

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD IN THE
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sweeney at 7:34 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Absent: B. Lance, H. McGrath

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

Visitors: 3

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 24, 2009 be Approved.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

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

- A. Budget Status
- B. State Aid Holdback

7 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mrs. Sweeney asked if any visitors would like to speak to the agenda. Robert Gould was there to earn his communications merit badge for the scouts and Alicia Lewis was there to observe for her Participation in Government class.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: Yes.

Mrs. Sweeney stated that they had received a letter from concerned Burgh tax payers. However, it was not signed. The Board is reviewing the letter and will take it into consideration.

Mr. Goodwin received a thank you card from Dr. Bergin to the Board for all the support and trust they have given her over her many years.

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mr. McDonough that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Daniel Todd be appointed to tenure to the position to which he has served the required probationary period as specified below:

Name – Daniel Todd
Tenure Area – Business and Marketing
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – March 1, 2010
Certification Status - Initial

7 Ayes Motion Carried

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

Laura Boudreau – Certified
Taylor Shpur – Certified
Eric Graber – uncertified

7 Ayes Motion Carried

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following coaching appointment 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:

Peter Allen – Morning P.E. (Intramurals) RPES

7 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Jennifer Laustrup be appointed as Teacher Aide at Rensselaer Park Elementary School effective December 23, 2009 with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Non-Instructional contract.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Shover that the following Non-Instructional Substitutes be approved, 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, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. Contract:

Catherine Vandenburg – Substitute Custodian, Typist, Teacher Aide
Lynne Dolan – Substitute Custodian

7 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Board of Education Approve The Pike Co. for an extension of the current contract for services related to the \$9.9M Capital Project for additional services being performed and that the Superintendent be authorized to negotiate a contract with The Pike Company for services in the amount not to exceed \$56,370, a monthly rate of \$7,046 for eight months of extended service (November 2, 2009-June 25, 2010).

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the attached list of Students with Disabilities be approved.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the following policies as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the regular Board of Education meeting on November 24, 2009 be approved:

Policy 0320 – Evaluation of 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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the Board of Education Authorize the superintendent to surplus the following Nextel cell phones and that the 18 old cell phones be donated to the Shelter for Domestic Violence.

- 6 – i560
- 4 – i60c
- 1 – i1000
- 7 – i570

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Board of Education Approve the Lansingburgh C.S.D. Medicaid Compliance Program Plan.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Higgitt that the Board of Education Accept from the Filomena R. Manor estate a gift of \$10,000 to establish an annual \$100 scholarship to a female U.S. citizen student in recognition of math and/or science achievement to be given at the annual Senior Awards Ceremony held each spring.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Rensselaer County Chapter NYSARC for Transition Services for high school students with an IEP or a 504 plan for the period of December 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in the amount not to exceed \$14,890 to be billed in seven equal monthly installments of \$2,127 and that the Superintendent files a copy of the signed contract with the Clerk to the Board.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Gamble that the following report from the Tax Collectors, for the 2009-10 collection period, be accepted:

Lansingburgh Central School District 2009-2010 Tax Collection Jane Luskin, Tax Collector

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>LUSKIN</u>
Total Taxes Collected to Date	\$9,642,010.08
Total Penalties Collected to Date	<u>\$7,872.10</u>
	\$9,649,882.18

<u>Uncollected Taxes</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lansingburgh-Wards	\$738,463.40	\$14,769.27	\$753,232.67
Schaghticoke	\$201,809.59	\$4,036.19	\$205,845.78
Brunswick	\$56,437.58	\$1,128.75	\$57,566.33
Pittstown	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$996,710.57	\$19,934.21	\$1,016,644.78

Re: Luskin Warrant

Total Warrant (Actual Roll)	\$10,640,283.45
Less: Warrant Changes	-\$1,562.80
Sub Total	\$10,638,720.65
Less: Odd Cent Breakage	\$0.00
Total Final Warrant	\$10,638,720.65

Lansingburgh, Brunswick, Schaghticoke, Pittstown Tax Warrant (Actual Roll) \$10,640,283.45

Adjustment for Odd Cent Breakage \$0.00

Adjustments to Tax Warrant Due To Assessment or Clerical Error:

K Riley 598 Fifth Avenue 80.56-6-1	-\$615.89
V Paull 846 Seventh Avenue 80.33-4-19	-\$550.67
D & K DiCocco 10 Farrell Rd 81.-5-8.30	-\$396.24
Total Adjustments	-\$1,562.80

