

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT AT TROY, HELD IN THE  
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER  
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Absent: K. Bristol, R. Morris

Others Present: T. Broderick, S. Colfer, C. DeDominick, P. Fusco, L. Gibson,  
T. Hopkins, Linda Klime, L. Kyer, F. Macri, R. McGrouty,  
T. O'Brien, S. Paolino, C. Phelan, G. Rashford, D. Roman,  
R. Schongar, K. Smith

Visitors: invited scholar athletes

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Speanburg that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 27, 2017 be approved.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. White that the Board Approve the following Financial Reports.

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

NYSPPHSAA Scholar Team Athlete Award Recipients

(\*75% of each teams' roster had to have an average of 90% or higher to qualify)

Boys Soccer with an overall average: **91.08** Girls Soccer with an overall average: **92.58**

Gebrail Abuzaid	Mackenzie Adams
Jacob Elliott, Captain	McKayla Criscione
Mike Connally, Captain	Dimetria McIntyre
Codi Genthner	Samantha Milam
Grant Lastrup	Shaina Milam
Trey Leak	Kennedy Teta
Dante Marceline	Skyler Teta
Jacob Martin	Madisen Thibodeau
Max Sheftel	Natalie Tidings, Captain
Brent O'Donovan	Jillian Currier
Chase Alonzo	Grace Cusack
Michael Palermo	Natalia Gerena
Travon McNeil Cole	Raleigh McBride
Scott Teta	McKensi Stevens
Andrew Trolio	Madison Teta
James Waltersdorf	Melissa Cole
Collin Ward	Josi Hadeka
Coach: Craig Thomas	Eva Pickert
	Coach: Gary Pascucci

NYSPPHSAA Scholar Team Individual Athlete Awards for Fall Sports (These individual award winners for NYSPPHSAA Scholar Athlete had a 90% overall GPA for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter or greater)

<u>Football</u>	<u>Boys Soccer</u>	<u>Girls Soccer</u>	<u>Girls Volleyball</u>
Chad DeLude	Jacob Elliott	Mackenzie Adams	Carissa Skaarup
Donovahn Kuteesa	Mike Connally	Kennedy Teta	Marah Tague
Mike Zanda	Grant Lastrup	Madisen Thibodeau	Camryn O'Hara
Brandon Lewis	Dante Marceline	Jillian Currier	
Alanzo Barrett	Chase Alonzo	Grace Cusack	<u>Girls' Cross Country</u>
John Waters	Andrew Trolio	Natalia Gerena	Ashley Serson
Izayah Bashford		McKensi Stevens	
Dan Riley		Madison Teta	
		Eva Pickert	

VI. COMMITTEE REPORT:

Audit Report – Mrs. Speanburg: Mr. Wade, our internal claims auditor was at tonight’s Audit Committee Meeting. Mrs. Speanburg stated that Mr. Wade comes to us with many years of experience with other districts. He reviews checks, back-up materials that go with checks, makes sure the merchandise is received before the check is processed. Mr. Wade comes at least once a year. The Internal Auditor will be coming in next Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Parental Family Engagement Committee – Mrs. Roman: They are planning District wide events in the Spring; Back to School Barbeque in being planned for the fall; A Parent and Family Engagement News Letter of Events is being created and published thanks to Mr. Rashford. In January/February they will be launching a Parent Village and Networking events.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS: noneVIII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Shover that the resignation of Krista Zukowski Second grade teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, be accepted, with regret, effective January 12, 2018.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White that the resignation of Matthew Van Dervoort, Assistant Principal at Lansingburgh High School be accepted effective close of business December 31, 2017 at which time Matthew Van Dervoort will assume the position of Lansingburgh High School Principal effective January 1, 2018.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that the resignation of Carrie Phelan, Assistant Principal at Knickerbacker Middle School be accepted effective close of business December 31, 2017 at which time Carrie Phelan will assume the position of Knickerbacker Middle School Principal effective January 1, 2018.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White 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 – Carrie Phelan  
Tenure Area – School Building Leader  
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 1/04/2018  
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Meaghan Kavanaugh  
Tenure Area – Special Education  
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 1/13/2018  
Certification Status – Professional

Name – Lauren DeMarco  
Tenure Area – School Psychologist  
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 1/19/2018  
Certification Status – Permanent

Name – Robert White  
Tenure Area – Elementary Education  
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 1/25/2018  
Certification Status – Professional

