

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 25, 2008.

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

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mrs. Sweeney asked if everyone would all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL: S. Farrell, K. Gamble, B. Lance, A. Macey, H. McGrath, J. O'Malley, M. Sweeney
- Absent: P.J. Higgitt, N. McHugh
- Others Present: A. Bergin, T. Broderick, D. Carroll, F. Erickson, M. Fushs, G. Goodwin, M. Harkin, L. Kyer, F. Macri, L. McNeil, K. Messler, K. Oboyski-Butler, S. Paolino, B. Sperling, D. Steenrod, J. Wager
- Visitors: 5
- 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 October 28, 2008 be accepted.
- 7 Ayes Motion Carried
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that the Board APPROVE the following FINANCIAL REPORTS listed below:
- A. Treasurer's Report  
B. Budget Transfers
- 7 Ayes Motion Carried
- V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mrs. Sweeney asked if any visitors would like to speak to the agenda.  
none
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Goodwin received a letter from a community member on November 21<sup>st</sup> and the community member asked that he share it with the Board.
- Mr. Goodwin also thanked Chartwells for donating coffee and water for the Board of Education meeting.
- VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:
- A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the unpaid parental leave of absence for Ms. Trisha Bronson beginning November 17, 2008 through January 30, 2009 be granted.
- 7 Ayes Motion Carried
- A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the unpaid parental leave of absence for Ms. Dena Rich beginning November 19, 2008 through January 26, 2009 be granted.
- 7 Ayes Motion Carried
- A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Macey that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following be appointed to tenure to the position to which they have served the required probationary period as specified below:
- Name – Lindsey Gibson  
Tenure Area – Special Education  
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 2/7/09  
Certification Status - Permanent
- 7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Ms. Emily Wild 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 Rensselaer Park Elementary School, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – November 21, 2008  
 Expiration of Service – November 20, 2010  
 Certification Status – Special Education K-12 (Permanent)  
 Salary – Step 11                   \$43,792  
 Masters                               450  
 Differential                           500  
 Graduate Credits – 36           1,332  
    \$46,074 (pro-rated)

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Lance that Ms. Alissa DiCocco be appointed as English Teacher (permanent substitute) at Knickerbacker Middle School, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – November 17, 2008  
 Expiration of Service – January 30, 2009  
 Certification Status – English Language Arts 7-12 (Initial)  
 Salary – Step 1                   \$35,802  
 Masters                               450  
 Graduate Credits – 36           1,332  
    \$37,584 (pro-rated)

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that Ms. Lori Malone be appointed as Elementary Teacher (permanent substitute) at Turnpike Elementary School, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – November 19, 2008  
 Expiration of Service – January 26, 2009  
 Certification Status – Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)  
 Salary – Step 1                   \$35,802 (pro-rated)

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley 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:

Rensselaer Park  
 Cynthia Daley  
 Tracey Gillespie  
 Janis Clark, Teaching Assistant Substitute

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Macey that the following Coaches be approved for the 2008-09 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. Contract:

Shameeka Pompey – Varsity Cheerleading Advisor for Basketball  
 April DeFrancesco – J.V. Cheerleading Advisor for Basketball  
 Samantha Nazarian – RPES Intramurals

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Volunteer Coaching appointments be approved for the 2008-09 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements:

Warren Fane                       -           Volunteer Wrestling Coach  
 Dion Saunders                   -           Volunteer Wrestling Coach  
 Edward Richards               -           Volunteer Wrestling Coach

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the attached list of Home Tutoring Assignments be approved, with compensation according to the L.T.A. Contract.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance 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:

Katelyn McKenna	certified
Justine Nigro	certified
Kara Fernet	uncertified

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Lance 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 2008-2009 school year:

Joseph Terry	certified retired teacher
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7 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Patricia Cowin 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/Nurses Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	November 3, 2008
Expiration of Probationary Service	November 2, 2011
Salary - Step 9	\$18,852.96 (pro-rated)

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. McGrath that Ms. Wendy Teta be appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as Teacher Aide at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Non-Instructional Contract.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Non-Instructional Substitute be approved for the 2008-09 school year, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Contract/Board Policy.

