

AMENDED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD AT THE
LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER ON TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mrs. Sweeney asked if we would all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL: S. Farrell, K. Gamble, P. J. Higgitt, B. Lance, A. Macey, H. McGrath,
J. O'Malley, M. Sweeney

Absent: Mrs. McHugh

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

Visitors: 2

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded
by Mrs. O'Malley that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on August 26, 2008
be
amended to reflect the resignation date of August 26, 2008 for Ms. Kerri Saunders be adjusted
to September 1, 2008 be APPROVED.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: None

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the resignation of
Ms. Kimberly Pinnell, Teaching Assistant at Turnpike Elementary School be accepted with regret
effective September 2, 2008.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the resignation of Ms. Brooke Tarullo,
Reading Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School be accepted with regret effective October 13, 2008.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Mrs. Christy Lill, Elementary First Grade Teacher at Turnpike School be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence beginning September 3, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Ms. Trinisa Learry, 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 Lansingburgh High School, per the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	-	September 1, 2008
Expiration of Probationary Service	-	August 31, 2011
Certification Status	-	Special Education 7-12 (Initial)
Salary – Step 2		\$36,392
Masters		450
Differential		500
Graduate Credits -54		<u>1,998</u>
		\$39,340

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Ms. Melissa Watts, be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as School Social Worker at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, per the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	-	October 20, 2008
Expiration of Probationary Service	-	October 19, 2010
Certification Status	-	School Social Worker (Permanent)
Salary – Step 9		\$42,083
Masters		450
Differential		500
Graduate Credits -60		<u>2,220</u>
		\$45,253

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Mr. Stefan Schechter, be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Fifth Grade Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, per the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	-	October 1, 2008
Expiration of Probationary Service	-	September 30, 2010
Certification Status	-	Pre K, K-6 (Permanent)
Salary – Step 7		\$40,235
Masters		450
Differential		500
Graduate Credits -30		<u>1,110</u>
		\$41,795

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Ms. Carrie Mendolia, be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Grade 1 Teacher (permanent substitute) at Turnpike Elementary School, per the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service	-	September 1, 2008
Expiration of Service	-	June 25, 2009
Certification Status	-	Childhood Ed. 1-6 (Initial)
Salary – Step 2		\$36,392
Masters		450
Graduate Credits -40		<u>1,443</u>
		\$38,285

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. Macey that Mr. Daniel Hepp, be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Teaching Assistant at Lansingburgh High School, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	-	September 1, 2008
Expiration of Probationary Service	-	August 31, 2011
Salary - Step 1	-	\$16,014.28

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Ms. Kimberly Ellison, be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Teaching Assistant at Turnpike Elementary School, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	-	September 22, 2008
Expiration of Probationary Service	-	September 21, 2011
Salary – Step 9 (certified teacher)	-	\$18,852

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Ms. Ellen Clark-Cruz 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. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Zaira Guerrero 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. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Lance 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. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Lance that Ms. Laura Johnson be assigned one additional teaching section of Spanish, at 1/6th of her annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that Ms. Karen (Biel) Porpeggia be assigned one additional teaching section of Spanish, at 1/6th of her annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Lance that Mr. Gary Pascucci's Physical Education extra class assignment of two additional classes per week approved at the August 26th Board meeting, be amended to five additional classes per week with compensation at 1/6th of his annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Mr. Alejandro Williams' extra class assignment of two additional Music Classes per week approved at the August 26th Board meeting, be

amended to four additional classes per week with compensation at 2/15th of his annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Mr. Aime Ferrone be assigned one additional teaching section of Technology at 1/6th of his annual salary.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. Macey that Ms. Kathleen Hepp be assigned one additional teaching section of Special Education at Catholic Central High School, at 1/6th her annual salary effective October 1, 2008 with compensation per the LTA Contract.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Darlene Walzer be compensated for her master's degree retroactive to September 2007 in the amount of \$450.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the following be appointed as staff for the grant funded Easter Seals Extended Day Program, one hour per day, at their contractual rate per hour for the 2008-2009 school year:

