

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD AT
KNICKERBACKER M.S. AUDITORIUM
ON MONDAY, MAY 24, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sweeney at 7:35 P.M.

- I. ROLL CALL: K. Bristol, S. Farrell, K. Gamble, J. Shover, M. Sweeney
- Absent: P.J. Higgitt, E. McDonough
- Others Present: T. Broderick, F. Erickson, M. Fushs, G. Goodwin, M. Jarem, L. Kyer,
F. Macri, L. McNeil, K. Messler, K. Oboyski-Butler, S. Paolino,
B. Sperling, D. Steenrod, J. Wager
- Visitors: 2 (B. Roy, C. Walp)

- II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on April 27, 2010, the MINUTES from the SPECIAL BOARD MEETING held on May 10, 2010 and the MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING held on May 18, 2010 be APPROVED.

5 Ayes Motion Carried

- III. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Board APPROVE the following FINANCIAL REPORTS as well as make payments to the vendors listed on the Schedule of Bills:

- A. Budget Transfers
B. Treasurer's Report

5 Ayes Motion Carried

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

none

- V. COMMUNICATIONS: none

- VI. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Ms. Dena Rich, Grade 3 Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School be granted no more than 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ days of supplemental sick leave, at 1/400th of her annual salary, as per the L.T.A. contract.

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that Ms. Mariellen Hensgen, English Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School be granted no more than 45 days of supplemental sick leave, at 1/400th of her annual salary, as per the L.T.A. contract.

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Ms. Regina Felio, Math Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School be granted no more than 4 days of supplemental sick leave, at 1/400th of her annual salary, as per the L.T.A. contract.

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Mrs. Regina Felio, Math Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence beginning May 6, 2010 through May 26, 2010.

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Gamble 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 – Kathryn Schwenker
 Tenure Area – Visual Arts
 Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 10/1/10
 Certification Status - Initial

Name – Stefan Schechter
 Tenure Area – Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6
 Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 10/1/10
 Certification Status - Permanent

Name – Melissa Watts
 Tenure Area – School Social Worker
 Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 10/20/10
 Certification Status - Permanent

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Erinne Flanigan be reappointed as C.S.E. Chairperson from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 as per the L.T.A. Contract.

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Ms. Jessica Nikodem be reappointed as Director of Guidance from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 as per the L.T.A. Contract.

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Ms. Barbara Mancuso be appointed as a Physics Teacher (Part-Time) (.67 FTE) at Lansingburgh High School, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2010	
Expiration of Service – June 30, 2011	
Certification Status – Physics – (Initial)	
Salary – Step 11	\$43,792
Graduate Credits – 51	\$1,887
Master’s Degree	<u>450</u>
	\$46,129 (Prorated)

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Ms. Michelle Burkhart be appointed as a Special Education Teacher (.5 F.T.E.) at Turnpike Elementary School, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2010	
Expiration of Service – June 30, 2011	
Certification Status – Students with Disabilities 1-6 – (Permanent)	
Salary – Step 11	\$43,792
Differential	500
Graduate Credits – 36	\$1,332
Master’s Degree	<u>450</u>
	\$46,074 (Prorated)

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that Ms. Melissa Livingston be appointed as a Science Teacher (Permanent Substitute) at Knickerbacker Middle School, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2010	
Expiration of Service – June 30, 2011	
Certification Status – Biology 7-12 – (Initial)	
Salary – Step 4	\$37,881
Graduate Credits – 49	\$1,776
Master’s Degree	<u>450</u>
	\$40,107 (Prorated)

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Ms. Kerri Messler be appointed as Assistant Principal at Knickerbacker Middle School and that the Superintendent be authorized to sign a salary/benefit agreement for this position:

Commencement of Probationary Service – July 1, 2010
Expiration of Probationary Service – June 30, 2013
Certification Status – English 7-12 (Permanent)
SDA – (Permanent)
SDL – (Professional)
SBL – (Initial)

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Jasmine Brown be appointed as Assistant Principal at Lansingburgh High School and that the Superintendent be authorized to sign a salary/benefit agreement for this position:

Commencement of Probationary Service – July 1, 2010
Expiration of Probationary Service – June 30, 2013
Certification Status – English 7-12 (Permanent)
SBL – (Initial)

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Shover that the attached home tutoring assignments be approved.

