

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD AT
LANSINGBURGH HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA
CENTER ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Macey at 7:30 P.M.

- I. ROLL CALL: S. Farrell, K. Gamble, P. J. Higgitt, A. Macey, H. McGrath,
J. O'Malley
- Absent: B. Lance, N. McHugh, M. Sweeney
- Other Present: A. Bergin, D. Carroll, F. Erickson, M. Fushs, G. Goodwin,
L. Kyer, M. Lynick, F. Macri, L. McNeil, K. Messler,
K. Oboyski-Butler, S. Paulino, R. Schongar, B. Sperling,
D. Steenrod, J. Wager
- Visitors: 0

- II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on May 27, 2008, be approved.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

- III. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley 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

6 Ayes Motion Carried

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

None

- V. COMMUNICATIONS: None

- VI. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Jessica Clermont, be APPOINTED to TENURE as Art Teacher at Lansingburgh High School with commencement of tenure appointment of November 11, 2008.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Catina Bianchi be APPOINTED as a Science Teacher (Permanent Substitute) at Knickerbacker Middle School, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Mary Danahy be APPOINTED as a Special Education Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Shaun Donegan be APPOINTED on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Technology Education Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School with reimbursement according to the L.T..A. contract.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Tracy Gillespie be APPOINTED on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Grade 2 Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School with reimbursement according to the L.T. A. contract.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Jill Griswold be APPOINTED as Grade 2 Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Megan Haley be APPOINTED on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Elementary Art Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Angela Herba be APPOINTED as a Reading Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Kate Ireland be APPOINTED as a Grade 2 Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School , with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Tiffany James be APPOINTED on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Grade 6 Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Joseph J. Lutz be APPOINTED as Attendance Teacher/Consultant, two days per week, for a total of 80 school days for the period September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, with compensation in the amount of \$27,756.63.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the following Summer School Substitute Teachers be APPOINTED, for the 2008 Summer School Session:

Jennifer Batchelder	Mary Meliski
Darlene Bechand	David Merrill
Randi Behrens	Cara Passineau
Cecelia Broomhead	Seth Reynolds
Gabrielle Carrozza	Danielle Rinaldi
Timothy Fontaine	Sandra Ryan
Kate Ireland	Susan Shea
Margaret Jarem	Darlene Walzer
Melinda McDonough	

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the following be APPOINTED as advisors of Extracurricular Activities for the Lansingburgh School District for the 2008-09 school year, with compensation according to the L.T.A. Contract:

Vicky Rovito	-	Central Treasurer for KMS/LHS
Cathy Wright	-	Arts in Education Advisor for KMS/LHS

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the attached home tutoring assignments be APPROVED.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. McGrath 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 2008 Summer School Session, with compensation according to the L.T.A. Contract:

Pamela Baldassari	-	Chemistry Regents Review Classes
Ralph Carotenuto	-	KMS Summer School Teacher
Christopher Rian Colbert	-	KMS Summer School Teacher
Melissa Cox	-	Earth Science Review Classes
Julie Demers	-	LHS Summer School English Teacher
Kimberly Hamilton	-	LHS Summer School Mathematics Teacher
Mariellen Hensgen	-	KMS Summer School Teacher
Jill Mason	-	KMS Summer School Teacher
Jeffrey Nadeau	-	KMS Summer School Teacher
Lisa Puckey	-	KMS Summer School Teacher
John Ravalli	-	LHS Summer School Social Studies Teacher
Katie Saccucci	-	KMS Summer School Teacher
Brian Van Arsdale	-	LHS Summer School Science Teacher
Sarah Vickery	-	LHS Summer School Librarian
Melissa Wilcox	-	KMS Summer School Special Education Teacher

6 Ayes Motion Carried

VII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell, that Toree Abbott be APPOINTED to the temporary position of Summer Food Service Supervisor at Turnpike Elementary School at an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Higgitt, that Michelle Gordon be APPOINTED to the temporary position of Summer Food Service Supervisor at Lansingburgh High School at an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following Non-Instructional Student STEP Workers be APPROVED for the Summer Work and School Year Program for 2008-09 school year:

Sara Anderson	Jared Powers
Jill Borden	Daniel Pfitz
Michael Collins	Joseph Retos
John Gerighty	Cody Sayre
Alicia McGrath	Jeremy Schongar
Megan Melsom	Reyquan Shaw
Da'Quan Davis	Jarred Teta
Jenna Davey	Phillip Vartigian
Tymere Pompey	Kenneth Walker

5 Ayes Motion Carried
1 Abstention

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the following Non-Instructional Substitutes be REAPPOINTED and/or APPROVED 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:

Toree Abbott – custodial, noon aide, breakfast aide
 Catherine Alexopoulos – custodial
 Lois Ambuhl – typist, teacher aide
 Ryan Ashe - custodial
 Betty Blanchet – typist
 Kandie Bleau – custodial, noon aide, breakfast aide
 Arnaud Bolivar – custodial
 Tammy Bouchey – custodial
 Beth Brant – typist, breakfast aide, teacher aide
 Kelley Bristol – typist, noon aide, breakfast aide, teacher aide
 Tracy Buck – typist, noon aide, breakfast aide, teacher aide
 Lois Bushey – typist (mailings)
 Jarred Collins - custodial
 Elizabeth Cook – noon aide, breakfast aide
 Beverly Cottrell – typist, custodial (summer & breaks)
 Philip Desnoyers – mail courier
 William Donohue – custodial
 Carol Fedorchak – custodial
 Tammy Fruscio – typist, custodial (summer & breaks)
 Doreen Gerighty – custodial (summer & breaks)
 Tamie Hadden – custodial, teacher aide
 Anita Hansbury – custodial
 Victor Higgins III – custodial
 Marion Holmes – noon aide, teacher aide
 Michele Janishak – typist
 Kathleen Johnson – noon aide
 Joyce Jones – typist, custodial, noon aide, breakfast aide, teacher aide

