

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD
AT TURNPIKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 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: none

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

Visitors: 15

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 March 29, 2010 and the MINUTES
of the SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON April 19, 2010 be APPROVED.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

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

- A. Budget Transfers
- B. 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 the resignation of
Mr. John Naples, Modified Baseball Coach be accepted, with regret effective April 19, 2010.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Mrs. Dena Rich,
Elementary Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School be granted an unpaid parental leave of
absence beginning May 3, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Mrs. Lauren Paige,
Elementary Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence
beginning April 19, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Shover 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 –Shiloh Akin
Tenure Area – Mathematics 7-12
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Kelly Cataldo
Tenure Area – Social Studies 7-12
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Mary Danahy
Tenure Area – Special Education
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Ryan Debrosky
Tenure Area – Mathematics 7-9 Extension
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Initial Extension

Name – Regina Felio
Tenure Area – Mathematics 7-12
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Professional

Name – Andrew Ferris
Tenure Area – Childhood Edu. 1-6
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Gina Fusco
Tenure Area – Business & Marketing
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Maria Giglio
Tenure Area – English 7-12
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Sabrina Hammonds
Tenure Area – Childhood Edu. 1-6
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Amy Henges
Tenure Area – Social Studies 7-12
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Angela Herba
Tenure Area – Reading
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Nicole Hunt
Tenure Area – Literacy B-6
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Janelle Lyons
Tenure Area – School Counselor
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Provisional

Name – Melinda McDonough
Tenure Area – Physical Education
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Kerri Messler
Tenure Area – Instructional Coordinator
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Tracy O’Neil
Tenure Area – Childhood Edu. 1-6
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Christina Penman
 Tenure Area – Biology 7-12
 Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
 Certification Status – Initial

Name – Jonathan Pravel
 Tenure Area – Physical Education and Health Education
 Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
 Certification Status – Permanent/Initial

Name – Kimberly Ravena
 Tenure Area – N, K, Gr. 1-6
 Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
 Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Andrew Rickert
 Tenure Area – English 7-12
 Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
 Certification Status – Initial

Name – Sarah Smith
 Tenure Area – Mathematics 7-12
 Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
 Certification Status – Initial

Name – Catherine Stockton
 Tenure Area – Social Studies 7-12
 Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
 Certification Status – Initial

Name – James Wager
 Tenure Area – Instructional Coordinator
 Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
 Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Darlene Walzer
 Tenure Area – Childhood 1-6
 Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
 Certification Status – Professional

Name – Catherine Winter
 Tenure Area – French 7-12
 Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/10
 Certification Status – Permanent

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board of Education approve a Juul Agreement, dated April 8, 2010, between the Lansingburgh Central School District and Mariellen Hensgen, probationary teacher in the English 7-12 tenure area, to extend Ms. Hensgen's probationary appointment to June 30, 2011.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education abolish the position currently held by Ms. April Kilmer, in the tenure area of Secondary Mathematics, effective June 30, 2010.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Ms. April Kilmer be appointed as Literacy Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – July 1, 2010	
Expiration of Probationary Service – June 30, 2012	
Certification Status – Literacy 5-12 (Supplemental)	
Salary – Step 4	\$37,881
Graduate Credits – 30	1,110
Masters	<u>450</u>
	\$39,441

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Ms. Madison Wickes be appointed as Grade 3 Teacher, Permanent Substitute at Turnpike Elementary School beginning March 8, 2010 with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – March 8, 2010	
Expiration of Service – June 20, 2010	
Certification Status – Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)	
Salary – Step 1	\$35,802 (pro-rated)

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Ms. Allyson Connors be appointed as Grade 3 Teacher, Permanent Substitute at Turnpike Elementary School beginning March 8, 2010 through June 30, 2010 with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – March 8, 2010	
Expiration of Service – June 30, 2010	
Certification Status – Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) (Initial)	
Salary – Step 1	\$35,802
Differential -	<u>500</u>
	\$36,302 (pro-rated)

7 Ayes Motion Carried

At this point, Mrs. Steenrod indicated that there was an error in the resolution, therefore, at that time Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to amend the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the resolution be amended to the following change:

Ms. Allyson Connors be appointed as Special Education Teacher, Permanent Substitute at Turnpike Elementary School beginning April 19, 2010 through June 30, 2010 with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – April 19, 2010	
Expiration of Service – June 30, 2010	
Certification Status – Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) (Initial)	
Salary – Step 1	\$35,802
Differential -	<u>500</u>
	\$36,302 (pro-rated)

