

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD
IN THE TURNPIKE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL CAFETERIA ON TUESDAY,
MARCH 24, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sweeney at 7:36 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Absent: H. McGrath

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

Visitors: 4

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on February 27, 2009 be APPROVED.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Board APPROVE the following FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

6 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mrs. Sweeney asked if any visitors would like to speak to the agenda.

Mr. Goodwin introduced Amber Maxim, student teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School and her father. They wished to observe our Board meeting. Mr. Jason Shover is a parent to two students at Turnpike Elementary School and Mrs. Fran Del Signore is a parent of two students in Knickerbacker M.S. and Lansingburgh High School. She wished to address the Board expressing her gratitude for making her daughters' transition into the district a successful one.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: none

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the resignation, due to retirement of Mr. Joseph Kaczynski, Fifth Grade Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School be accepted with regret, effective June 30, 2009. Mr. Kaczynski has elected to take advantage of the early retirement incentive offered by the Lansingburgh Central School District on January 29, 2009.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the resignation, due to retirement of Mr. John Walden, School Psychologist at Lansingburgh High School be accepted with regret, effective June 30, 2009. Mr. Walden has elected to take advantage of the early retirement incentive offered by the Lansingburgh Central School District on January 29, 2009.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the resignation of Mr. Allen Macey, Lansingburgh C.S.D. Board of Education member, be accepted with regret effective February 27, 2009.

5Ayes Motion Carried
1 Opposed (Higgitt)

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Lance that Mrs. Christy Lill, Elementary Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School be granted an extension of her unpaid parental leave of absence beginning September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Teaching Assistant be appointed to Tenure to the position which she has served the required probationary period as specified below:

Name –	Kristen Theriault
Tenure Area -	Teaching Assistant
Commencement of Tenure Appointment	- March 1, 2009

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the following 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:

Derek Fox – Substitute Ski Club Advisor

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following attached list of Home Tutoring assignments be APPROVED.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley 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 – 2009 school year:

Nicole E. DeJulio	Uncertified
Connor Farrell	Uncertified
Mark Strube	Uncertified

5 Ayes Motion Carried
1 Abstain (Farrell)

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Ms. Heather McGovern be Appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service –	September 1, 2009
Expiration of Probationary Service –	August 31, 2011
Certification Status –	Family and Consumer Sciences (Initial)
Salary – Step 6	\$39,437
Masters -	450
Graduate Credits – 36	<u>1,332</u>
	\$41,219

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A Motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the resignation, due to retirement of Mrs. Joanne Bensi, Teacher Aide at Knickerbacker Middle School be accepted with regret, effective April 17, 2009. Mrs. Bensi has elected to take advantage of the early retirement incentive offered by the Lansingburgh Central School District on January 29, 2009.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the resignation of Ms. Wendy Teta, Part-Time Teacher Aide at Rensselaer Park Elementary School be accepted, Effective April 8, 2009.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following Non-Instructional Substitute 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:

Edward Phalen Sub-Custodian

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the following Non-Instructional Student Step Worker be approved for the 2008-2009 school year:

Sean Peabody

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Ms. Wendy Teta be appointed As Teacher Aide (Full-Time) at Knickerbacker Middle School in the Library Media Center starting April 8, 2009 through June 25, 2009, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Non-Instructional Contract.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the attached list of In-Service and Graduate Credit Hours be approved and that reimbursement of credit for the staff members listed be authorized in accordance with the Teachers' Contract, effective February 1, 2009.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education President be authorized to approve the following Change Orders for the ongoing 9.9M construction project:

H-003	Collett	\$ 6,799.50
H-004	Collett	<u>\$ 6,799.50</u>
		\$13,599.00

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Board of Education approve, based on the recommendation of the Business Administrator and Superintendent, a contract extension to TruGreen LawnCare for the 2009-2010 school year at the 2008-2009 bid pricing for the lawn care contract for the maintenance of all school fields.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education approve the Language Arts Instructional materials (multiple authors, multiple copyrights) published by Mondo Publishing for language arts instruction in grades kindergarten through five.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Lance that at a meeting of the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District at Troy, Troy, New York, duly held on the 24th day of March, 2009:

Present: Sue Farrell, Karlene Gamble, P.J. Higgitt, Bonnie Lance, Jan O'Malley, Mary Sweeney

Absent: Hilary McGrath

Mary Sweeney, Acting President for Board of Education presented the following resolution and moved that it be adopted:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 24, 2009 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT TROY AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$2,900,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS DISTRICT BUILDINGS AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$2,900,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Lansingburgh Central School District at Troy (the "District"), at a special meeting of such voters duly held on the 26th day of February, 2008, duly approved a proposition authorizing the issuance of serial general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,900,000, to finance the reconstruction of various School District buildings, including site work, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus or appurtenances required for the purposes for which such buildings will be used, the expenditure of such sum for such purposes, and the levy of the necessary tax therefor, to be levied upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law;

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The District shall reconstruct various School District buildings, including site work, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such reconstructed buildings are to be used, at a maximum cost of \$2,900,000, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the District at the special meeting held on February 26, 2008.