Turnpike

Barbara Ashe
Cecelia Broomhead
Marisa Caprara
Beverly Cottrell
Kristen Griswold
Donna Kowalczyk
Mary Meliski
Mary Danahy, Substitute
Darlene Walzer, Substitute

Rensselaer Park

Peter Allen
Darlene Bechand
Maryanne DeNault
Elise Mamone
Carrie Phelan

Robin Delaney, Substitute
Sandra Ryan, Substitute

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the attached list of Home Tutoring Assignments be approved, with compensation according to the L.T.A. Contract.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. McGrath 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 2008-09 school year:

Alissa DiCocco - Certified
Mark Schaudt - Certified
Marisa Rivituso - Certified
Jacquelyn Colligan - Uncertified
Tracy Buck - Uncertified
Kevin Fitzpatrick - Certified
Molly McLoughlin - Uncertified
Adam Gregoire - Uncertified

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the following be appointed as advisors of Extracurricular Activities for the 2008-09 school year, with compensation according to the L.T.A. Contract:

LHS Yearbook Co-Advisor	Derek Fox
LHS Yearbook Co-Advisor	Jessica Clermont
KMS National Jr. Honor Society Advisor	Adel Luciano
KMS 8 th Grade Class Co-Advisor	Colleen Buff
KMS 8 th Grade Class Co-Advisor	Mariellen Hensgen
KMS Yearbook Co-Advisor	Michelle Coon
KMS Yearbook Co-Advisor	Michelle Cosselman
KMS Newspaper Advisor	Lisa Puckey
KMS School Play Drama Advisor	Jennifer Batchelder
KMS/LHS Art Club Co-Advisor	Kathryn Schwenker
KMS Computer Club Advisor	Daniel Todd
KMS Student Council Advisor	Janelle Lyons
TES Enrichment Advisor	Nicole Silver

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Ms. Eileen Culliton be appointed as After School Homework Club Advisor for Lansingburgh High School from September 15, 2008 through June 25, 2009 with compensation according to the LTA contract.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Lance that Ms. Stephanie Haney be appointed as After School Homework Club Advisor for Lansingburgh High School from September 15, 2008 through June 25, 2009 with compensation according to the LTA contract.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Coaching Appointments be approved on for the 2008-2009 school year pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements, with reimbursement according to the LTA contract:

Melinda McDonough	-	Modified Volleyball Coach – Girls (new position)
Joseph Henkel	-	Boys Varsity Baseball Coach
Jessica Nikodem	-	Modified Girls Soccer Coach

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following coaching re-appointments be approved for the 2008-2009 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements, with reimbursement according to the LTA contract:

Coaching Re-Appointments

Boys Varsity Basketball	-	Guy DiBacco
Boys Junior Varsity Basketball	-	Gary Pascucci
Boys Modified Basketball	-	Jeffrey Pasinella
Girls Varsity Basketball	-	Mari Warner
Girls Junior Varsity Basketball	-	Randi Behrens
Varsity Wrestling	-	Daniel Bechand
Assistant Varsity Wrestling	-	Adam Gregoire
Modified Wrestling	-	Brian Fox

Boys Varsity Bowling	-	Bruce Black
Girls Varsity Bowling	-	Roland Blanchet
Indoor Track	-	Christian Brophy
Assistant Indoor Track	-	Dale Broomhead

Intramural Reappointments

KMS/LHS Ski Advisors-Adam South, Maureen Sullivan, Gina Fusco, Jacqueline Tremont
 KMS/LHS Substitute Ski Advisors –Jessica Clermont, Janelle Lyons, Kristen Theriault, Patrick Wilson, Kevin Sheehan
 TES Skiing – Beverly Cottrell, Susan Shea, Marisa Caprara
 TES Substitute Ski Advisor – Christine Retell
 RPES Skiing – Jason Blackmur and Leigh McNeil
 TES Intramurals - Dale Broomhead, David Proper, Seth Reynolds
 RPES Intramurals – Gary Pascucci
 RPES & TES Intramurals - Melinda McDonough
 Shot Clock Operator - Cristina Young
 Announcer/Scorer Football & Basketball -Richard Sheffer

