

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,  
NOVEMBER 24, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sweeney at 7:32 P.M.

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mrs. Sweeney asked if everyone 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: 0
- Others Present: A. Bergin, T. Broderick, F. Erickson, M. Fushs, G. Goodwin, M. Harkin, L. Kyer, F. Macri, L. K. Messler, K. Oboyski-Butler, S. Paolino, B. Sperling, D. Steenrod, J. Wager
- Visitors: 1

- III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover to amend that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on October 27, 2009.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Higgitt to amend the October 27, 2009 Board of Education minutes to read: The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:12 p.m., not 8:12 p.m. be approved.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mr. McDonough 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 asked if any visitors would like to speak to the agenda.  
none

- VI. COMMUNICATIONS: none

- VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the resignation of Mrs. Angelina Bergin, Principal of Lansingburgh High School, be accepted with regret, effective January 4, 2010.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Lance that Ms. Carly Hamilton-Jones be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence extension beginning February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 be granted.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Ms. Stephanie Haney be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence extension beginning February 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010 be granted.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Nicole Silver be granted an unpaid parental leave of absence beginning November 9, 2009 through June 30, 2010 be granted.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Mrs. Michelle Cosselman, Special Education Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School be granted no more than 13 days of supplemental sick leave, at 1/400<sup>th</sup> of her annual salary, as per the L.T.A. contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Lance that Mrs. Amy Henges, Social Studies Teacher at Lansingburgh High School be granted no more than 18 3/4 days of supplemental sick leave, at 1/400<sup>th</sup> of her annual salary, as per the L.T.A. contract.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Ms. Katelyn McKenna be appointed as School Counselor (permanent substitute) at Lansingburgh High School, per the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – January 29, 2010	
Expiration of Service – January 28, 2011	
Certification Status – School Counselor	
Salary – Step 2	\$36,392
Masters	450
Differential	500
Graduate Credits – 48	<u>1,776</u>
	\$38,528

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. McDonough that Ms. Autumn Potter be appointed as Elementary Teacher (permanent substitute) at Turnpike Elementary School, per the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – November 9, 2009	
Expiration of Service – June 25, 2010	
Certification Status – Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)	
Salary – Step 5	\$38,642
Masters	450
Graduate Credits – 48	<u>1,776</u>
	\$40,868 (pro-rated)

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Shover that Ms. Alison Archambault be appointed as English Teacher (permanent substitute) at Lansingburgh High School, per the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – January 29, 2010	
Expiration of Service – June 25, 2010	
Certification Status – ELA 7-12 (Initial)	
Salary – Step 1	\$35,802 (pro-rated)
Masters	450
Graduate Credits – 42	<u>1,554</u>
	\$37,806 (pro-rated)

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following Coach be approved for the 2009-10 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. Contract:

Kristen Lewis – J.V. Basketball Coach

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that the attached list of Home Tutoring Assignments be approved.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol 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:

Sarah Rowlands	certified
Jaclyn Mungari	uncertified
Katelyn Cottrell	certified

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Retired Substitute Teacher 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:

Marilyn Hart	certified retired teacher
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9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following be appointed as Team Advisors of Extracurricular Activities for the 2009-2010 school year, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract:

Kelly Cataldo – LHS Odyssey of the Mind Team Advisor
Brian Huba – LHS Odyssey of the Mind Team Advisor
Robin Delaney – KMS & RPES Odyssey of the Mind Team Advisor
Kathleen Eaton – KMS Odyssey of the Mind Team Advisor
Leah Behe – TES Odyssey of the Mind Team Advisor

9 Ayes Motion Carried

#### VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Dorothy Hathaway 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 Rensselaer Park Elementary School, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	November 25, 2009
Expiration of Probationary Service	November 26, 2012
Salary - Step 1 (certified Teaching Assistant)	\$12.70 hr.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Katlyn Franciosa 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 Knickerbacker Middle School, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	November 23, 2009
Expiration of Probationary Service	November 24, 2012
Salary - Step 9 (certified teacher)	\$17.36 hr.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the following Non-Instructional Substitutes be approved for the 2009-10 school year, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Contract/Board Policy:

Stephen Pasinella	Sub-Custodian
Richard Teta	Sub-Custodian

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the following Non-Instructional STEP workers be approved for the 2009-10 school year, with compensation according to the Board of Education Meeting of July 7, 2009:

Jeff King III
Kayron John

9 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Board of Education Award a contract to County Waste & Recycling, the low bidder, in the amount of \$21,943.00, for refuse and recyclable removal for the period December 1, 2009 through November 30, 2010 per the attached memo. Additional pickups will be \$80 each.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

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

P-003 BPI \$ 1,031.00

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on October 27, 2009, be approved:

- Policy 2342 - Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
- Policy 2390 - Board Hearings
- Policy 5405 - Wellness Policy
- Policy 6690 - Audit Committee Policy

