent file a signed contract with the Clerk of the Board.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Board President or Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with ClubZ to provide supplemental services to eligible Knickerbacker Middle School Students as required by N.C.L.B. Act, Title I, not to exceed the New York State maximum rate of \$2,390.70 per student and that the Superintendent file a signed contract with the Clerk of the Board.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the Board of Education approves authorization to refund taxes to Verizon, New York Inc. whose property is located in the City of Troy 466, Third Avenue in the amount of \$3,441.70 for school year 2008-2009 and \$3,544.16 for school year 2009-2010.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Board of Education establishes a scholarship fund on behalf of the Lastrup Family in memory of Robert Lastrup, a 1975 Lansingburgh High School graduate and member of the Lansingburgh Wrestling Team. The scholarship will be awarded to a Lansingburgh wrestler who demonstrates hard work, a positive attitude and a friendly demeanor, to be awarded each June with the monetary amount to be determined through fundraising.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Memorandum of Agreement dated February 3, 2010 with the Lansingburgh Teachers Association regarding the Retirement Incentive be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Memorandum of Agreement dated February 3, 2010 with the Lansingburgh Administrators Association regarding the Retirement Incentive be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Memorandum of Agreement dated February 3, 2010 with the Lansingburgh CSD Teaching Assistant Unit, Rensselaer County Education Local 871 of CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO (CSEA) regarding the Retirement Incentive be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Memorandum of Agreement dated February 3, 2010 with the Lansingburgh School District Unit, Rensselaer County Education Local 871 of CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO (CSEA) regarding the Retirement Incentive be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

On Saturday, March 6, there will be a workshop at Questar III BOCES, Surviving the Financial Crisis. On Saturday, February 27th, our four schools will be participating in the Odyssey of the Mind Tournament. There is one team representing Turnpike, one team representing Rensselaer Park, one team representing the high school and three teams representing Knickerbacker Middle School. The competition is at various times at the Rensselaer City School District.

Lansingburgh High

Mr. Macri - As you are aware we held the mid-year graduation ceremony for five Lansingburgh High School seniors who met their graduation requirements. Congratulations to all of the students. This week the Lansingburgh High School Cabaret will be held at Rensselaer Park Elementary School on February 24 at 7:00 p.m. The cheerleading squad placed first at the Mohonasen Tournament. All sophomore students have met with their counselors and selected courses for the 2010-2011 school year. The counselors are beginning to meet with the Juniors. Mr. Macri stated that there is currently posted on the bulletin board outside of the office, 26 scholarship notifications.

Knickerbacker Middle

Mr. Paolino – I just wanted to explain the fundraiser that was held. The students wanted to have a fundraiser for the Friends of Rachel club which consists of approximately 40 KMS/LHS students. The top grade fundraising could choose an activity to do. The students chose to see Mr. Holmes perform the dance “The Jerk” during the lunch periods. It was an overwhelming success. The fundraising challenge was a carnation sale.

Student council sold lolly grams for Valentine’s Day. Our KMS leadership team meets monthly to address factors that impact student learning and to discuss instructional strategies that should be implemented. Team meetings occur daily. We held assemblies for each grade level to start preparation for state testing.

Rensselaer Park

Mrs. Fushs – Parent teacher conferences were held. Teachers and students are doing very well with the new reading program. There is a lot of excitement with this program. Mrs. Fushs went on to say that the Shared Decision Making Committee met. They just sponsored Jump Rope for the Heart in gym classes, student council held three gift basket raffles to help raise money for Haiti. There will be a read a book for Haiti fundraiser soon. Mr. Williams has started the Dance Crazy program. PTA and PARP had an ice cream social reward party. PTA also had a Radio Disney dance for the students. On February 23rd, the Rensselaer Park Drama Club will be performing their 45 minute play at 7:00 p.m.

Turnpike Elementary

Mrs. Steenrod – MONDO – The students have been assessed and are doing quite well. The students will be having their “penny wars” – Students bring in their donated pennies and all proceeds go to the Dress A Dragon program. Marcia Nickerson and Gloria Waters collect and roll the coins. This month’s service project is sponsored by the first grade and they have chosen Hats on For Cancer. Students pay \$1. to wear a hat to school. Founders Day is March 5.

Athletics

Mr. Harkin:

Cheerleaders

Congratulations to the Junior Varsity Cheerleading team for placing 2nd in the Non-Tumbling JV Division. They went against 5 other teams: Ravena, Mohonasen, Columbia, Troy and Catholic High. Varsity placed first in the Non-Tumbling Varsity division. They went against 9 other teams: Ravena, Rensselaer, Catholic High, Troy High, Albany, Mayfield, Bishop Maginn, Tamarac and Taconic High.

Girls Bowling - Rebecca Pratt had the highest average in the Colonial Council, MVP for the Colonial Council 2009-2010, placed second in the sectionals and qualified for the Section 2 All Star Team which competes this Saturday, March 6, 2010 in Rochester.

Wrestling – The wrestling team just finished a long hard stretch of wrestling. The first weekend of February the team travelled to Burnt Hills for the Class B Sectionals. Of the seven wrestlers competing, four placed: William Richards – 2nd place at 112 pounds; Drew Oligney – 3rd place at 125 pounds; Austin Schnapp – 2nd place at 160 pounds; and Chad Obzud – 1st place at 171 pounds. Those four wrestlers started their Winter Recess at the Glens Falls Civic Center for the Wrestling Sectionals. All four did a great job representing their school, team and families. Senior Will Richards was seeded 3rd in his weight class and finished 2nd in the Sectionals. Sophomore, Drew Oligney was seeded 6th in his weight class but ran into tough competition and did not place. Senior Austin Schnapp was seeded 3rd in his weight class and wrestled a tough tournament and finished 4th. Senior Chad Obzud was seeded 2nd in his weight class and took first place. Chad is the school’s first sectional champion. Chad also became the first wrestler in school history to place at the State Tournament with his 6th place finish. Will, Austin and Chad all became members of the 100 win club this year. Their names will be put on a plaque that hangs in the display case outside the Media Center. They will be among only six other wrestlers to do this in school history.

Upcoming Sporting Event

Boys Sectional Basketball Game – Thursday, March 4 – 7:30 p.m. Glens Falls Civic Center versus Ichabod Crane.

Boys Track and Field Team Wins Sectionals

At the Sectional Championship Meet that was held at the University at Albany on February 21st, 2010, the Lansingburgh Boys Track and Field Team won their first ever Sectional Championship defeating Ichabod Crane 82 to 77. The Knights were carried by performance of Terrance Kemp (Sectional Champion in the High Hurdles – 8.64 and Triple Jump – 41’7”), Alney Tobias (Champion in the 4x800m Relay, 4x400m Relay, and a second place finish in the 600m), CJ Sousis also competed in the 3200m and 1600m taking a second and third respectively. Albert Scardera ran excellent races in the 1000m and the 4x400m Relay, with Aaron Fuller helping them. The Knights have been finalists for the championship but this was the first time that they took home the gold for Lansingburgh. It was a total team effort and the boys worked incredibly hard. We are all very proud of them!

XIII. USE OF FACILITIES:

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss one collective bargaining item, one appointment of a particular individual and one student issue.

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:25 P.M.

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

Executive session ended at 9:40 P.M.

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. Farrell that the meeting be adjourned.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education