

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
THE LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD  
IN THE RENSSELAER PARK ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL CAFETERIA ON MONDAY,  
MARCH 29, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sweeney at 7:45 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Absent: J. O'Malley

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

Visitors: 3

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on February 22, 2010 be APPROVED, that the MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETINGS held on March 8 & 15 be APPROVED.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble to amend the minutes of the January 26, 2010 Board Meeting to read the Commencement of Probationary Service for Ms. Devin Simoncavage be January 26, 2009.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Shover to amend the minutes of the February 22, 2010 Board Meeting to read Mr. Lawrence Lowell, Custodian at Lansingburgh High School.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Board APPROVE the following FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. Treasurer's Report

7 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: none

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: none

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Mrs. Marisa Caprara, Elementary Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence beginning March 8, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A Motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that Mrs. Amy Kiley, Science Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. McDonough that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Michael Harkin be Appointed to Tenure to the position which he has served the required probationary period as specified below:

Tenure Area - Director of Athletics and Physical Education  
Commencement of Tenure Appointment - July 1, 2010

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Katherine Oboyski-Butler be Appointed to Tenure to the position which she has served the required probationary period as specified below:

Tenure Area - Assistant Superintendent  
Commencement of Tenure Appointment - July 4, 2010

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that Ms. Sarah LaRose be appointed as Long Term Permanent Substitute Teacher in Biology at Lansingburgh High School, February 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010 with compensation according to the LTA contract.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Gamble 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 – 2010 school year:

Airaj Ahmadzai	Uncertified
Erin Donaghy	Certified
Michael LaMastra	Certified
Matthew Madden	Uncertified
Susan Rowland	Certified Teaching Assistant
Shelby Sayre	Certified
Jaime Tingley	Certified
Philip Gebhardt	Certified

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Shover that the following Volunteer Coaching Appointments be approved for the 2009-2010 school year pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract:

- Kelly Cataldo – Volunteer Assistant Modified Softball Coach
- Anthony Fruscio – Volunteer Assistant JV Lacrosse Coach
- Kenneth Church – Volunteer Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
- James Volz – Volunteer Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
- Paul Woitkoski – Volunteer Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
- Peter Palmieri – Volunteer Assistant J.V. Softball Coach
- Mark Strube – Volunteer Assistant J.V. Softball Coach
- Kevin Seaman – Volunteer Assistant Boys Track Coach
- Eric Kennedy – Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
- Vic Begin – Volunteer Assistant Modified Baseball Coach

7 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that Ms. Gretchyn Bedard, Teaching Assistant at Lansingburgh High School, be granted an unpaid leave of absence beginning September 7, 2010 through December 20, 2010.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Shover that the following Non-Instructional Substitutes 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:

- Richard Teta      Substitute Noon Aide
- Carmen Guzman   Substitute Custodian

7 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Farrell 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, 2010.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Farrell 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-001	Crisafulli	\$ 6,891.00
H-016	Collett	<u>\$12,019.00</u>
		\$18,910.00

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board of Education hereby terminates the employment of Marcey Zabawczuk, Breakfast Aide/Noon Aide at Turnpike Elementary School effective March 24, 2010.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. McDonough that whereas the current Agreement between the Lansingburgh Central School District and the Superintendent of Schools has a term from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010 and that the Board of Education has determined that the term of that Agreement should be extended to 2013; THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to execute a three year renewal of the Superintendent’s contract, in a form and with terms generally consistent with the agreement annexed hereto, and with a term from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013, and that upon execution of such agreement, the President of the Board shall file a copy with the Clerk of this Board.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: None

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the resignation of Ms. Martha Johnson, Knickerbacker Middle School Math Teacher, be accepted with regret effective June 30, 2010.

7Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the resignation of Mrs. Jan O'Malley, Lansingburgh C.S.D. Board of Education member, be accepted with regret effective March 27, 2010.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Mr. Goodwin explained about the school calendar having 185 days and unused snow days are given back if not used. One is kept for emergency purposes therefore, two days will be given back. Mr. Goodwin recommended to the Board that June 25, Superintendent's Conference Day be changed to May 28, 2010, that Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> would be a district day off for all staff and that June 25 would be a day off for all teachers and 10 month employees. There will be a resolution on the April Board meeting agenda to reflect this.

It is also necessary to change the April Board meeting date to April 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Turnpike Elementary School.

As you know the New Covenant Charter School will close June 30th. We will be sponsoring an informational meeting for the parents and students of the charter schools and also the home schooled students on April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Media Center.

Several Board members, Lisa and myself met with Majority Leader Canestrari and Assemblyman Gordon. We had a very productive conversation. We asked them a question if the cost of Pre-school Special Education Services was still being shifted to the school districts. They were unaware of this in the Governor's budget. The assembly is looking at a 41% 2010-2011 aid restoration, compared to the Governor's proposal to the schools.

LHS

Mr. Macri began by saying that grade 10 students took their Plan test, grades 7 through 12 took the Community Risk survey. This survey is from the offices of the County Mental Health Department. The middle school and high school music department just hosted Music In Our Schools. It was very successful. Lansingburgh's Friends of Rachel club has been honored by the Academy of Character Education. Twenty-four students will be taking the advanced placement exam in A.P. Social Studies. Mr. Macri met with the president of Hudson Valley Community College, and all high school students who are taking a HVCC College in the High School course and are eligible for free and reduced lunches will be able to take the course free. The Sheriff Department and Troy Police Department and their canine unit will be coming to school. Lansingburgh High School top students for the Class of 2010 are as follows: Alyssa Fane, Valedictorian, Micaela Barker, Salutatorian, and Sarah Conlen, Honor Graduate.

RPES

Mrs. Fushs began by saying that the Rensselaer Park Drama Club, under the direction of Mr. Rowlands, put their play "The Granny Awards" on for parents. We just had our Science Fair/Astronomy Night on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Scotia Glenville Museum was there as well. They had their first welcome to kindergarten night with Ms. Crucetti, several teachers and a few parents. Mr. Rowlands and some selected band students participated in the All County Music Festival. The PTA sponsored a Radio Disney assembly, and the Father/Daughter Dance. Mrs. Vollmer had an author, Matt McElliott visit the students. Grades 3, 4, and 5 have been preparing for the State ELA test, to be given after recess.

TES

Mrs. Steenrod and the Turnpike Shared Decision Making team are trying to bring more parents into the school. They held their book fair to promote literacy. Approximately half the faculty came to school that evening to help assist parents in choosing appropriate books for their children. They also opened up their classrooms to view work that the students had been doing in class.

KMS

Mr. Paolino began, saying that all students have been preparing for the State ELA test. Ms. Messler and Ms. Pendergast have set up an ELA link on the school website. The link will bring them to study tips,

healthy breakfast food and good sleeping habits. Ms. Pendergast held the Spring Book Fair. Sixth grade teachers and approximately 180 parents and students attended. The KMS Drama Club just held their production of the Royal Bachelor. It was a great success.

Athletics

Mr. Harkin stated that Spring sports have started today with the first rainout. The rest of the Spring sports will begin after recess.

XII. USE OF FACILITIES:

Mr. Goodwin asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 4 items: employment history of 2 particular people, 1 matter which will imperil public safety if disclosed, and 1 litigation item. Mrs. Sweeney asked to include a Board personnel matter as well.

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:55 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. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the meeting be adjourned.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

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Clerk to the Board of Education