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble 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 2009-10 school year:

Samantha Tracey uncertified

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that the following Substitute Teachers be reappointed for the 2010-11 school year:

Airaj Ahmadzai	Stuart Guthrie	Patrick O'Malley
Joseph Alteri	Victoria Hargis	Riley O'Malley
Allison Archambeault	Marilyn Hart	Vicki Ouimet
Matthew Baer	Kenneth Hoffman	Jennifer Patricelli
Ruth Bauchiero	Joan Holman	Susan Perry
Sandra Bauchiero	Ruth Horton	Erika Pfitz
Cheryl Bianconi	Brendan Hughes	Laura Pierino
Laura Boudreau	Stacey Irwin	Julia Pooler
Tracy Buck	Sharon Jackson	Autumn Potter
Nancy Cecot	Jennalea Jura	Kathleen Real
Lynne Connally	Letitia Kelly	Susan Rowland
Allyson Connors	Victoria LaMarque	Sarah Rowlands
John Conte	Michael LaMastra	Shelby Sayre
Katelyn Cottrell	Sarah LaRose	Michelle Schrader
Erin Crowther	Kristie Laviolette	Susan Shea
Kathleen Danielli	Kathy Lawyer	Courtney Shepherd
Brian Davey	Barbara Leathem	Taylor Shpur
Nicole DeJulio	Nicole LeDuc	Mary Ann Simard
Julie Demers	Nancy LeFebvre	Kelli Siracusa
Alyssa DiCocco	Melissa Livingston	Tina Stehlin
Erin Donaghy	Victoria Loatman	Susan Struss
Daniel Donovan	Jennifer Long	Chelsea Surprenant
Robin Evers	Allen J. Macey III	Mary Beth Surprenant
Samantha Fane	Matthew Madden	Maxine Terpening
Connor Farrell	Kathleen Mahoney	Jaime Tingley
Liam Farrell	Rosemary Masterson	Katherine Towne
Ryan Finn	Katelyn McKenna	Samantha Tracey
Kathleen Firlet	Matthew McMahan	Concetta Vagliardo
Kevin Fitzpatrick	Evan Melanson	Ruth Van Brocklen
Kathleen Flaherty	Megan Melsom	Robert Vuignier
Michael Flynn	Carrie Mendolia	Karen Walp
Robert Foggo	Linda Miller	Laura Weinman
Leslie Foster	Byron Moak	Kathleen Westerholt
John Gallagher	Benjamin Moscolo	Madison Wickes
Philip Gebhardt	Jaclyn Mungari	Jamie Wilson
Melissa Gordon	Diane Murray	Ashely Yonos
Eric Graber	Samantha Nazarian	Sharon Zachgo
Lauro Gregware	Sheryl Nelligan	Linda Zych

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Mr. Jason Blackmur be appointed as Summer School Principal for the 2010 Summer School session, with reimbursement of \$4,590.

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that the following Summer School Teachers be approved depending on the number of students that enroll, and be appointed on an emergency conditional basis where applicable, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, for the 2010 Summer School Session, with compensation according to the L.T.A. Contract:

Stefan Schechter	Grade 6 Math/ELA
Lisa Langlois	Grade 7 ELA
Jennifer Gula	Special Education Teacher
Christian Brophy	Global 9, Global 10, US History, P.I.G.
Danielle Rinaldi	English 9, 10, 11
Jenna Tyler	Integrated Algebra/Geometry
Sarah Pendergast	Substitute Summer School Teacher
Jennifer Batchelder	Substitute Summer School Teacher
Brian Huba	Substitute Summer School Teacher

5 Ayes Motion Carried

VII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Non-Instructional Nurse Substitutes be approved for the 2010-11 school year, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Contract:

Donna Baldwin, R.N.
 Linda Delaney, R.N.
 Janet Fowler, R.N.
 Dawn Hamel, L.P.N.
 Maureen Slattery, R.N.
 Denise Willetts, R.N.

