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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD IN THE
FIRST FLOOR MEDIA CENTER
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007.

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL:

S. Farrell, K. Gamble, P. J. Higgitt, B. Lance, A. Macey,
H. McGrath, N. McHugh, J. O'Malley,

Absent: 1 (Sweeney)

Others Present:

A. Bergin, T. Broderick, D. Carroll, F. Erickson, G. Goodwin,
M. Harkin, 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 PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. Macey that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 27, 2007, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 4, 2007, be Approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

- IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Gamble 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: none

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Resignation of Mrs. Michelle Mylod, CSE Chairperson be accepted with regret, effective January 10, 2008.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. Macey that the Resignation of Ms. Maureen Cooper, JV Basketball Cheerleading Advisor, be accepted with regret, effective December 13, 2007.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that Mrs. Maureen Sullivan be Approved to teach one additional class assignment each day at 1/6th additional salary prorated from December 5, 2007, per the L.T.A. Contract.

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 2007-2008 school year:

- Matthew Baer – uncertified
- Christopher Colbert – uncertified
- Karri Schongar – uncertified
- Riley O’Malley – uncertified
- Nicole LeDuc - uncertified

7 Ayes Motion Carried
1 Abstain (O’Malley)

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the attached list of Home Tutoring assignments be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O’Malley and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following Coaches be Reappointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, for the 2008 Fall Sports Season:

Coaching Reappointments

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Head Varsity Football - | Peter Porcelli |
| Assistant Varsity Football - | Allen McNall |
| Head Junior Varsity Football - | Jeffrey Pasinella |
| Assistant Junior Varsity Football - | Jonathan Pravel |
| Head Modified Football - | Kashon Holmes |
| Assistant Modified Football - | Gerard Buchanan |
| Boys Varsity Soccer - | Edward Classen |
| Boys Junior Varsity Soccer - | Timothy Fontaine |
| Boys Modified Soccer - | Seth Reynolds |
| Girls Varsity Soccer - | John Cipperly |
| Girls Junior Varsity Soccer - | Mark Pascale |
| Girls Modified Soccer - | Brandi Falcone |
| Boys & Girls Varsity Cross Country – | Dale Broomhead |
| Boys & Girls Modified Cross Country – | Edward Young |

Weight Room Appointments

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| Gerard Buchanan - | Weight Room Supervision |
| Allen McNall - | Weight Room Supervision |
| Jeffrey Pasinella - | Weight Room Supervision |
| Peter Porcelli - | Weight Room Supervision |

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the following Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach be Appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, from November 2007 through March 2008:

Francis VonFricken

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that Ms. Shameeka Pompey be Appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, as J.V. Basketball Cheerleading Advisor, effective December 19, 2007.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Higgitt 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 2007-08 school year, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Contract:

Tammy Fruscio – Substitute Typist (school breaks and summer recess)

8 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Lance, that the Lansingburgh Board of Education Approves the proposed amendments to the Trust Agreement of the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Health Insurance Trust, as proposed by the Trustees on November 2, 2007, and authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Trust Agreement, as amended, on behalf of the District, and that the District Clerk shall immediately present a copy of this resolution to the Chairperson of the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Health Insurance Trust.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board of Education Adopt the Policy 1120 on School District Records as presented for information at the November 27, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Board of Education Adopt the Policy 1120R on School District Records Regulation as presented for information at the November 27, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the Board of Education Adopt the Policy 1130 on News Media Relations as presented for information at the November 27, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the Board of Education Adopt the Policy 1240 on Visitors to the Schools as presented for information at the November 27, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education Adopt the Policy 1500 on Public Use of School Facilities as presented for information at the November 27, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the Board of Education Adopt the Policy 1500R on Public Use of School Facilities Regulation as presented for information at the November 27, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board of Education Adopt the Policy 1500-E.2 on Insurance Requirements for Use of School Facilities as presented for information at the November 27, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education Adopt the Policy 1500-E.3 on Hold Harmless Agreements for Use of School Facilities as presented for information at the November 27, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Board of Education Adopt the Policy 1740 Relationship with Nonpublic Schools as presented for information at the November 27, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the Board of Education Adopt the Policy 2710 Communication Among Individual Board Members as presented for information at the November 27, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mr. Macey that the Board of Education Adopt the Policy 9645 – Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct as presented for information at the November 27, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education Adopt the Policy – Reporting and Investigation of Allegations of Fraud as presented for information at the November 27, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the Board, whereas due to changes in treasury regulations regarding the application of Internal Revenue Code § 409A and in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement in place between the District and the Lansingburgh Teachers Association, all teachers shall receive their salary on a twelve month annualized basis, by means of 21 or 22 paychecks, and it is further resolved that compensation paid to all teachers for the 2007-2008 school year shall be paid in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

