

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD AT
KNICKERBACKER AUDITORIUM ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009.

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

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

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

Absent: none

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

Visitors: 19

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on September 29, 2009 be APPROVED.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

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

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mrs. Sweeney addressed the visitors in the auditorium and asked that if anyone wishing to address the Board of Education on the agenda would need to sign in with their name, address and phone number. Mrs. Sweeney read Policy 1240 Visitors to the Schools. Mrs. Sweeney indicated that the Board has allotted 20 minutes for open discussion and each person who has signed in would be allowed two minutes to address the Board. Mrs. Sweeney stated that Lansingburgh residents would be heard first and if time allotted, the other visitors would then speak.

The following visitors signed up wishing to address the Board of Education:

Mrs. Jan O'Malley
Mrs. Linda Casalo
Mrs. Susan Whalen
Mr. James Cambell

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Goodwin stated that there were several communications that were received, in regards to the recent suspension of a student.

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the resignation of Mr. Matthew Cipperly, Teaching Assistant at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, be accepted with regret effective October 13, 2009.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell, that the resignation of Ms. Kristen Theriault, Teaching Assistant for Knickerbacker Middle School be accepted, with regret, effective October 28, 2009.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. Shover that Ms. Sarah Smith be appointed as After School Homework Club Advisor for Lansingburgh High School for the 2009-2010 school year with compensation according to the LTA contract. This program is funded through the Extended School Day grant.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Ms. Theresa Spaulding be appointed as After School Homework Club Advisor at the Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club for the 2009-2010 school year with compensation according to the LTA contract. This program is funded through the Extended School Day grant.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following be appointed as staff for the grant funded Easter Seals Extended Day Program at their contractual rate per hour for the 2009-2010 school year:

Turnpike

Barbara Ashe
Cecelia Broomhead
Marisa Caprara
Kathleen Graber
Kristen Griswold
Mary Haydock
Angela Mauriello
Mary Meliski
Mary Danahy

Rensselaer Park

Peter Allen
Darlene Bechand
Cynthia Daley
Elise Mamone
Maryanne DeNault
Maryanne Murphy
Tracy O'Neil
Stefan Schechter
Robin Delaney, Substitute
Sandra Ryan, Substitute

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the following Advisors be appointed for the 2009-2010 school year with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract:

Christina Penman – Junior Varsity Cheerleading Advisor for Football
Shameeka Pompey – Varsity Cheerleading Advisor for Basketball
April DeFrancesco – Junior Varsity Cheerleading Advisor for Basketball
Derek Fox – KMS/LHS Ski Advisor
Christopher Rian Colbert – KMS/LHS Ski Advisor
Christine Retell – TES Ski Advisor
Angela Mauriello – TES Ski Advisor

9Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the following Coaching Re-Appointments 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:

Guy DiBacco – Boys Varsity Basketball
Gary Pascucci – Boys Junior Varsity Basketball
Ryan Debrosky – Boys Freshman Basketball
Jeffrey Pasinella – Boys Modified Basketball
Peter Allen – Girls Freshman Basketball
Kristen Pasinella – Girls Modified Basketball
Daniel Bechand – Varsity Wrestling
Adam Gregoire – Assistant Varsity Wrestling
Brian Fox – Modified Wrestling
Bruce Black – Boys Varsity Bowling
Roland Blanchet – Girls Varsity Bowling
Christian Brophy – Indoor Track
Dale Broomhead – Assistant Indoor Track

Intramurals – Re-Appointments

- Patrick Wilson – KMS/LHS Ski Advisor
- Maureen Sullivan – KMS/LHS Ski Advisor
- Shaun Donegan – KMS/LHS Substitute Ski Advisor
- Kevin Sheehan – KMS/LHS Substitute Ski Advisor
- Beverly Cottrell – TES Ski Advisor
- Jason Blackmur – RPES Ski Advisor
- Leigh McNeil – RPES Ski Advisor
- Cristine Young – Shot Clock Operator
- Richard Sheffer – Announcer/Scorer Football & Basketball

Morning P.E. (Intramurals)

- TES – Dale Broomhead, Melinda McDonough, Seth Reynolds
- RPES – Mara DeSilva

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Lance 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 2009-10 school year:

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| Stuart Guthrie | uncertified |
| Ashley Yonos | certified |
| Erin Lanni | certified |
| Victoria LaMarque | certified |
| Vicki Ouimet | certified |

9 Ayes Motion Carried

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Mr. Michael Martin be appointed as a Custodial Worker at Lansingburgh High School, effective October 28, 2009, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. McDonough 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 2009-2010 school year:

