

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD
AT THE TURNPIKE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL CAFETERIA ON MONDAY,
APRIL 28, 2008.

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL:

S. Farrell, K. Gamble, P.J. Higgitt, A. Macey,
H. McGrath, N. McHugh, J. O'Malley, M. Sweeney

Absent:

B. Lance

Others Present:

A. Bergin, T. Broderick, D. Carroll, F. Erickson,
M. Fushs, G. Goodwin, M. Harkin, L. Kyer, F. Macri,
L. McNeil, K. Oboyski-Butler, S. Paolino, R. Schongar,
B. Sperling, D. Steenrod, J. Wager

Visitors:

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III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on March 25, 2008 be APPROVED.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mrs. McHugh asked if any visitors would like to speak to the agenda.
Ms. J. Manzer currently has one student who attends Turnpike Elementary School and resides on Haughney Road, 1/10th of a mile short of the 1.5 mile allowance. At one time there was a private bus to school. However now the owners of the private bus company will not bring students to school any more due to the very bad condition of Haughney Road. She is asking the Board of Education to reconsider the 1.5 mile allowance for public school bus transportation to be amended.

Mrs. McHugh asked if there was any other person who wished to address any item on the Board agenda?
none

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: none

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the 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 – Angelina Bergin
Tenure Area – School District Administrator
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 7/1/08
Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Francis Macri
Tenure Area – School District Administrator
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 7/1/08
Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Patrick Amyot
Tenure Area – Elementary K-6
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Marissa (Sgueglia) Caprara
Tenure Area – Elementary K-6
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Katie Downs
Tenure Area – Music K-12
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Carly Hamilton-Jones
Tenure Area – School Counselor
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Provisional

Name – Stephanie Haney
Tenure Area – English 7-12
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Christopher Jura
Tenure Area – Elementary N-6
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Provisional

Name – Lisa Kyer
Tenure Area – School Business Administrator
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Elizabeth Monks
Tenure Area – Mathematics 7-12
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Lisa Puckey
Tenure Area – English 7-12
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Seth Reynolds
Tenure Area – Physical Education
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Provisional

Name – Dena Rich
Tenure Area – Elementary N-6
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Kevin Sheehan
Tenure Area – English 7-12
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Nicole (Barringer) Silver
Tenure Area – Elementary N-6
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/08
Certification Status – Provisional

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Ms. Mariellen Hensgen, English Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School be GRANTED no more than 16 ¼ days of supplemental sick leave at 1/400th of her annual salary, as per the L.T.A. Contract.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Macey that Mr. James Wager, be APPOINTED as Lansingburgh High School Summer School Principal for the 2008 Summer School Session, with reimbursement of \$4,590.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Ms. Kerri Messler, be APPOINTED as Knickerbacker Middle School Summer School Principal for the 2008 Summer School Session, with reimbursement of \$4,590.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following coach, Mr. Erik Smith be APPOINTED on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government, per the Project SAVE Law, for the Spring 2008 school year as Assistant Boys Track Coach.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Higgitt 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 2007 – 2008 school year:

Erika Pfitz	Uncertified
Michelle Schrader	Uncertified

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Macey that the following Non-Instructional Seasonal Grounds Workers be APPOINTED for the 2007-08 season and the 2008-2009 season with compensation of \$10.00 per hour:

Jarred Collins
Christopher Murray

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney 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 2007-08 school year, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Contract:

Michele Janishak

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the detailed Proposed Budget in the amount of \$36,626,265 be ADOPTED with an anticipated income exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$23,902,740; and the amount to be raised through taxes of \$12,723,525 and that this budget now referred to as the Basic Budget be submitted at the Public Hearing on May 13, 2008 and be voted upon at the Annual Meeting on May 20, 2008.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Mr. Jaime Thomas be APPROVED as Permanent Chairman of the Annual District Voting Meeting on May 20, 2008 from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. and also the Public Hearing on May 13, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the KMS Auditorium.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Board of Education APPROVE Mr. Richard Weaver at \$300 servicing six machines and Mr. Michael Karam at the rate of \$300 to service six voting machines for Election Day.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board of Education APPROVE the following to serve on the Board of Registration on May 14, 2008: Lois Ambuhl, Toni McKnight, Betty McLaughlin, Jean O'Connell, Joan Rasmussen and Betty Ryan with compensation at \$60.00 each for the day, and that the Chief Inspector for each location be paid an additional \$25.00 for their additional responsibilities and services on May 20, 2008, and, that the Board of Education APPROVE the following to serve on the Board of Elections on May 20, 2008 with compensation of \$125.00 each per day:

Election District I
Knickerbacker Middle School

Jean O'Connell, Chief Inspector
Lois Ambuhl, Asst. Chief Inspector
Marilyn Mackey, Inspector
Joan Rasmussen, Inspector
Grace Reynolds, Inspector
Lois Bushey, Inspector

Election District II
Turnpike Elementary School

Betty McLaughlin, Chief Inspector
Betty Ryan, Asst. Chief Inspector
Joan Holman, Inspector

Election District III
Speigletown Fire House

Toni McKnight, Chief Inspector
Janet Walsh, Asst. Chief Inspector
Richard Sheffer, Inspector

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the Reorganizational Meeting of the Lansingburgh Central School District be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at the Library/Media Center.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Macey that the following policy, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on March 25, 2008, be APPROVED.