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 2008	Turnpike Elementary School
March 2008	Rensselaer Park Elementary School
April 2008	Knickerbacker Middle School
May 2008	Lansingburgh High School

School presentations to the Board will begin at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Board meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Superintendent be authorized to enter into a contract with CT Male Associates for combined services for asbestos, PCBs, and lead testing and remediation design costs at a fee of \$10, 540 and that the Superintendent file a copy of the contract with the District Clerk.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board of Education Approve SEI Design Group to be the Architectural Firm for the proposed \$2.9 million EXCEL Capital Improvement and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to negotiate a contract with SEI Design Group for services with this firm in an amount not to exceed \$190,600. A copy of the contract will be filed with the District Clerk.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. O'Malley that the attached, corrected tax assessment of Edward and Jan Louden of 129 Sixth Avenue for the 2007-2008 school tax year be approved and the tax rolls be corrected as stated.

7 Ayes Motion Carried
1 Abstain (McHugh)

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following report from the Tax Collector for the 2007-2008 collection period be accepted:

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>LUSKIN</u>			<u>TOTAL</u>
Total Taxes Collected to Date	\$8,740,099.26			\$8,740,099.26
Total Penalties Collected to Date	<u>\$8,079.74</u>			<u>\$8,079.74</u>
	\$8,748,179.00			\$8,748,179.00
<u>Uncollected Taxes</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Penalty</u>		<u>Total</u>
Lansingburgh-Wards	\$ 759,940.93	\$ 15,198.82		\$ 775,139.75
Schaghticoke	236,560.01	4,731.20		241,291.21
Brunswick	89,332.43	1,786.65		91,119.08
Pittstown	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,085,833.37	\$ 21,716.67		\$1,107,550.04

Re: Luskin Warrant

Total Warrant	\$9,838,403.00
Warrant Changes	<u>- 12,470.36</u>
Sub-Total	9,825,932.64
Odd Cent Breakage	<u>- 0.01</u>
	\$9,825,932.63

Lansingburgh, Schaghticoke, Pittstown, Brunswick Tax Warrant (Actual Roll)	\$9,838,403 .00
Adjustment for Odd Cent Breakage	- 0.01

Adjustments to Tax Warrant	
C. Coonrad 80.32-10-3 789 5 th Ave Correction of Clerical Error	- \$646.88
D & R LaBrake 90.47-9-16 18 Grade Court Correction Clerical Error	- \$646.88
D. Johnson & K. Krasinewski 80.71-10-4./402 387 3 rd Avenue Correction Clerical Error	- \$646.88
D. Burke 80.74-4-4 480 9 th Avenue Correction Clerical Error	- \$646.88
C. Weaver 80.32-10-11 774 Fourth Avenue Correction Clerical Error	- \$646.88
E Hering & S Wagar 80.40-3-1752 Third Avenue Correction Clerical Error	- \$646.87
J & B Mulligan 80.72-8-18 458 Eighth Avenue Correction Clerical Error	- \$646.87
D Smith 70.74-4-10 1108 Ninth Avenue Correction Clerical Error	- \$646.88
R & S Allen 80.32-7-14 7 121st Street Correction Clerical Error	- \$646.88
D & D Batzold 80.49-5-3 15 Gurley Avenue Correction Clerical Error	- \$646.88
K Farley Trustee 80.33-3-7 833 Seventh Avenue Correction Clerical Error	-\$1,224.30
R & M Sullivan 80.66-1-1./424 424 Diamond Rock Circle	-\$577.42
R Nash 80.80-4-12 392 Seventh Avenue	\$80.86
R Anglum 80.33-4-8 833 Eighth Avenue	-\$756.50
M & E Rivers 70.15-3-39 309 Witherow Avenue	-\$710.94
K & E McGrath 80.42-1-28 17 Red Rock Road	-\$646.88
E Stallworth 80.79-4-10 362 Second Avenue	-\$646.87
P Bornt 80.33-4-6 837 Eighth Avenue	-\$646.88
J Janson & T Roberts 71.1-6-7 9 Chelsea Court	-\$710.94
P Ogden 80.25-3-10 910 Fifth Avenue	-\$646.87
E & J Louden 90.39-5-20 129 Sixth Avenue	-\$646.88
Total Adjustments	<u>-\$12,470.36</u>
Total Adjusted Warrant	\$9,825,932.63
Total Tax Collected	\$8,740,099.26
Total Tax Uncollected	<u>\$1,085,833.37</u>
Total	\$9,825,932.63

AND, that the Education Law provides that the tax collectors 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

AND, that the Board accept the reports pending completion of the procedures of the tax collectors 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.