5 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following Summer School Non-Instructional Appointments be approved for the 2010 Summer School session, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. contract:

Edward Young	Summer School Monitor
Beth Brant	Summer School Secretary

5 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Lansingburgh Board of Education accept the results of the 2010-2011 School Board Elections as set forth below:

Candidate on ballot (top vote recipient): Paul J. Higgitt 678 votes – 5 year term – 7/1/10 to 6/30/15
 Greatest number of write in votes: Carl Walp Jr. 52 votes – 5 year term – 7/1/10-6/30/15
 Next highest number of write in votes: Beth Roy 37 votes – term to begin 5/24/10 though 6/30/12

5 Ayes Motion Carried

At this point in the meeting Mrs. Sweeney paused the meeting to allow the district clerk to administer the Oath of Office to the two newest Board members.

Mrs. Roy was seated at the Board table at 7:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that Ms. Erinne Flanigan, CSE Chairperson, be granted 10 days of summer work, with compensation of 1/200th of her annual salary per day.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Mr. James Wager, Secondary Instructional Coordinator at Lansingburgh High School, be granted 3 days summer employment with compensation of 1/200th of his annual salary per day.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following School Nurses be approved for summer work for the number of days indicated, with compensation per the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant Contract:

Suzanne Anthony	2 Days
Andrea Robinson	2 Days
Jacqueline Tremont	5 Days
Cristina Young	2 Days
Penny Tobias	5 Days (compensated for 3 days pay)

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that Mr. Mark Smith, Attendance Officer, be approved for 15 days of summer work, with compensation per the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant contract.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that the following School Psychologists be approved for summer work of two days each, with compensation of 1/200th of their annual salary per day:

Elizabeth Petrasovic	Michele McGivern
Michelle Foster	Kellen Roberts

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following Non-Instructional Employees be approved for summer work for the number of days indicated, with compensation per the C.S.E.A. Contract:

Attendance

Linda Welch, TES Attendance Clerk	8 Days
Barbara Smollin, RPES Attendance Clerk	8 Days
Tammy Fruscio, LHS Attendance Clerk	3 Days
Christine Wilcox, KMS Attendance Clerk	10 Days

Middle School Guidance

Ellen Gordon	15 Days
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6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract(s) for Universal Pre-K services for the 2010-2011 school year with the following facilities and that the Superintendent file a copy of the contract(s) with the district clerk:

C.E.O.
St. Augustine's School
Little Tot Nursery School

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with SpecEd Solutions\$, LLC for Medicaid services for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$4,200.00 to be paid the 1st of each month and that the Superintendent file a copy of the signed contract with the district clerk.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Stacey Meisner-Mackey be appointed as Internal Auditor for the 2010-2011 school year.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Rensselaer City School District for Internal Audit Services effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 at a cost of \$6,800 per year as discussed at the Audit Committee meeting on May 24, 2010.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

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 April 27, 2010 be approved:

- Policy 0100 – Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination with Regulations
- Policy 5300 – Student and Visitor Codes of Conduct
- Policy 5300.30 – Prohibited Student Conduct
- Policy 5300.40 – Disciplinary Penalties, Procedures and Referrals
- Policy 5311.3 – Student Complaints and Grievances with Regulations
- Policy 5311.4 – Care of School Property by Students with Regulations
- Policy 5312.1 – Drug and Alcohol Abuse with Regulations
- Policy 5312.2 – Dangerous Weapons in School
- Policy 9140.1 – Staff Complaints and Grievances with Regulations

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented to the Board at the Regular Board Meeting on April 27, 1020, be deleted from the Lansingburgh Board Policy Manual:

- Policy 5310 – Student Discipline
- Policy 5312 – Prohibited Conduct
- Policy 5313 – Penalties
- Policy 5313.1 – Detention
- Policy 5313.2 – In-School Suspension with Regulations
- Policy 5313.3 – Student Suspension with Regulations