Policy 1800 – Gifts From the Public

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following policy, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on March 25, 2008, be APPROVED.

Policy 5151 – Homeless Children

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following policy, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on March 25, 2008, be APPROVED.

Policy 5151-R – Homeless Children Regulation

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following policy, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on March 25, 2008, be APPROVED.

Policy 5210 – Student Organizations

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following policy, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on March 25, 2008, be APPROVED.

Policy 5225 – Student Personal Expression

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the superintendent of schools be AUTHORIZED to EXTEND the amended contract with Advanced Therapy P.L.L.C. for occupational and physical therapy services for the 2008-09 school year in the amount not to exceed \$64,000 and that the Superintendent file a copy of the signed contract with the Clerk of the Board.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the attached list of Students with Disabilities be APPROVED.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and Mrs. Farrell that the Lansingburgh Board of Education APPROVE Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. to act as Financial Advisor for the \$2.9M Capital Improvement Project, And that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to negotiate a contract with this firm in the amount not to exceed \$12,000. A copy of this contract will be filed with the District Clerk.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney 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 2005 construction project:

PC-009	Collette	\$18,275.00
GC-082	Greco	6,563.00
HC-019	Campito	24,612.00
HC-020	Campito	24,575.00
HC-021	Campito	9,153.00
HC-022	Campito	9,153.00
HC-023	Campito	1,594.00
HC-024	Campito	<u>1,594.00</u>
Total Change Orders Charges		\$95,519.00

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Macey that Board of Education APPROVE the following textbooks for the 2008-2009 school Year:

- Textbook Chemistry, Wilbraham, Staley, Matta, Waterman for the Lansingburgh High School Chemistry Regents Course, by Prentice Hall, New York State edition, copyright 2005
- Textbook Algebra, Glencoe, copyright 2008 for the Lansingburgh High School Integrated Algebra Course
- Textbook Mathematics Course 3, Glencoe, copyright 2007 for the Knickerbacker Middle School Grade 8 Mathematics course
- Textbook Advanced Mathematical Concepts. Pre-Calculus With Application, Holliday, Cuevas, McClure, Carter, Marks, copyright 2006 for the Lansingburgh High School Pre-Calculus Course.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the Fire Inspection Reports and plans for action to correct all non-conformance items be ACCEPTED as prepared by the BOCES Fire Inspector.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Lansingburgh District Wide School Safety Plan as revised March 20, 2008 be APPROVED.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the Board of Education AWARD the Tractor, Loader and Aerator Bid to the low bidder based on bids opened on April 24, 2008, to The Hudson River Tractor Co. in the amount no greater than \$27,832.88 and the recommendation of Mrs. Lisa Kyer, Business Administrator as discussed at the Audit Committee Meeting on April 28, 2008.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

There are two policies for your first reading. On the day of the District Budget vote, May 20th, there will be activities at each of the schools. There will be an Art Show at Turnpike Elementary, a School Fair at Rensselaer Park Elementary, a Ziti Dinner at Knickerbacker Middle School and the "L" awards presentation at Lansingburgh High School.

B. School Activities

Mrs. Bergin stated that currently at the high school it is all about the prom. There will be an assembly sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and County Executive, Kathy Jimino will speak to the student body. The prom will be at Birch Hill Country Club in Schodack.

Mr. Paolino stated that on May 10, they will have their annual Spring Clean up at Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Fushs stated that there will be a school fair for all grades on May 20th. They just completed their Reading Round Up Program. There were six one-hour programs. There were two reading and writing workshops.

Mrs. Steenrod stated that they will be having their Memorial Day Celebration Ceremony honoring our veterans on May 22nd at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Hamilton, student council and the mentoring program will be collecting for veterans overseas. There are 40 student participants. Mrs. Steenrod attended, along with Mrs. Bergin, the National Urban Alliance Conference. They will be making a presentation to the administrators during their summer retreat.

Mr. Harkin stated that there hasn't been a lot of activity due to recess and the weather. Lacrosse had their first victory. The Lansingburgh website now has a direct link to the athletic website. All postponed games will be posted under this section. We have two scholar athlete teams – girl's softball and track. They currently have 73 scholar athletes. Mr. Goodwin asked if he could update us on the status of cheerleading. Mr. Harkin said that the athletic directors and principals have a meeting on May 9th. They will know more after that meeting. It looks like cheerleaders would be at all home games only.

XII. USE OF FACILITIES:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. McHugh asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the meeting be adjourned.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education