- Jamie Wilson – Substitute Clerical

9 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the attached list of In-Service and Graduate Credit hours be approved and that reimbursement of credit for the staff members listed be authorized in accordance with the Teachers’ Contract, effective September 1, 2009.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Ms. Farrell that the Health Service Contract Rate to be charged to other public schools for health services provided to students attending private and/or parochial schools in the Lansingburgh Central School District be approved in the amount of \$423.93 per student for the 2009-10 school year.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Ms. Lisa Kyer be appointed and hereby is designated to represent the Lansingburgh Central School District as its Trustee under the Self-Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation, the New York State Public Schools Statewide Workers' Compensation Trust, and that Kathleen Napples be and hereby is designated to serve as alternate Trustee under the plan effective July 1, 2009.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Mr. George J. Goodwin, Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to file the final report for the 2008-2009 school year for payment to the Lansingburgh Central School District at Troy, pursuant to Public Law 874 Federally Aided Program for Impact Aid, and make representation and commitments thereto for and in behalf of said applicant in connection with the report, and that Mr. George J. Goodwin, Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to file the survey report for the 2008-09 school year for the above Public Law 874.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Independent Audit Report for the 2008-09 school year be accepted as prepared by the auditing firm of Wilson, Stark, and Basila CPA, P.C., and as discussed at the October 27, Board of Education Audit meeting.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Superintendent of Schools and the Board President be authorized to Approve the following Change Orders for the 9.9M construction Project:

E-011	Clune	\$ 2,124.00
H-007	Collett	\$ 7,330.00
H-008	Collett	\$ 1,800.00
H-009	Collett	\$ 2,703.00
G-041	Bunkoff	\$ 4,534.00
G-042	Bunkoff	\$ 2,927.00
G-043	Bunkoff	\$ 837.00
G-044	Bunkoff	\$ 2,176.00
G-045	Bunkoff	\$ 3,162.00
G-046	Bunkoff	\$ 6,258.00
G-047	Bunkoff	\$ 2,764.00
G-049	Bunkoff	\$ 1,135.00
G-050	Bunkoff	\$ 508.00
G-051	Bunkoff	\$14,459.00
H-011	Collett	\$16,877.00
E-014	Clune	\$ 3,186.00
E-015	Clune	<u>\$ 2,522.00</u>
		\$75,302.00

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the attached list of Students with Disabilities be approved.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that the attached, corrected tax assessment of Valerie Paull of 846 Seventh Avenue for the 2009-10 tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mr. Shover that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on September 29, 2009, be approved:

- Policy 1145 – Advertising Materials and Announcements
- Policy 1500 – Public Use of School Facilities

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Board of Education Approve the 2009-2010 Board Goals:

- **Community:** Improve the flow of communication between all stakeholders by maximizing the use of technology as well as district and community resources.
- **Academic:** Provide support to staff and students in their efforts to meet and exceed required achievement levels in all State Assessment exams.
- **Finance:** Successfully complete negotiations with Teaching Assistant and Teacher unions, and begin negotiations with CSEA support staff to result in mutually acceptable contracts.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Goodwin said that there were four policies for their first reading.

Dr. Bergin - LHS

Senior meetings will be concluding at the end of the month. IST meetings have been held with the new psychologist. The student group for Rachel's Challenge is planning activities. Lansingburgh is the steering committee for the December 2009 Character Education Conference, "The Golden Opportunity". The BBC participated in the Breast Cancer Walk on October 18. There will be formative assessments by department in the month of November. Technology Club, under the direction of advisor Adam South has accepted a \$5,000 donation from De Rubertis Auto on Fifth Avenue. Open House was well attended and students have just taken the PSAT. A record number of students took the test: 73 eleventh graders, 41 tenth graders and 3 ninth grade students.

Mr. Paolino – KMS

Currently we are having our Scholastic Book Fair. It will be available tomorrow October 28, 2009 for parents while at family fright night. The middle school is currently holding a red ribbon week to raise awareness of drug and alcohol abuse.

Mrs. Fushs – RPES

Our pumpkin festival was very well attended. The fifth grade students are preparing to take their New York State Social Studies Assessment test. The student mentor program has also begun.

Mrs. Steenrod – TES

They have begun a program called Concept of Family – a family circle. They are teaching students to respect and compliment fellow students. This year they have tried a new lunch schedule. Two kindergarten classes eat with two third grade classes. It has worked out very well. They help each other out. Homework club has approximately 30 students in the morning program. The teachers work with students preparing them for their ELA and Math assessment tests. We held a book fair for students and parents. We served cider and donuts. Our Academic intervention instructors, Mrs. Alexander and support staff were present to help assist parents with book selection for their child.

Mr. Harkin – Athletics

Our fall season is ending. The Girl's Soccer team plays a sectional tournament on Friday. Boys Varsity Football team play on Friday. If they win, they will advance to the Super Bowl. The Boy's Varsity Soccer team is the third seed for the sectional tournament. Winter sports will begin on Monday, November 2nd.

XIII. Use of Facilities

XIV. Executive Session

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss one matter relating to a student disciplinary proceeding.

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Board go into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:01 P.M.

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:12 P.M.

Mrs. Sweeney wished to address the audience remaining.

Ladies and Gentlemen, there have been a number of comments made regarding the District's lack of communication with regards to the student disciplinary matter that has been covered in the media lately. The District, its employees, and this Board are bound by federal and state law regarding confidentiality of student records. We are absolutely unable to comment on such matters or answer inquires regarding such matters for the media or members of the public.

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. Lance and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the meeting be adjourned.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education