8 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. O’Malley and seconded by Mrs. Farrell 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 2008-09 school year:

Jennifer LaBrecht	Sub-Typist, Teacher Aide	
Jean Rebhun	Sub-Typist, Teacher Aide	
	Karen Bradshaw	Sub-Custodial
	Donald McBride	Sub-Custodial

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following Non-Instructional Step Workers be approved for the 2008-2009 school year:

Zachary Gimlin
 Brittany Hacker

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following Non-Instructional Substitute Nurse be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, for the 2008-2009 school year:

Maureen Slattery

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O’Malley that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to Re-Approve the contract for Stericycle Inc. in the amount of \$1,000, a rate \$1,700 lower than the 2007-2008 school year and that the Superintendent file a copy of this contract with the District Clerk.

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

E-004	Clune	\$	952.50
E-005	Clune	\$	952.50
G-007	Bunkoff	\$	2,140.00
G-008	Bunkoff	\$	2,140.00
G-009	Bunkoff	\$	6,768.00
G-010	Bunkoff	\$	6,768.00
G-011	Bunkoff	\$	27,787.37
G-012	Bunkoff	\$	22,300.00
G-013	Bunkoff	\$	4,659.00
E-002	Clune	\$	26,235.00
E-003	Clune	\$	24,531.00
H-002	Collett	\$	5,836.00
E-006	Clune	\$	2,891.00
G-014	Bunkoff	\$	6,331.00
G-015	Bunkoff	\$	24,960.00
G-016	Bunkoff	\$	1,446.00
G-017	Bunkoff	\$	200.00
G-018	Bunkoff	\$	3,304.00
G-019	Bunkoff	\$	3,304.00
G-020	Bunkoff	\$	328.00
G-021	Bunkoff	\$	<u>328.00</u>
	Total	\$	174,161.37

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to renew the NEC contract for annual maintenance for the District's telecommunications system for school year 2008-2009 at a rate of \$23,891.88 which is a 3.9% increase over the 2007-2008 school year.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the following teachers be added to the list of Lansingburgh School District Committee on Special Education, to be in compliance with new Federal and current State mandates for the 2008-2009 school year:

- Peter Allen
- Trinisa Learry
- Peter Mason
- Lynn Paradowski

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Foreign Language field trip to Quebec, April 29, 30, and May 1 be approved as discussed at the Board workshop held on September 2, 2008.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Annual Financial Report (ST-3) be accepted as discussed at the Audit Committee meeting held on September 30, 2008.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the Board of Education approve the contract of Ms. Lisa Kyer, Business Administrator for a term of three years effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011 and that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to enter into an employment contract. The President of the Board shall file a copy with the District Clerk.

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8 Ayes Motion Carried
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A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board of Education approve the 2008-2009 Board Goals:

- Ratification of new Lansingburgh Teachers Association and CSEA Teaching Assistants/Nurses contracts by the June 2009 Board of Education meeting.
- Improvement of ELA, Math and Science State Assessment scores at all grade levels.
- Analysis of the district Community Survey and development of action plans related to it.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the attached, corrected tax assessment of John R. and Deana Filarecki of 85 Gurley Avenue for the 2008-2009 tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated, and

that the attached, corrected tax assessment of Edward and Suzanne Maloney of 21 Biscayne Boulevard for the 2008-09 tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Macey to Amend the Wording for the Correction of Tax Assessment for Lansingburgh Central School held on September 30, 2008 Board of Education meeting to read:

that the attached, corrected tax assessment for the newly donated property on Turnpike Road be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated. This property was donated to the Lansingburgh C.S.D. and should therefore have a status of tax exempt.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with Service Connections, Inc., for consultant teacher services at St. Augustine's School, 3 hours per week at \$225. per week.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: None

XI. NEW BUSINESS: None

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Goodwin said listed on your agenda are policies for their first reading.

