

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD IN THE  
KNICKERBACKER AUDITORIUM  
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008.

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Absent: 1 (J. O'Malley)

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

Visitors: 1

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 25, 2008 be Approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board Approve the following Financial Reports as well as make payments to the vendors listed on the Schedule of Bills:

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: One Communication. Mr. Goodwin asked if the Board would take a seat in the auditorium. He introduced Soundwaves who preformed holiday songs for the Board and guests.

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Resignation of Mrs. Tracy Costanza, Elementary Teacher at Rensselaer Park be accepted with regret, effective January 1, 2009.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the Resignation of Mr. Sean Wolf, Social Studies Teacher at Lansingburgh High School, be accepted with regret, effective December 12, 2008.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Tina Lieberman-Cohen be Appointed as Special Education Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, per the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – December 8, 2008	
Expiration of Probationary Service – December 7, 2011	
Certification Status – Special Education (permanent)	
Salary – Step 1	\$ 35,802
Masters	450
Differential	500
Graduate Credit – 50	<u>1,776</u>
	\$ 38,528 (prorated)

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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

Matthew Cipperly – certified  
 Karen Walp – uncertified  
 Letitia Kelly – uncertified

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.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the following Non-Instructional Substitute be Approved, 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, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Contract:

Donna Welcome – Substitute Typist

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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

Anthony Fruscio  
 Marcus Hepp  
 Kynan Vandenburg

8 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the proposed Calendar for Budget Development and Voting for the 2009-2010 school year be approved, as discussed at the Board workshop held on December 9, 2008.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board of Education approve payment of the 2008-2009 membership dues for New York State School Boards Association in the amount of \$8,010.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Lansingburgh Board of Education Adjust the location of their monthly Board Meetings to the following:

February 2009	Rensselaer Park Elementary School
March 2009	Turnpike Elementary School
April 2009	Knickerbacker Middle School
May 2009	Lansingburgh High School

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the following report from the Tax Collector for the 2008-2009 collection period be Accepted:

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>LUSKIN</u>
Total Taxes Collected to Date	\$9,020,790.38
Total Penalties Collected to Date	<u>\$8,263.33</u>
	\$9,029,053.71

<u>Uncollected Taxes</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lansingburgh-Wards	\$ 849,060.59	\$ 16,981.21	\$ 866,041.80
Schaghticoke	236,184.45	4,723.69	240,908.14
Brunswick	71,894.75	1,437.90	73,332.65
Pittstown	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,157,139.79	\$ 23,142.80	\$1,180,282.59

Re: Lusk Warrant

Total Warrant	\$10,182,992.39
Warrant Changes	<u>- 5,062.22</u>
Sub-Total	10,177,930.17
Odd Cent Breakage	<u>0.00</u>
	\$10,177,930.17

Lansingburgh, Schaghticoke, Pittstown, Brunswick Tax Warrant (Actual Roll)	\$10,182,992.39
Adjustment for Odd Cent Breakage	0.00

**Adjustments to Tax Warrant Due to Clerical Error:**

J Filarecki 85 Gurley Avenue 80.-3-2-	- \$ 242.16
E & S Maloney 21 Biscayne Boulevard 80.35-1-12	- \$ 391.25
Lansingburgh Central School Turnpike Road 70.73-1-4	- \$ 108.74
R Nash, Sr. 392 Seventh Avenue 80.80-4-12	- \$ 210.20
E Hering & S. Wager 753 Third Avenue	- \$ 600.90
M Burch 12 Highpointe Drive 80.66-2-1.2	- \$1,137.89
S Chrysogelos 246 Fifth Avenue 90.31-2-6.1	- \$2,371.08
Total Adjustments	<u>- \$5,062.22</u>
Total Adjusted Warrant	\$10,177,930.17

Total Tax Collected	\$ 9,020,790.38
Total Tax Uncollected	\$ <u>1,157,139.79</u>
Total	\$10,177,930.17

AND WHEREAS – The Education Law provides that the tax collector shall be relieved of responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax list, pending a complete list of delinquent tax items to be certified to the Board of Education and pending the collectors affixing their affidavits to such warrants and lists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board accept the reports pending completion of the procedures of the tax collector in accordance with the above paragraph and, pending determination that the collectors have accounted for the full amount of the tax warrants, direct that the list of delinquent tax items, with addition of the penalties, be certified to the office of the County Treasurer,

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that the tax warrants, tax rolls and the tax collectors’ copies of the tax receipts be placed on file and be given fire protection in the school vault, pending audit by the Department of Audit and Control.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the President of the Board of Education or Superintendent be authorized to approve a contract with H.M.B. Consultants, for developing the necessary specifications for bidding the school lunch services at a fee of \$4,000 which will be covered through the cafeteria funds, per the attached memo and that the President of the Board of Education or Superintendent file a copy of the signed contract with the District Clerk.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. OLD BUSINESS - none

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X. NEW BUSINESS - none

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XI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

We have had several power issues, flooding, pumps, circuits blowing and damage due to the ice storm. We are back to business and everything is business as usual. I want to thank Bob Schongar for his 24/7 service that he provided to the district. There was a flood in a kindergarten classroom, which the principal should be commended for her quick response with the relocation of the teacher and students.

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Executive Budget was released. We haven’t had a chance to go through it yet. We would like to meet next Tuesday for a Board workshop.

The Governor’s report: Foundation aid is frozen at current year level. However the district was assessed with a Deficit Reduction Assessment of \$915,656. This is a significant reduction. We currently do not know the status on several State grants in the amount of \$135,000 for next year. The Governor has also proposed shifting costs to districts 15% for pre-school special education. Needless to say it will be difficult.

School Activities

LHS: Mrs. Bergin stated that high school senior Andrea Baer has been accepted to Dartmouth College.

TES & RPES – Mrs. Steenrod said that the elementary holiday concert is Thursday, December 18 at the Knickerbacker Middle School Auditorium.

KMS - Mr. Erickson – Winter sports have started. LTA Fund Raising Drive is in progress. Student Government has sponsored the food drive. Each grade is competing against each other. Sixth Grade is currently in the lead. The National Junior Honor Society, along with the National Honor Society, has sponsored a clothing drive.

The school’s mentoring program is in full swing. There are 70 students participating in this program. These students will be sorting and boxing the food collected from the food drive.

There are six teams of teachers currently in the middle school. Each month a particular team will display and decorate the bulletin boards with student work. The blue team will decorate January’s bulletin board.

The ELA State Assessment Tests will be administered to grades 6, 7, and 8 in January. Students have begun to prepare for these tests.

RPES – Mrs. Fushs – several students have been clothed this year. They were able to cloth 55 students and they distributed 25 Thanksgiving food baskets to families.

TES - Mrs. Steenrod – Turnpike was able to clothe 40 students this year.

Mr. Harkin – We haven’t had a lot of games due to weather. We have only had 2 home games and unfortunately we did not win them. The girls are scheduled to play on Friday at home, weather permitting.

XII. USE OF FACILITIES:

Mrs. McHugh asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 1 item.

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the Board enter into Executive Session at 8:10 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION began at 8:10 p.m.

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION ended at 8:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. McHugh asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the meeting be adjourned.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

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Clerk to the Board of Education