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Shover that the proposed Calendar for Budget Development and Voting for the 2010-2011 school year be approved, as discussed at the Board workshop held on November 10, 2009.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Board of Education approve payment for the 2009-2010 membership dues to the New York State School Boards Association in the amount of \$8,625.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. McDonough that at a duly called meeting of the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District at Troy, New York, be it resolved that pursuant to Education Law §§1804 (6)(c) and (7), the Board of Education authorizes the sale of the Parcel to Greater Troy Area Pop Warner Football, Inc. for One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in accordance with the provisions of this resolution, and it is further resolved that the Board shall execute and deliver a deed, in the form attached hereto, to the Greater Troy Area Pop Warner Football, Inc., at such time as Greater Troy Area Pop Warner Football, Inc. agrees to pay to Lansingburgh Central School District consideration of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) plus all costs of the School District in conjunction with execution and delivery of such deed, and Greater Troy Area Pop Warner Football, Inc. does then promptly pay such consideration and all recording expenses, attorneys' fees, and taxes or other fees which might otherwise be the responsibility of Lansingburgh Central School District. The School District shall bear no responsibility for and shall not pay any costs, fees, expenses or taxes in conjunction herewith.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Lansingburgh Central School District of Troy New York (hereinafter "Participant") to participate in the NYSMEC, authorizes and directs George J. Goodwin, Superintendent of Schools to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule for {[natural gas][electricity][natural gas and electricity]} pursuant to the Agreement for the term ending April 30, 2012 for all natural gas participants; and April 30, 2012 for all electric participants on its behalf and further authorizes its officers and employees to execute such other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution; and that the Participant authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids and to award contracts for the purchase and delivery of natural gas and/or electricity on behalf of the Participant, subject to subsequent approval by this Board in accordance with such bid specification, to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant or to reject any or all such bids; and that the Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and that the officers and employees of the Participant are authorized to execute such other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the attached, corrected tax assessment of Dorian DiCocco of 10 Farrell Road for the 2009-2010 school tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

I have listed First Readings on Board Policies discussed at the Policy Committee workshop held on November 10, 2009 for approval at the December meeting:

Policy 0320 – Evaluation of the Superintendent  
 Policy 1050 – Annual District Election and Budget Vote  
 Policy 5500 – Student Records  
 Policy 5710 – Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting  
 Policy 6100 – Annual Budget  
 Policy 6120 – Budget Hearing

#### School Activities

##### LHS

Dr. Bergin – November Fall sports have ended and the winter sports have begun. Seniors are working on college entrances. Several students have already been notified by colleges of their acceptance. Report cards were sent home today.

##### Athletics

Mr. Harkin: - Bowling has begun. The banners in the gym have been taken down to be updated. There will be a ceremony on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at half-time of the Basketball game. Seven banners will be raised that evening.

##### KMS

Mr. Paulino - Mr. Erickson and several students celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> year volunteering at Oakwood Cemetery. This year the volunteers went up to participate on Halloween.

With a joint effort from the high school, the Friends of Rachel, approximately 30 students, met. The group of students will be focusing on two areas: a welcoming committee. This committee will welcome new students to both the high school and middle school, show the students around and help them adjust to a new school environment. The second goal is acts of kindness. When a student sees another student doing an act of kindness towards another individual, they receive a link which is displayed in the cafeteria. It will show students that kindness outshines negative activities. Today, middle school teachers Mr. Merrill, Mr. Jasuta, Ms. Agyman, Ms. Ryan, Ms. Passineau and Mrs. Borden and their students held their annual Turkey Feast. The students served the middle school and high school faculty, the central office staff and their fellow classmates.

##### RPES

Mrs. Fushs: The fifth grade students have been administered the New York State Social Studies Assessment Test. Our fifth grade teachers along with Mrs. Alexander and Ms. Crucetti corrected the test on Monday.

In the spirit of giving, staff and friends were able to clothe 51 students with winter coats, hats, mittens. Mrs. Fushs would also like to acknowledge a \$1,000 donation received from Mr. Higgitt and the Lansingburgh Veterans Club to help in this endeavor. Twenty-five families also received complete turkey dinners.

Parent conferences were held on Wednesday, November 18 and will again be held on Friday, December 4 in the afternoon. Rensselaer Park Shared Decision Making committee will be having a P.E. Literacy night on December 2. This is a combination of P.E. activities with Folk tales. They recently held twin day and sports team day. Students dressed alike and they got to wear their favorite sports team clothing or hat.

##### TES

Mrs. Steenrod: They too had a Thanksgiving feast at Turnpike. They have been focusing on safety. They had a lock-in last week and an evacuation drill. Last week a convict escaped from court in Watervliet causing area schools to go into lock-in mode. The drill itself took approximately 5 minutes. The fourth and fifth grade students were excellent role models.

Mr. Goodwin: Melissa Pinke from Questar III has been reviewing with faculty and staff safety procedures and practices, asking for feedback on drills and it has worked out nicely.

Mrs. Steenrod: It was very eye-opening and interesting experience.

We as well sponsored clothe-a-child and a special thank you to Mr. Higgitt as well for the donation of \$1,000 to help in this endeavor. Mrs. Townsend's fourth grade students are in charge of Make-a-Wish angels. They sell angels for \$1 and the students make green and red angels for sell as well for 50 cents. The students are very eager to buy these angels because they like to feel as though they were able to help an ill child. Each grade participates in some form of community activity throughout the year.

XIII. USE OF FACILITIES

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mrs. Sweeney asked if there were Executive Session items. Mr. Goodwin said that he had four: 1 collective negotiations, 1 investigation of a crime that could impact law enforcement if disclosed, 1 related to student disciplinary matter and 1 employment history of a particular person. Mrs. Sweeney said that she has 1 Executive Session item as well: Superintendent's Evaluation.

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

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:05 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 9:16 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. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the meeting be adjourned.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

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Clerk to the Board of Education