

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 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sweeney at 6:30 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mrs. Sweeney asked if everyone would stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL: M. Cole, M. Cusack, R. Morris, Jr., J. Shover,
M. Speanburg, M. Sweeney, C. Walp, Jr., J. White

Absent: Mrs. Bristol

Others Present: T. Broderick, S. Colfer, C. DeDominick, P. Faseun, M. Harkin,
M. Holdsworth, L. Klime, L. Kyer, A. Mauriello, R. McGrouty,
T. O'Brien, S. Paolino, Phelan, G. Rashford, D. Roman,
R. Schongar, K. Smith, M. VanDervoort

Visitors: E. VanDervoort, L. Tobias

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss Personnel – The medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

A motion was made by Mr. Cusack and seconded by Mr. Shover to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

Entered EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:33 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Cusack and seconded by Mr. White to end EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:25 P.M. and continue on with the REGULAR Board Meeting.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Speanburg to accept the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on October 30, 2017.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Speanburg that the Board APPROVE the following FINANCIAL REPORTS listed below:

- A. Budget Transfers
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Annual Ed Data Services Savings
- D. OSC Audit

8 Ayes Motion Carried

V. COMMITTEE REPORT:

Audit Committee – Mrs. Bristol was absent – Mrs. Speanburg gave the report

Mrs. Speanburg reported:

- Our State Aid – Property Tax is at 90%
- Our Key Bank Accounts are officially closed
- Our Internal Audit was the 20th through the 22nd
- State Comptrollers Audit was very good. They could not find anything wrong.

Parental Family Engagement Committee (School Community Committee): Mr. Cusack:

- Long Term Goal(s) – Designing and Building still on-going. Looking at and re-evaluating ideas that work and what doesn't work.
- Mr. Rashford has offered to do a secondary newsletter.
- Still looking at having a Welcome Back Barbeque
- Wellness Run in the Spring

VI. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mrs. E. VanDervoort, Mr. L. Tobias

VII. COMMUNICATIONS: noneVIII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Morris that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of Michael Harkin, Knickerbacker Middle School Principal effective at the close of business, December 29, 2017.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Shover that Mr. Matthew VanDervoort be appointed to the position of Principal at Lansingburgh High School, a Permanent Appointment in the tenure area of School Building Leader, effective January 1, 2018 at a salary of \$104,000 with benefits in accordance with the L.A.A. contract.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Speanburg that Ms. Carrie Phelan be appointed to the position of Principal at Knickerbacker Middle School, a Permanent Appointment, upon receiving tenure on January 4, 2018, in the tenure area of School Building Leader, effective January 1, 2018 at a salary of \$104,000 with benefits in accordance with the L.A.A. contract.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Shover that Lauren Allan be appointed to a probationary English Language Arts/Reading Teacher position at Lansingburgh High School according to the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service –	October 11, 2017
Expiration of Service –	October 10, 2022
Certification Status –	English Language Arts 7-12 (Initial)
Salary – Step 6	\$46,070
Graduate Credits – 22	<u>\$ 875</u>
	\$46,945

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White that the following teachers be approved to Home Tutor two elementary students for the duration of their suspension with compensation according to the L.T.A. Contract as attached:

Karissa Shumway – 1 hour a day for 5 days a week beginning November 1, for a Turnpike student waiting placement.

Kelly Juliano - 1hour a day for 4 days for a Rensselaer Park Student beginning November 21.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Cusack that the following Winter Ski-club Appointments be approved for the 2017-18 school year, pending completion of NY State Coaching Certification requirements, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. Contract:

LHS/KMS Ski Club Advisor – Andrew Ferris
Substitute LHS/KMS Ski Club Advisor – Patrick Wilson

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Shover that Anthony Emanuel be approved for the 2017-18 school year as a Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach pending completion of N.Y. State Coaching Certification requirements, ~~with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. Contract;~~

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a motion to amend the resolution to strike through "with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. Contract". A Motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Shover to amend the resolution.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Morris that Judy Higgins be compensated for an additional section of Speech for KMS/LHS Challenge students at 1/6th of her teacher base beginning October 30, 2017.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. White that resignation due to retirement of Christine Wilcox, Typist at Knickerbacker Middle School is accepted, with regret effective December 15, 2017.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. Morris that the resignation due to retirement of Lu Ann Parker, Secretary 1 at Lansingburgh High School is accepted, with regret effective December 15, 2017.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Morris that Colleen Moak be appointed to a probationary Teaching Assistant position at Turnpike Elementary School on an Emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law as per the CSEA Non-Instructional Contract:

Commencement of Probationary Service November 27, 2017
 Expiration of Probationary Service November 26, 2021
 Certification (Teaching Assistant – pending)
 Step 8 - \$19.93
 6 ½ hours per day

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Speanburg that Deborah Battaglia be appointed to a permanent provisional Typist position in the Lansingburgh Central School District on an Emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law as per the CSEA Non-Instructional Contract:

Commencement of Service: November 28, 2017
 Step 1 - \$ 17.54 per hr. 7 ½ hour work day
 \$25,652.25

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Morris 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 2017-18 school year:

Michael Drinkwine Jr. – custodial, security
 Joseph Hunter - noon aide, custodial, security
 LuAnn Parker – clerical/typist (December 16, 2017)
 Christine Wilcox – clerical/typist (December 16, 2017)
 Safiya Cole – teacher aide

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Walp that the following Substitute Nurse be approved on an Emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, for the 2017-18 school year:

Amanda Sebast, RN

8 Ayes Motion Carried

X. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White that the Lansingburgh Board of Education accepts the donation equivalent to \$957.00 for 3 Dell Chromebook II's to be used by Linda Townsend at Rensselaer Park.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. White that the Board approve Revision of Tax Bill for Diamond Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of New York State, Rensselaer County or correction of assessment and tax for the 2017-2018 school tax year. We received the decision and request to change the assessment on October 27, 2017 from Herman, Katz, Congemi and Clyne, LLP, Attorney's for Diamond Hill with supporting documentation. An agreement was made to correct the 2017-2018 Excessive Assessment and was reviewed and approved by Jaime Thomas, of Schiller, Knapp, Lefkowitz and Hertzell, LLP. Refund Amount \$44,787.08.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Board of Education Approve the District Professional Development Plan, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, for the 2017-18 school year.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. White that Karen Schrader be contracted to provide services as Transportation Supervisor, to the Lansingburgh C.S.D. at a rate of \$350 per day, beginning on the date scheduled for the Transportation Supervisor's medical procedure. This contract will continue for up to 16 weeks.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on October 30, 2017 be approved:

- 1500-E.3 – Hold Harmless Agreement - Amended
- 1741-Home-Schooled Students
- 4531-Field Trips and Excursions
- 4532-School Volunteers
- 5151-Homeless Children
- 5420-Student Health Services
- 5500-Student Records

8 Ayes Motion Carried

XI. OLD BUSINESS: none

XII. NEW BUSINESS: none

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- November was a short month, but a good weather month. Construction continues to go well. Significant work will continue over winter break.
- We are through marking period one and parent conferences have taken place for the elementary schools. We are dealing with the emotional side of student issues; we have a high number of students with emotional needs.
- I am pleased to say we have received 90% of our taxes which is a good sign.
- Musical was a great success and the winter concerts will be coming up. We will begin the interviewing process for Assistant Principals.

K. Smith –Director of Curriculum and Staff Development and S. Paolino, Pupil Personnel Director

- Quality Improvement Plan walk-throughs on the 2015-16 Data. There are 14 indicators. If you have multiple indicators you were chosen. We were chosen for Graduation Rate, State Exams, Opt Out rates, and Least Restrictive Environment. We are working with Tina Minehan and Marcia Atwood. Today the focus was at Rensselaer Park. Becky, Kelly, Shaun, Ms. Minehan and Ms. Atwood visited the Multiple-Disabled program brought back to Rensselaer Park this year and the teacher-to-student climate in the building. We have some minor tweaking to do for Rensselaer Park. They will move on to Turnpike on Tuesday and then do walk-throughs at Knickerbacker Middle and Lansingburgh High School. Following that they will randomly select I.E.P's to review.

D. Roman, Director of School and Community Partnerships

- The School district is working on its trauma informed initiatives. Each school has their own Trauma Sensitive Schools Committee (TSS). KMS's TSS committee has organized a screening of the documentary "Resilience," which features Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris, a pioneer in her field of pediatrics and trauma, in addition to a panel of speakers that will engage faculty in a Q and A afterwards. LCSD Has purchased licensing rights for one year to view Resilience and Paper Tigers, two films that speak to the Trauma-informed initiative the district and the capital region at large are engaged in.
- With much excitement, the Capital Regions annual ACEs Symposium this year, will feature Dr. Burke-Harris and director James Redford, as speakers.
- The Parent and Family Engagement committee is working hard to restructure their communication process with the buildings and working to provide district-wide events to students and families in addition to supporting building level events. Our committee has grown this year and we are brainstorming ways to make sure our families are informed. The committee has initiated a District-wide newsletter that will highlight building and district events. The first newsletter will go out with report cards and focus on events for Jan/Feb.

T. O'Brien, Principal Turnpike Elementary School

- November they had their Thanksgiving Celebration.
- Our Character Education word was Generosity. We has Special Person Day. Food items were collected and donations made to Make-A-Wish.

G. Rashford, Director of Guidance

- On December 14, 2017 10th grade students interested in New Visions will visit Questar
- December 19, 2017 is the second Instant Admissions day for Hudson Valley Community College
- Middle School Guidance Counselors to work day – Pastor Maselli will be having a workshop – stay active in your child's education geared for dads.

R. McGrouty, Principal Rensselaer Park Elementary School

- Our Character Education word is Generosity as well. Ten students from all three grade levels went to the Joseph House, Diamond Ridge and the Lansingburgh Vet's Club and presented them with notes, cards and pictures. In addition to this, 27 families were given Thanksgiving baskets through donations from outside agencies, faculty, students and friends.
- On December 5, the NY Rangers will do a presentation on STEM – Free for Students

S. Colfer, Athletic Director

- The Girls and Boys Varsity Soccer Teams were names NYSPHSAA Scholar Team Athlete Award recipients (75% of each teams' roster had to have an average of 90% or higher to qualify)
Boys Soccer: 91.08
Girls Soccer: 92.58
- There were 20 individual winners as well
- Boys and Girls Bowling has started.
- Basketball has just started. Their first game is tomorrow.

M. Harkin, Principal Knickerbacker Middle School and C. Phelan, New KMS Principal

- The annual KMS Turkey Feast hosted by the Red Team was a fantastic success.
- ELA review books to raise scores
- Knight Awards – Pizza Award Character Ed Party
- Great STEM activity in the classroom – Robotic Proto type hand was built
- KMS Penny Sale is coming up

M. VanDervoort, New Principal Lansingburgh High School

- Guest Speaker Justin Jones – Find you Why
- Mentor and Violent Prevention Program
- School Play was a big success
- Freshman Academy – Pizza Lunch – 90 and above average with no referrals – 67 students achieved this.
- Second mandated lockdown drill will be next week and it will be police centered.
- Students of the Quarter have been selected.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education