

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD AT THE
KNICKERBACKER AUDITORIUM ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sweeney at 7:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL: K. Bristol, S. Farrell, P. J. Higgitt, B. Lance, E. McDonough, H. McGrath
J. Shover, M. Sweeney

ABSENT: K. Gamble

Others Present: A. Bergin, T. Broderick, D. Carroll, G. Goodwin, M. Harkin, M. Jarem, L. Kyer,
F. Macri, K. Messler, S. Paolino, D. Steenrod

Guests: 1

III. A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Higgitt to accept the Previous Board Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IV. A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. McGrath to accept the Financial Reports.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the resignation of Ms. Gabrielle Carrozza, Special Education Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School, be accepted, with regret, effective August 31, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the resignation of Ms. Jessica Clermont, as LHS Play Art Advisor, be accepted, with regret, effective August 12, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the resignation of Ms. Jessica Clermont as LHS Yearbook Co-Advisor, be accepted with regret, effective August 12, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Ms. Marisa Rivotuso be appointed as Teaching Assistant at Lansingburgh High School with reimbursement according to the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – September 1, 2009
Expiration of Probationary Service – August 31, 2012
Salary – Step 9 (C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant Contract) \$23,985.15

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that Ms. Vicky Rovito be assigned one additional teaching section of Business Education at 1/6th of her annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Lance that Mr. Daniel Todd be assigned one additional teaching section of Business Education at 1/6th of his annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Ms. Patricia Dyer be assigned one additional teaching section of Business Education at 1/6th of her annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Ms. Rebecca Shepherd be assigned one additional teaching section of Music at 1/6th of her annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Lance that Mr. Gary Pascucci be assigned three additional Physical Education classes per week at 1/10th of his annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Mr. Dale Broomhead be assigned three additional Physical Education classes per week at 1/10th of his annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that Mr. Alejandro Williams be assigned one additional Music class per week at 1/30th of his annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Ms. Kendra Ferris be assigned one additional teaching section of AIS Reading at 1/6th of her annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Krystal Hammond be assigned one additional teaching section of Spanish at 1/6th of her annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Farrell 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, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract:

Michael Stott	certified
Ruth Van Brocklen	certified
Elyse Reynolds	certified
Erin Crowther	uncertified
Courtney Shepherd	uncertified

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the following Summer School Substitutes be approved for the 2009 Summer School Session with compensation according to the Summer School Substitute Rate.

Catherine Dunn
Joseph Henkel
Katherine Hepp

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the individuals listed below be approved for Summer Curriculum work with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract:

ELA Grade 6 Curriculum

Camille Amodeo – 10 hrs.
Meghan D’Adamo – 10 hrs.
Tiffany James – 10 hrs.
Kerry Messler – 10 hrs.

Nicole Hunt - 5 hrs.
Kristen Pasinella – 5 hrs.
Christine VonDell – 5 hrs.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the resignation, due to retirement, of Mrs. Donna Brooks, custodial worker at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, be accepted with regret effective September 5, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the resignation of Ms. Karen Walp, Noon Aide at Turnpike Elementary School be accepted, with regret effective August 5, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following Non-Instructional Substitutes 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, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Contract:

James Bartlett	-	Substitute Custodian
Stacie Kacensky	-	Substitute Noon Aide

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that Ms. Laurel Sheehy be appointed to the Tax Clerk position for the Lansingburgh Central School District, effective August 17, 2009 through November 13, 2009 at the rate of \$14.97 per hour.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Noon Aides 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 2009-2010 school year with compensation as approved by the Board of Education on July 7, 2009:

Catherine Alexopoulos	Lansingburgh High School
Denise Willetts	Lansingburgh High School
Kathleen Johnson	Lansingburgh High School
Margaret Bell	Knickerbacker Middle School
Carol Fedorchak	Knickerbacker Middle School
Beth Brant	Rensselaer Park Elementary School
Joyce Jones	Rensselaer Park Elementary School
Mary Jones	Rensselaer Park Elementary School
Jennifer LeBrecht	Rensselaer Park Elementary School
Stacy Weeks	Rensselaer Park Elementary School
Patricia Bishop	Turnpike Elementary School
Jennifer Pratt	Turnpike Elementary School
Faith Swanson	Turnpike Elementary School