Capital Improvement Project Update: Girls locker room lockers are in the building and are being completed tonight. The elementary offices are scheduled for completion of carpet and tile on October 14. Turnpike's new outside public restrooms, walkway, step, and locks on doors are complete. In the central office, the new windows are going in. You received a draft copy of the Medicaid audit and on that same afternoon we received via email the final Medicaid audit. We will review the audit and adopt the Medicaid corrective action plan at the October Board meeting.

I received a call from the Troy Record – the Comptroller released a press release concerning the Medicaid audit stating that there were eight districts that were audited for the two year period 2005-2006 and 2006-2007. We received Medicaid reimbursement of \$487,543 in revenue. We could have billed

Medicaid for an additional \$74,088. One of the issues is that we are not receiving documentation in a timely manner.

Point of Sales will begin next week in the cafeteria. Pin identification numbers were sent out to parents for each student. The high school will go live on October 7. The middle school will go live two weeks after that and the elementary after that.

October 10 is Superintendent's Conference Day.

Mrs. Oboyski-Butler:

We have arranged for Keynote Speaker Isoke Nia to speak on raising assessment scores, writing strategies
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to all faculty from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. The middle school teachers will continue with Isoke Nia 8 to 9:30 and 9:45 to 11:30. From 12:00 to 1:45 the middle school teachers will be reviewing data. P.E., art and music teachers will have departmental meetings. The Elementary teachers from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. will be attending a workshop on Starting a Writing Workshop. From 12:00 to 1:45 Elementary teachers will meet with their curriculum specialists establishing grade level writing expectations.

At the high school, 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. there will be departmental meetings.

After lunch, high school teachers will have another session with Isoke Nia on Every Teacher is a Teacher of Writing. Departmental meetings for P.E, art and music teachers will be held.

The secretaries and monitors will be meeting with Melissa Pinke on District Safety Plans and Procedures from 8:00 to 9:45 a.m. They will be doing an overview on safety procedures.

Barb Sperling and Mike Harkin will be presenting with the homeless coordinator, to the secretaries.

B. School Activities

Mr. Harkin said that varsity volleyball won their first game. They now have 60 girls participating at some

level in this sport. When they were at the Voorheesville game the athletic director complimented our athletes for their respect and behavior. Best game in two years, fields look great.

Mrs. Steenrod: Turnpike is very busy. Committees are being organized. They are having grade level meetings to review the State test results. School pictures are tomorrow.

Mrs. Fushs: Open house was very successful.

Mr. Paolino: Staff development is taking place. The middle school has gone back to teams and the teams meet four times a week. Administration goes into at least one of those meetings. Each team will be doing 1 newsletter a month. Ms. Nicole Hunt has been published.

KMS sponsors agenda challenges – there is a different agenda challenge each day. For example do you know what year toilet paper was produced? Somewhere in the agenda the student will find the answer. If they find Ms. Messler by dismissal they win a prize.

In our media center, Ms. Vickery is hosting Book Teaser Tuesdays. Open house was last Thursday. Each of the seventh and eighth grade teachers called parents to remind them.

As you know our sixth grade students are required to have a TDAP vaccination. Ms. Natale has been working with the list of students which started with 52 students not having been vaccinated. New York State health require all students be vaccinated or, they are not allowed to attend school until properly vaccinated or documentation that the appointment has been made. Ms. Natale has reduced the number to just 17 students.

Mrs. Bergin: They are off to a great start. They are helping with the transition and fixing scheduling adjustments. Students are attending PSAT and SAT preparation classes. Mr. Harkin has gone to every English classroom. During homecoming week, the powder puff game had a record number of parents attend.

We have several colleges coming in to Guidance. Mr. Macri and Mr. Harkin have meet with the ninth grade class about making it count. There is no longer a grade of 55 for passing. In New York it is now 65% to pass a Regents exam.

They have had 60 students audition for the high school play.

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 2 student disciplinary items, one negotiation item and one personnel item.

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Farrell to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:23 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mr. Macey that the BOARD of EDUCATION end their EXECUTIVE SESSION.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:39 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 Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the meeting be adjourned.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education