Mary Jones – noon aide
Kathryn Jordan – typist, custodial, teacher aide
Brian Joy – custodial
Bryan King - custodial
Warren Lansing – custodial, noon aide, breakfast aide
Valerie Machnick – typist, noon aide, breakfast aide, teacher aide
Marilyn Mackey – typist (mailings)
Sharon Mason – teacher aide
Michelle McClellan – typist, custodial, noon & breakfast aide, teacher aide
Toni McKnight – typist (mailings)
Ann McQuade – custodial
Michael McQuade - custodial
John McTavey – custodial, noon aide
Samual Miller – custodial, mail courier
Diane Murray – typist, custodial, teacher aide
Jean O’Connell – typist (mailings)
Joan Rasmussen – typist (mailings)
John Ryan – custodial
Hugh Samiof – custodial
Lance Senecal – custodial
Laurel Sheehy - typist
Barbara Smollin – typist (summer & breaks)
Mary Surprenant – typist
Faith Swanson – typist, teacher aide
Karen Walp – typist, noon aide, breakfast aide, teacher aide
Janet Walsh – typist (mailings)
Stacy Weeks – typist, custodial, noon aide, breakfast aide, teacher aide
Linda Welch – typist (summer & breaks)
Chris Wilcox – clerical (summer & breaks)
Marcey Zabawcznk – custodial, noon aide, breakfast aide, teacher aide

6 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board of Education APPROVE the District Professional Development Plan for the 2008-09 school year as discussed at the Board workshop held on June 10, 2008.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Student Handbooks for the 2008-09 school year, be APPROVED as discussed at the Board workshop held on June 3, 2008.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O’Malley that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee, and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on May 27, 2008, be APPROVED:

Policy 5420 – Student Health Services
Policy 5420 R – Student Health Services Regulation
Policy 6700 – Purchasing
Policy 6700 R – Purchasing Regulation

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. McGrath 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 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$35,500 to be paid in quarterly payments be APPROVED.

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 the Y.M.C.A. to provide Before/After School Child Care at Turnpike Elementary School for the 2008-09 school year as discussed at the Board Workshop held on May 13, 2008, 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. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the Superintendent be AUTHORIZED to enter into a contract with Kristen Weyl, dba Noah's Rainbow Before and After School Program at Rensselaer Park Elementary School for the 2008-2009 school year as discussed at the Board Workshop held on May 13, 2008, 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. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the list of Students with Disabilities be APPROVED.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. OLD BUSINESS: None

X. NEW BUSINESS: None

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Goodwin presented the following Policies:

A. Policies For Your Information – First Reading

- Policy 6741 – Contracting For Professional Services (first reading)
- Policy 6800 - Payroll Procedures (first reading)
- Policy 9500 – Compensation and Benefits (first reading)
- Policy 9500 –R – Compensation and Benefits Regulations (first reading)
- Policy 9520.5E – Notification of Right To Leave Time for Blood Donation (first reading)

Mrs. McGrath questioned the number of times for personnel to leave for blood donations. Policy 9520.5E was referred back to the Policy Committee for review.

Pepsi Fund Report

Mr. Goodwin presented the Pepsi Fund report to the Board members. \$1,000 went toward the LTA Scholarship and \$2,000 toward the Lansingburgh Education Foundation Scholarship.

Mr. Goodwin asked Board members if a July 22 workshop would be suitable for all. Matt Monaghan will be on the agenda.

B. School Activities:

Knickerbacker Middle School

Mr. Paolino stated that awards for Grades 6, 7 & 8 were presented at the KMS Awards Ceremony. Students are preparing for exams and Grade 8 Graduation will be at 6 PM in the High School gym on Thursday, June 26, 2008.

Lansingburgh High School

Classes closed on June 16, 2008. 200 students participated in the Relay for Life. The American Cancer Society was very appreciative. Aziza Gamble qualified for the State track meet. A ceremony was held in honor of Vi Boyko in which a bench was dedicated in her memory, along with a lunch and planting of annuals. 70 awards were presented at the Senior Awards ceremony which was attended by 230 people. LHS Graduation will be held on June 29, 2008 at the LHS gym.

Turnpike Elementary School

TES moving up ceremony will be held June 18, at 7pm along with the DARE graduation at KMS. Teachers and students are busy with end of the year field trips. Activity Day will be held on Wednesday, June 25. Last day of school is June 26 for one hour. Students will meet their new teachers and report cards will be distributed.

Rensselaer Park Elementary School

Year end field trips are being enjoyed by all. Wednesday, June 18 was "Peacefest" with lunch. June 25th at 6:30 pm at KMS is 5th Grade Moving Up ceremony, followed by a dance. Field Day is Friday, June 20 at 9:00 AM at the high school track.

XII . USE OF FACILITIES:

Mr. Macey asked for a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Farrell, that the Board go into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:04 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley, that the Board end their EXECUTIVE SESSION.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Macey asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Deputy District Clerk to the Board of Education