Jessica Vandenburg
 Marcey Zabawczuk

Turnpike Elementary School
 Turnpike Elementary School

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the following Breakfast Aides 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 2009-2010 school year with compensation as approved by the Board of Education on July 7, 2009:

Catherine Alexopoulos	Lansingburgh High School
Carol Fedorchak	Knickerbacker Middle School
Barbara Gibbs	Rensselaer Park Elementary School
Mary Jones	Rensselaer Park Elementary School
Stacey Weeks	Rensselaer Park Elementary School
Patricia Bishop	Turnpike Elementary School
Faith Swanson	Turnpike Elementary School
Marcey Zabawczuk	Turnpike Elementary School

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following Photocopy Aides be reappointed for the 2009-2010 school year with compensation as approved by the Board of Education on July 7, 2009:

Mary Jones	Rensselaer Park Elementary School (2 hrs. per day)
Patricia Bishop	Turnpike Elementary School (2 hrs. per day)

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the following Principals and Attendance Clerks be designated the responsibility for attendance for the 2009-10 school year:

<u>School</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Attendance Clerk</u>
Lansingburgh High	Angelina Bergin	Carol Rielly
Knickerbacker Middle	Shaun Paolino	Christine Wilcox
Rensselaer Park	Marcella Fushs	Barbara Smollin
Turnpike	Dawne Steenrod	Linda Welch

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following Surrogate Parent be approved for the 2009-10 school year:

Christine McDonald

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following comprise the Lansingburgh School District, Committee on Special Education, to be in compliance with new Federal and current State mandates for the 2009-10 school year:

Parent of the child.

At least one general education teacher of the child, as required by regulation.

Special education teacher of the child, as required by regulation:

Including

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| Peter Allen | Eric Jasuta |
| Emily Ascioti | Casey Leibach |
| Angela Barnett | Tina Lieberman-Cohen |
| Nancy Bechand | Tracy Lilkas |
| Michelle Burkhart | Jodi McNutt |
| Michelle Coon | Pamela Mele |
| Michelle Cosselman | David Merrill |
| Donna Comiskey | Lauren Paige |
| Dana Crobok | Kristen Pasinella |
| Mary Danahy | Jamie Sbardella |
| Maryanne DeNault | Karen Schwenker |
| Catherine Dunn | Maureen Sullivan |
| Erinne Flanigan | Melissa Taylor |
| Erin Fox | Dorianne Usher |
| Lindsey Gibson | Christina VonDell |
| Kathleen Gorman | Melissa Wilcox |
| Jennifer Gula | Emily Wild |
| Kathleen Hepp | |
| Judy Higgins | |

District representative familiar with curriculum and design of special programs as defined by regulation:

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| Barbara Sperling | Angelina Bergin | Shaun Paolino |
| Marcella Fushs | Frank Macri | Fred Erickson |
| Dawne Steenrod | Linda Crucetti | James Wager |
| Kelly Alexander | Kerri Messler | |

An individual who can interpret instructional implications of testing results (**School Psychologists**):

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| Michelle Foster | Michele McGivern | Kellen Roberts |
| Kimberly Guiffre | | |

School physician:

- Dr. Agopovich

Parent member:

- Erin Lanahan

Alternate

- Renee DeJesus

When appropriate, a student with a disability.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following be appointed to the Lansingburgh School District, Committee on Preschool Special Education, to be in compliance with Federal and State mandates, for the 2009-10 school year:

Parent of the child.

One regular education teacher if child is participating in regular education environment.

One special education teacher as defined by regulation.