Section 2. The District is hereby authorized to issue its serial general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,900,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution (the "Purpose") is the reconstruction of various School District buildings, including site work there at, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such reconstructed school buildings are to be used.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of the Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$2,900,000, (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Purpose, and (c) the District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose from funds received from the State of New York as building aid and EXCEL grants and funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 97 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is thirty (30) years.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues and the use of substantially level or declining debt service, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to attest any Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the District.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. After taking into account all New York State EXCEL grants and building aid received by the District, there shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of the District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 9. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the Bonds and notes, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 10. This Resolution shall be published in full by the District Clerk together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the District. The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The Motion made by Mrs. O'Malley and having been duly seconded by Mrs. Lance, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

AYES

NAYS

Sue Farrell
Karlene Gamble
P.J. Higgitt
Bonnie Lance
Jan O'Malley
Mary Sweeney

X. OLD BUSINESS: None

XI. NEW BUSINESS: None

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Policies (For Your Information)

Policy 1741 – Home-Schooled Students (first reading)
Policy 5020.3 – Rights of Students with Disabilities under Section 504 (first reading)
Policy 5300.40 – Disciplinary Penalties, Procedures and Referrals (first reading)

Mr. Goodwin reminded everyone of the Health and Safety Fair at the Knickerbacker Middle School Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Mrs. Bergin and Mr. Harkin are at the Exceptional Seniors' game this evening. Mr. Goodwin asked Mr. Macri to give the report:

LHS

Mr. Macri began by saying that there are 18 different schools participating at the game. Last week was the Music In Our Schools Concert. Over 400 students participated. The guidance department is doing their annual review for the student scheduling process for next year. Students are continuing to apply for scholarships, and students have been receiving college acceptance letters. Recently, the high school held a hat day which raised \$200 for Unity House. AP English and AP Social Studies classes are working on a project together. Steve Abelson is offering students a free SAT Prep class.

KMS

Mr. Paolino began by stating that the sixth to eighth grade students have just completed their State Math assessment. Correction of the math assessments are being completed this week. Eighth grade students are now preparing for their State Science Assessment. The middle school play "Wonderland" is scheduled for April 3rd and April 4th at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Vickery will be having a book fair in the media center on Wednesday, April 1st. Nicole Hunt, KMS teacher, coauthored an article published in NYSET.

Ms. Messler stated that Isoke Nia has met with ELA, Special Education and AIS teachers at the middle school in October, January and on March 27th. She is working on student experiences in writing. Each grade is covering something different. Grade 6 is working on picture books, grade 7 is working on historical fiction and grade 8 is working on feature articles. The eighth grade is working with Mr. Todd as well to actually publish their articles in a magazine format.

Isoke Nia will be working with the 7th and 8th grade Honors ELA students in class, working on their writings, pushing the students to their potential in the honors course.

On Thursday, March 26, Ms. Nia will be meeting with the high school ELA, special education and AIS teachers to work on preparing students for Regents writing.

RPES

Mrs. Fushs said that her students also have completed their NYS Assessment test in Math. They are continuing to work on writer's workshops. The faculty members are excited about the new reading series just adopted by the Board. Daniella Lans from Questar SETRC will be working with both Turnpike and Rensselaer Park teachers on Superintendent's Conference day. PARP has begun. They just recently had Bingo at their school and the Annual Father/Daughter Dance is April 3rd.

TES

Mrs. Steenrod said that everything that has occurred at RPES took place at TES as well. They recently had Family Fun Night. They had a magician, clowns, balloon animals. At the same time they held their book fair to promote literacy.

XII. USE OF FACILITIES:

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 4 items: current litigation, matter related to the discipline of a particular person, matter related to the employment history of a particular person, and collective bargaining.

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

6 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:10 P.M.

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

6 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:40 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 Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the meeting be adjourned.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education