JoAnn McMahon	sub-custodial (summers & recesses)
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7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following Non-Instructional STEP workers be approved for the 2008-09 school year, with compensation according to the Board of Education Reorganizational Meeting of July 15, 2008.

Casondra Konifka
Victoria Wei

7 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Board of Education Approve Board Goal #4 to be added to the three Board goals approved at the Board meeting on September 30, 2008:

Goal 4: To encourage and expand the use of teacher web sites to increase parent communication.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Ms. Gamble that the Board of Education Award a contract to County Waste & Recycling, the low bidder, in the amount of \$31,898.00, for refuse and recyclable removal for the period December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009 per the attached memo. Additional pickups will be \$80 each.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the attached, corrected tax assessment of Sandra Chrysogelos of 246 Fifth Avenue for the 2008-2009 school tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

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

E-008	Clune	\$ 175.50
G-035	Bunkoff	\$ 153.00
G-036	Bunkoff	\$ 153.00
GC-001	Greco Phase II	\$ 752.00
GC-002	Greco Phase II	\$ 1,470.00
GC-003	Greco Phase II	\$ 1,950.00
GC-004	Greco Phase II	\$ 3,190.00
GEC-01	Clune Phase II	<u>\$ 1,171.00</u>
		\$ 9,014.50

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on October 28, 2008, be approved:

- Policy 6640 – Inventories
- Policy 6645 – Capital Assets Accounting
- Policy 8410 – Student Transportation
- Policy 8411 – Student Bus Scheduling and Routing
- Policy 8411-R – School Bus Schedule and Routing Regulations
- Policy 9520.5 – Leaves of Absence
- Policy 9520.5-E – Notification of Right to Leave Time for Blood Donation

7 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

I have two items: A proposal from the Jazz Ensemble and Soundwaves for a field trip for you to review. I support this trip.

I was contacted by C.E.O. Youth Build Program. This program works with students who work on building houses and earning their G.E.D. at the same time. The CEO Youth Build Program funding has been cut so I was asked if Lansingburgh would be able to accommodate the students. There are currently 15 students who are out-of-district residents. The District could benefit from this because by offering GED to these students, the District would charge CEO a non-resident tuition rate, bringing in more than \$15,000 in tuition. Mr. Goodwin went on to explain that we currently have a morning GED program and by doing this we would add an afternoon GED program.

Mrs. McGrath asked if the district would incur additional expenses because of the additional section of GED. Mr. Goodwin stated that Mr. Williams currently teaches GED in the morning and tutors students in the afternoon. Mr. Goodwin said that those students could be moved to Mr. DiBacco, allowing Mr. Williams to have the additional section of GED, resulting in no additional cost to the District.

Mrs. Gamble asked if transportation would be an issue. Mr. Goodwin stated that each student who attended would provide their own transportation.

Mr. Goodwin told the Board that they would have to waive part of the Board policy to accommodate non-resident students. Mr. Goodwin asked if the Board would allow accepting these students into our GED Program. The Board stated anything that they could do to see that these students earn their degree, they would like to do. Mr. Goodwin stated that he would call CEO to get the paperwork started.

A question was asked about sports eligibility for GED students. Mr. Harkin said that they currently are not eligible to participate in sports athletic programs.

Mr. Goodwin explained that Dr. James Baldwin and Dr. Andy DeFeo from Questar III were here to present to our Board of Education the Questar III program, so he asked to dispense from the building reports and on behalf of the Board and himself, wish all the administrators a very happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Goodwin introduced Dr. Baldwin and Dr. DeFeo.

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss one personnel item.

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:30 P.M.

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:44 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. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the meeting be adjourned.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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Clerk to the Board of Education