7 Ayes Motion Carried
1 Abstain (McHugh)

IX. OLD BUSINESS - none

X. NEW BUSINESS - none

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

There was a minor bus accident today at the high school. A parked car was hit. 911 was called and the EMT's, Fire truck were dispatched. It was determined that there were no issues, however, Mrs. Tremont, School Nurse, boarded the bus to examine each student. Parents were contacted as well. The owner of the parked car was very understanding. Just wanted to make sure that there wasn't anyone hurt.

We will be having a Special Knightline for the February 26 Bond vote. I will receive a draft this week. I notified the two former key communicator committee members inviting them to a meeting on January 7, 2008.

The Board of Elections have been contacted. Theresa has communicated with them. Matt Monaghan is communicating with the State Education Department and will keep us informed. There will be a press release as we move along as well.

There is a new Knightline that was sent out on Monday. Everyone should be receiving it. There will be a press release from the State Education Department concerning accountability. The two elementary schools should be in good standing and the middle school will be identified as a school in need of improvement year 1. You have to reach all the bench marks for two consecutive years before being removed from the list. The high school results will be issued in mid-January.

I have two forms for you to sign tonight. One is for the unpaid taxes and the other is the original tax warrant.

School Activities

Knickerbacker Middle School:

Mr. Paolino – Student Council sponsored a holiday food drive. Today, the Troy Record surprised us and showed up at school, taking pictures of the students and advisors separating the cans and boxes of food. The students helped build the boxes and the faculty and staff provided turkeys and hams for 60 families. The article should be in Friday's Record. Student Council also sponsored a hat day to raise money for the Kidney Foundation. A few hundred dollars was raised. The middle school and high school have started a tutoring program. Letters went to the parents of all eligible students. Meeting with the high school students are on Thursday to discuss their roles with the tutoring.

The middle school has several teams and Team Maroon sponsored Maroon Madness. The teachers on this team are Ms. Buff, Mr. Rospo, Mr. Nadue and Ms. Cataldo. They offer intervention after school on Wednesdays with refreshments. Every Wednesday there is a theme and this past Wednesday was a baby picture of one faculty member and one student. Prizes were given as the team worked together with the students on subject areas where academic performance needed improvement. Twenty-five to thirty students participated.

Rensselaer Park Elementary School

Mrs. Fushs was unable to attend tonight, but they as well are doing similar projects like Turnpike. Also, the Holiday concert is tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at Knickerbacker MS.

Turnpike Elementary School

Mrs. Steenrod said that once again they sponsored the food drive and their students and faculty collected 2000 cans which were brought to the middle school to be sorted with the other food collected. The Fourth Grade students as their service learning project sponsored Make A Wish. Mrs. Townsend and the students sold white angels for \$1.00 and made little red and green angels for \$.50. They raised \$947.00 for the angels – very impressive. Turnpike adopted 30 families for Christmas. GE, faculty and the Veterans of Lansingburgh sponsored the families. Their teacher leadership group is thriving. They are trying to form a partnership with the parents to help improve the attendance of students. They are trying to come up with ideas on ways to get students to attend school. Along with all of the above, they are reviewing for the upcoming ELA tests.

Athletics Department Report

Mr. Harkin announced that Pete Porcelli is the Times Union Coach of the Year, Chris Sawyer was Defensive Player of the Year and Kenny Youngs was Offensive Player of the Year. Sarah Cipperly made Second Team for Soccer and Marcus Hepp made Second Team for football. For the winter sports, Freshman Basketball has been changed from the middle school gym to the high school gym. Lacrosse and volleyball sign-up sheets have been posted and they have a few applicants for coaches.

Mrs. McGrath asked about Cheerleading for the girls and Title 9 and how will this affect us.

Mr. Harkin said that we will have to comply with Title 9. He is not sure if it will affect us this year, but next year we have to comply or lose funding.

Lansingburgh High School

PSAT Test scores are in for the 10th and 11th grade students. This year the students will get their test booklets back. The counselors are meeting with each student so they may review where they may need to improve. The counselors are currently working with students on applying for scholarship. The guidance office has changed their look. They have added a quad of computers for students to research colleges and other materials. There are 91 students involved with our new mentor program. We have seniors and faculty and staff who have signed up to mentor students.

They are currently meeting with level one students to give them instructional support. There is a very large group of students who are level one. We are also giving intervention to transfer students.

The teachers are currently preparing for mid-term exams. For community service, our BBC Club adopted a family and held a Scotch Bowl-a-thon tournament.

XII. USE OF FACILITIES:

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

A motion was made by Mrs. O'Malley and seconded by Mrs. Lance that the Board enter into Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION began at 8:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Board end their EXECUTIVE SESSION.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION ended at 8:55 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 Mr. Macey and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the meeting be adjourned.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education