Total Adjusted Warrant \$10,638,720.65

Total Tax Collected	\$9,642,010.08
Total Tax Uncollected	\$996,710.57
Total	\$10,638,720.65

AND WHEREAS – 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 that 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

A motion was made by Mr. Higgitt and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Lansingburgh Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for the Lansingburgh Central School District Alterations and Renovations Project on December 04th, 2009; and that the lowest responsible bidders on the contracts are:

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Contractor</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Contract No. 1 General Work	BCI Construction, Inc.	Base	\$ 1,566,971.00
		Alternate L2	\$ 38,000.00
		<u>Alternate K1</u>	<u>\$ 31,300.00</u>
		Total	\$ 1,636,271.00
Contract No. 2 Mechanical Work	Family Danz Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.	<u>Base</u>	<u>\$ 198,800.00</u>
		Total	\$ 198,800.00
		Contract No. 3 Plumbing Work	Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating.
		Total	\$ 16,750.00
Contract No. 4 Electrical Work	DLC Electric, LLC.	<u>Base</u>	<u>\$ 371,347.00</u>
		Total	\$ 371,347.00

; and

THEREFORE the Superintendent of Schools, Construction Manager and Architect have recommended award of the contracts to the above contractors.

THEREFORE:

The Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District hereby awards the above contracts and authorizes the Board President to execute contracts between the Lansingburgh Central School District and the above contractors for the Lansingburgh Central School District Alterations and Renovations Project.

And, that the Lansingburgh Central School District administration, architect, construction manager and legal counsel are directed to draft and execute necessary documents to commence construction on the Project.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. OLD BUSINESS - None

X. NEW BUSINESS - Yes

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. McDonough that the Resignation of Mrs. Bonnie Lance, Lansingburgh Board of Education Member be accepted with regret, effective December 14, 2009.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

XI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mr. Goodwin passed out the schedule for State Aid payments for the Board’s information. Mr. Goodwin asked the administrators to give brief reports for their schools. Mr. Harkin is currently in the gym for the basketball game.

School Activities

TES - Mrs. Steenrod said December is the month of giving. This year the students and faculty set a goal to raise \$500 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation selling and buying paper angels. She stated that they actually raised \$735. Everyone was very excited. Student council sponsored a non-perishable food drive and brought in approximately 460 cans/non-perishable goods. The students and teachers are working hard on Mondo. The students love the new books.

Mr. Goodwin stated that Mr. Paolino and Mrs. Fushs were out ill today so he asked Mr. Erickson to give the report.

KMS - Mr. Erickson – Everything seems to be accelerating as we get closer to recess. Our food drive began on December 1 and will conclude on December 18. Both the middle school and high school are working on this project together. The LTA, faculty and staff also had cloth-a-child. The LTA took donations and brought students shopping for clothing and a gift for their parent. Listed below is a brief breakdown of events:

- Dec. 3 – ordered the 2010-2011 Premier Agendas for the students.
- Dec. 4 – Student Picture Retake Day
- Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Day and the Supplemental Educational Services Fair
- Dec. 10 – Meeting with Melissa Pinke on the Emergency Evacuation Plan
- Dec. 14 – Winter Concert
- Dec. 18 – Seal a Team met to discuss school improvement

Mr. Erickson said that also in December the School Improvement Team met to discuss strategies on how to connect better with the students. Mr. Erickson went on to explain that the canned food drive was off to a slow start so; Mr. Paolino issued a challenge to middle school students that if they brought in 400 can/food items by Thursday, they would be rewarded with a special event. The students exceeded 400 canned food items, so for the last day of school before recess, the students were allowed a relaxed dress code or P.J. Day. The administrators, faculty and staff focused the day on literacy and were in and out of student classes throughout the day reading stories and discussing the stories as well.

LHS – Dr. Bergin – Interim reports were sent out this week. Homework club is up and running on Monday through Thursday. Mrs. Oboyski-Butler arranged through Questar III for the Regents exam in English analysis. They will provide the high school with information as to where there might be weaknesses so the teachers may focus their lessons on these needs. The National Honor Society took care of two families and fed 100 families. We are having a Winter Pep Rally on December 23rd. Alney Tobias won a very distinguished 1000m race.

XII. USE OF FACILITIES:

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 3 items: one student discipline issue, 2 related to employment of particular persons.

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Board enter into Executive Session at 8:03 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION began at 8:05 p.m.

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION ended at 8:45 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 Mr. Shover that the meeting be adjourned.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.