Representative of district with knowledge about curriculum and resources:

- Barbara Sperling

Individual to interpret instructional implications of testing results:

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| Michelle Foster | Judy Higgins |
| Kimberly Guiffre | Melissa Taylor |
| Kellen Roberts | |
| Chairperson: Barbara Sperling | |

Parent member:

Renee DeJesus

Department of Health Early Intervention professional for Early Intervention transition.

Rensselaer County Representative.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Board of Education adopt the Free and Reduced Price policy statement for the 2009-2010 school year:

Breakfast costs	\$.75	grades K-5
	\$.85	grades 6-12
Lunch costs	\$1.25	grades K-5
	\$1.50	grades 6-12

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board of Education transfer \$440,867 from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund as of June 30, 2009 and that such funds may be transferred back to the General Fund as needed for the purpose of offsetting future debt service expenditures, state aid take-backs or other revenue shortfalls.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board of Education increase the 2008-2009 General Fund Appropriations and Revenues in the amount of \$7,998.62, and that such funds be used to provide scholarships, health and safety initiatives, student field trips and other activities and other purchases as approved by the Board of Education.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the Board of Education Adopt a tax levy in the amount of \$12,959,885 as authorized by the voters at the annual school district meeting, and that the Board of Education affix the tax rate and confirm the extension of taxes as follows:

	<u>ASSESSED</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>LEVY</u>	<u>STAR</u>	<u>TAX COLLECTOR</u>
Lansingburgh	\$71,334,728	\$115.444919	\$8,235,228.95	\$1,473,103.08	\$6,762,125.87
Brunswick	30,534,102	63.065300	1,925,644.05	281,923.77	\$1,643,720.28
Pittstown	10,400	24.810700	258.03	-0-	258.03
Schaghticoke	42,178,054	66.355700	2,798,753.97	564,574.70	<u>2,234,179.27</u>
Amount to be Raised					\$10,640,283.45

TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAX LEVY FOR DISTRICT

AND THAT, a tax warrant of this Board duly signed, shall be affixed to the tax rolls issued to Ms. Jane Luskin, District Tax Collector, in the amount of \$10,640,283.43 authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2009 and end October 30, 2009, giving this tax warrant an effective period of 60 days, at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the Board of Education.

AND THAT, the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

- October 1, 2009 - 2% will be added
- October 30, 2009 - Last day of collection

All unpaid school taxes are re-levied with additional 7% and billed on City or Town tax bills in January.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District, relative to the 2008 assessment roll of the City of Troy, and relative to the 2008 assessment rolls of the Towns of Schaghticoke, Pittstown, and Brunswick, respectively, in the County of Rensselaer, State of New York and whereas the District received notice of the commencement of certain real property tax certiorari proceedings pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax law challenging the assessments of certain real property located within the District, which assessments are set forth on the 2008 assessment roll of the City of Troy and on the 2008 assessment rolls of the Towns of Schaghticoke, Pittstown, and Brunswick, respectively, in the County of Rensselaer, State of New York and whereas those proceedings may reasonably give rise to obligations on the part of the District to meet judgments and claims therein in an amount not less the \$404,943, and whereas the Board of Education wishes to minimize the adverse impact of such obligations on budgets in future fiscal years, not therefore at a duly-called meeting of the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District, be it resolved that pursuant to Education Law § 3651 (1-a), the Board of Education authorizes the immediate creation and establishment of a tax certiorari reserve fund to be used to satisfy judgments and claim against the District in any such proceedings concerning the 2008 assessment roll of the City of Troy and concerning the 2008 assessment rolls of the Towns of Schaghticoke, Pittstown, and Brunswick, respectively, as any be ordered by a court, and that the tax certiorari reserve fund hereby established shall be funded with unexpended/surplus funds remaining from the 2008-2009 fiscal year in the amount of \$404,943, and that pursuant to Education Law § 3651 (6), the monies held in the tax certiorari reserve fund established herein shall be held and accounted for in a segregated fund.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Ms. Penny Tobias, Nurse at Catholic Central High School work hours be increased from 5 hours per day to no more than 7 hours per day with compensation per the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant Contract.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education President be authorized to approve the following Change Order for the 9.9M construction project:

H-005	Collett	\$(2,876.00)	Deletion of PTAC and unit and ventilator
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8 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Additional Summer School Substitute Teachers Appointment

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Summer School Substitute Teachers be approved, for the 2009 Summer Session, with compensation according to the Summer School Substitute rate:

Angela Barnett	Derek Fox
Randi Behrens	Hilary Powell
Melissa Cox	Andrew Rickert
Andrew Ferris	Christine Strube

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made my Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the following Coaching Appointment 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:

Nicholas Gross	-	Junior Varsity Girls Soccer Coach
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8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Ms. Juaneika Agyeman be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Special Education Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – September 1, 2009	
Expiration of Probationary Service – August 31, 2012	
Certification Status – Students with Disabilities Grades 5-9 (Initial)	
Salary – Step 1	\$35,802
Masters	450
Differential	500
Graduate Credits – 67	<u>2,442</u>
	\$39,194

8Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Ms. Andrea Robinson be appointed as School Nurse at Turnpike Elementary School on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, effective September 1, 2009 with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant contract.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following be appointed as advisor of Extracurricular Activities at Lansingburgh High School for the 2009-10 school year, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract:

Lisa Pingelski - Co-Advisor LHS Yearbook

8 Ayes Motion Carried

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. Policies (First Reading)

1. Policy 4526.1 – Internet Safety
2. Policy 5460 – Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting

Mr. Goodwin stated that he had received a call from a parent of a student who lives on Gurley Avenue requesting information on how to proceed with a Child Safety Zone review.

Mr. Goodwin stated that we currently have a custodial position available at Rensselaer Park, a Teaching Assistant position at St. Augustine's school, (We are required to fill this position through Title I) and a high school special education teacher.

In tomorrow's paper there should be a public release on school district accountability. The high school, Turnpike and Rensselaer Park should be in good standing. The middle school will be SINI - Year 2 - ELA.

Mrs. Fushs was unable to be here. Rensselaer Park will be holding their Kindergarten open house on September 2.

Mrs. Steenrod: We will be holding our Kindergarten open house in 2 sessions. Half will be brought into school in the morning and the remainder in the afternoon. Mrs. Steenrod meets with the parents to fill out paperwork and explain procedures of the school while the teachers meet with the students and do projects.

Mr. Paolino: Based on the fact that we are a SINI school, we are eligible to receive supplemental educational services. We have 19 students who are taking advantage of these services. We will have an after school program through a grant from Berkshire Farms. We currently have 10 applications received and another 20 sent out. The students will concentrate on academics, arts and crafts and sports. The program will run from 2:20 p.m. through 5:20 p.m. Due to construction, we will not be having 6th grade orientation. However, we are confident that the incoming 6th grade students will be fine. They received three previous orientations in June. New seventh and eighth grade students are being shown individually around the building by our guidance counselors.

Mrs. Bergin: Freshman orientation is next Wednesday, September 2. Scheduling is done and we are ready to begin.

Mr. Harkin: Fall Volleyball is ready to go. We have new nets for each level. 46 girls tried out for the teams. Girl's soccer will begin scrimmages tomorrow and the boys will begin next week. Cross Country is in full swing. We have had 70 boys try out for JV and Varsity football. Thursday night is maroon and white night. Parents and students will meet all the coaches. This year we will be having all of our teams attend youth soccer and patriot practices and games to build a relationship between school and outside organizations. The state has reduced the number of games we play by 20%; however, we do have a full schedule. Dates should be finalized tomorrow.

Mrs. Sweeney asked if there were any executive session items. Mr. Goodwin said yes, 1 related to collective bargaining.

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Bristol to go into Executive Session.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:10 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded Mrs. Sweeney that the Board end their Executive Session.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:31 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 Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Lance.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

District Clerk to the Board of Education