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Board of Education approve the School Facility Report Card for the 2009-2010 school year, as discussed at the Board Workshop held on May 18, 2010.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education approve the K-12 Guidance Plan for the 2010-2011 school year, as discussed at the Board Workshop held on May 18, 2010.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Superintendent of schools be authorized to Approve the extension of the amended contract with Advanced Therapy P.L.L.C. for occupational and physical therapy services for the 2010-11 school year in the amount not to exceed \$69,200 and that the Superintendent file a copy of the signed contract with the Clerk to the Board.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Superintendent be authorized to Approve an extension to the contract with the Rensselaer County Chapter, NYSARC for the 2010-11 school year at the rate of \$48,000 to be paid in ten equal monthly installments and that the Superintendent file a copy of the signed contract with the Clerk to the Board.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Superintendent be authorized to Approve the contract with Rensselaer County Chapter, NYSARC for a part time (.5) Transition Services Coordinator for the 2010-11 school year at the rate of \$21,270 to be paid in ten equal monthly installments and that the Superintendent file a copy of the signed contract with the Clerk to the Board.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with the Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health Unified Services for Student Assistance Specialist services at Turnpike Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$34,800 to be paid in quarterly payments and that the Superintendent file a copy of the signed contract with the Clerk to the Board.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following re-appointments be approved for the 2010-2011 school year:

- Announcer/Scorer Football & Basketball - Richard Sheffer
- Shot Clock Operator - Cristina Young

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Farrell WHEREAS, the current Agreement between the Lansingburgh Central School District and the Assistant Superintendent of Schools has a term from July 5, 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 Assistant 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.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. There are four policies for first reading.

B. School Activities

Lansingburgh High School

Mr. Macri started by saying that Varsity Lacrosse will play their first sectional game on Tuesday, May 25, at 4:30 p.m. The Jr./Sr. Prom was held this past weekend and it was a very successful event. Prior to the prom, S.A.D.D., Student Government, Peers Educating Peers and Friends of Rachel sponsored educational and informational events promoting a safe prom. We just had a wonderful concert. Soundwaves will be performing 26 songs at Crossgates Mall (by Macys) Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. Students have just finished taking their component retest. About 350 parents and students attended this year's "L" awards assembly held on May 18. The high school's senior awards dinner program will be held on Tuesday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. There will be a senior picnic, class night and graduation coming up. Students are preparing for end of the year testing. A transition team has been set up to prepare the incoming eighth grade students.

Knickerbacker Middle School

Mr. Paolino said that the sixth through eighth grade students have just finished the NYS field tests in ELA and Math. Eighth grade students will begin their State Science test. Mr. Erickson held his semi-annual Oakwood Cemetery clean-up with student volunteers. Student council sponsored an Albany Medical Center Children's Hospital fundraiser and Knickerbacker Middle School raised the highest donation of \$800 out of all the schools participating. Albany M.C. sponsored an ice cream social for the students in the cafeteria. The eighth grade white team was awarded a \$1,000 grant from Target. The students went to the Albany Museum last week.

Rensselaer Park Elementary School

Mrs. Fushs stated that the grades 3 through 5 students have just completed field tests in ELA and math. Fourth grade students will be taking their State Science Test on Thursday of this week. Mrs. Fushs said that the elementary spring concert was amazing and that we have a wonderful music department district-wide. Approximately 350 parents attended the RPES school fair the night of the budget vote. They sponsored a third grade recorder concert, fourth and fifth grade students from Dance Crazy put on an exhibition for parents, student art work from all grades was on display in the gymnasium, and the PTA sponsored a book fair in the library. We have several upcoming field trips for the students. Rensselaer Park’s moving up ceremony is June 22 at 6 p.m. at Rensselaer Park.

Turnpike Elementary School

Mrs. Steenrod said that their students as well completed the field tests in ELA and math. The Turnpike Drama Club held Rock of the Ages this past Thursday night. Mrs. Steenrod said that they held their first annual “Math Night” the night of the school budget vote. All of the volunteers were teachers. This allowed parents to be able to participate with their children in the event. They had tables set up with different math activities and challenges. It was a great night and many compliments from parents. There are pictures on the website of the event. Our Memorial Day Ceremony is this Wednesday, May 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the court yard.

Athletics

Mr. Harkin was unable to be here tonight. The positioning for the softball and baseball sectionals are tomorrow. The Varsity Lacrosse team is playing in their first sectional game on Tuesday. The track team just hosted their invitational.

XIII. USE OF FACILITIES:

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Sweeney asked Mr. Goodwin if he has any Executive Session items. Mr. Goodwin said that he had two executive session items. One pertaining to a the appointment of a particular person and one regarding the employment history of particular persons. Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

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

6 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M.

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

6 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:09 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 Mrs. Bristol that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education