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Ms. Nancy LeFebvre be appointed as Grade 3 Teacher, Permanent Substitute at Turnpike Elementary School beginning May 3, 2010 through June 30, 2010 with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – May 3, 2010	
Expiration of Service – June 30, 2010	
Certification Status – Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)	
Salary – Step 2	\$36,392 (pro-rated)
Masters	450
Graduate Credits – 30	<u>1,110</u>
	\$37,952 (pro-rated)

7 Ayes Motion Carried

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that the following Substitute Teachers 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:

Julia Pooler	Uncertified
Chelsea Surprenant	Uncertified

7 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the resignation of Mr. Gerard Buchanan, Senior School Monitor at Lansingburgh High School be accepted, with regret effective April 16, 2010.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Higgitt 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, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Contract:

- Erica Keenan – Substitute Noon Aide, Breakfast Aide, Custodian
- Barbara Kewley – Substitute Noon Aide, Breakfast Aide, Custodian, Teacher Aide
- Ronald Turcotte – Substitute Noon Aide, Breakfast Aide, Custodian
- Linda Waters – Substitute Noon Aide, Breakfast Aide, Teacher Aide

7 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the attached list of Students with Disabilities, be approved.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the 2009-2010 school year calendar be revised to designate Friday, May 28, 2010 as a Superintendent’s Conference Day, Tuesday, June 1, 2010 as a school holiday for all students and staff, and Thursday, June 24, 2010 as the last day of school.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board of Education approve the 2010-2011 school calendar.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with the Y.M.C.A. to provide Before/After School Child Care at Turnpike Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year and that the Superintendent file a copy of the signed contract with the Clerk to the Board.

6 Ayes Motion Carried
1 Abstain (McDonough)

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with the Kristen Weyl, dba Noah’s Rainbow Before and After School program at Rensselaer Park Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year and that the Superintendent file a copy of the signed contract with the Clerk to the Board.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

Election of Board Members for the Rensselaer-Columbia-Green Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Rensselaer County

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education casts its vote for the election of Mr. Robert Gibson, Troy, NY (from the Brunswick Central School District), to a term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties.

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Against

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education casts its vote for the election of Mrs. Carol Orvis, Rensselaer, NY (from the East Greenbush Central School District), to a term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties.

7 # For 0 # Against

Columbia County

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education casts its vote for the election of Mr. Edmund Brooks, Valatie, NY (from the Ichabod Crane Central School District), to a term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties.

7 # For 0 # Against

Columbia County

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education casts its vote for the election of Mr. Donald Kline, Hudson, NY (from the Germantown Central School District), to a term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties.

7 # For 0 # Against

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the 2010-2011 Tentative Administrative Budget in the amount of \$3,980,195.

7 # For 0 # Against

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Mr. Eric Kennedy be appointed to Boys Modified Baseball Coach effective April 20, 2010, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements, with reimbursement according to the LTA contract.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the letter of resignation of Mrs. Mary Anne Lynick, District Office Typist, be accepted, with regret, effective June 30, 2010.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

There are a series of policies for your first reading and a series of deletion of policies. Mr. Goodwin asked Mrs. Farrell to comment. Mrs. Farrell stated that they spent several months going over policies concerning student discipline, code of conduct. Mr. Goodwin asked for building reports:

Mr. Paolino – KMS – It is the second day of ELA state exams. He was very impressed with the students. He sees drastic improvement from past years. On April 21st, 33 students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. They are hosting their second annual AMC Children’s Hospital fund raiser. They hope to raise over \$600. They are half way there.

Mr. Macri – LHS – A lot of scholarships are coming in and acceptance notifications from colleges for students are arriving on a daily basis. So far their recycling club has collected 1000 lbs. of paper. In conjunction with Earth Day, saplings are being planted at the Knickerbacker Ice Arena. Friends of Rachel Club will be holding a fundraiser to honor Teachers. They will be selling flowers to students to give to their teachers.

Mrs. Steenrod – TES/RPES – The students are in the process of taking their State ELA exams. All are working very hard. At both schools MONDO is their life.

XII. USE OF FACILITIES:

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 3 items regarding employment history of particular persons.

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:07 P.M.

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:57 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. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the meeting be adjourned.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education