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. White that Erika Wittmann be granted an unpaid family medical leave of absence beginning January 2, 2018 through February 11, 2018.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that Thomas J. Hopkins be appointed to the position of Assistant Principal at Lansingburgh High School, a Probationary Appointment in the tenure area of School Building Leader, with benefits in accordance with the L.A.A. contract effective:

Commencement of Probationary Service – January 16, 2018  
 Expiration of Probationary Service – January 15, 2022  
 Certification Status – School Building Leader  
 Salary \$82,000

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mrs. Speanburg that Peter Fusco be appointed to the position of Assistant Principal at Knickerbacker Middle School, a Probationary Appointment in the tenure area of School District Leader, with benefits in accordance with the L.A.A. contract effective:

Commencement of Probationary Service – January 22, 2018  
 Expiration of Probationary Service – January 21, 2022  
 Certification Status – School District Leader  
 Salary \$82,000

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that the following substitute teachers 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:

Lindsey Meyer – Certified – Early Childhood Education and Special Education 1-6  
 Dante Carr – Uncertified – Substitute Teaching Assistant at the Elementary or Middle School Level  
 Alexis Foster – Uncertified – Substitute Teacher/Teaching Assistant

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that Mary Danahy be appointed as a Part-Time Academic Intervention Specialist (AIS) Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School for the 2017-18 school year, not to exceed 20 hours per week, with a minimum of 15 hours per week with compensation of \$30 per hour beginning November 7, 2017.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Speanburg that due to an error with the reporting in My Learning Plan, Brianna Marchese was not credited with 10 graduate credits equaling an additional \$375 which will be approved at this time.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White that the following Coaching Appointments be approved for the 2017-2018 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract:

Coaching Reappointments

Varsity Softball – Carrie Smith  
 Junior Varsity Softball – Riley O'Malley  
 Modified Softball – Andrew Ferris  
 Varsity Baseball – Matthew Cater  
 Junior Varsity Baseball – Matthew Poodiack  
 Modified Baseball – Matthew Loatman  
 Varsity Lacrosse – Jereme Wilson  
 Modified Boys Lacrosse – Joshua Roberts  
 Head Varsity Boys Track – James Gordon  
 Assistant Varsity Boys Track – Philip Faseun  
 Varsity Girls Track – Robert Dorn  
 Assistant Varsity Girls Track – Dallas Foard

**Volunteer Softball Coach** – Ed Thompson (not paid)

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that the following teacher was approved to a Home Tutoring assignment for the duration of the student's illness and reevaluation by their doctor, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract:

Ashley Woitkoski – 2 hours per day – 5 days per week – to be determined

7 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that Linda Lynch be appointed to a provisional probationary position as Typist 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:	December 19, 2017
Step 1 - \$ 17.54 per hr.	7 hour work day

7 Ayes Motion Carried

X. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Speanburg that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation of \$300.00 from Mrs. Weber to be used for the Dress a Knight program.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation of \$50.00 from Gloria Waters for the Dress a Knight program.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation of \$550.00 from Warren W. Fane for the Dress a Knight program.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that that the Board of Education extend a contract to BPI Mechanical, the low bidder, for year one of the two year extension permissible under RFP-16-004 in the amount of \$4,360.00 for AC Maintenance for the period of December 1, 2017 – November 30, 2018.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. White that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation of \$50.00 from The Cornerstone Community Church for the Dress a Knight program.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Board approve the attached projected schedule for the ~~2017-2018~~, ( a motion by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. White to amend the date to 2018-2019) Budget Development and Voting Timeline.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

Corrected Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Board approve the attached projected schedule for the 2018-2019 Budget Development and Voting Timeline.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. White that WHEREAS, Article 5G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities of a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or ones for the others, and WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term “municipal corporation” for the purposes of Article 5-G as a country outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and WHEREAS, Lansingburgh Central School District (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Participant”) is a “municipal corporation” as defined above; and WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2005 (the “Agreement”), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium (“NYSMEC”) upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Lansingburgh Central School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Linda Klime, Business Administrator to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate, and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas delivered to the city gate to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity natural gas not to exceed \$1.134 (dollars) per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 1018 and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of the resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

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7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. White that the Lansingburgh Central School District, Location code 73806, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the time keeping system on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

TITLE	STANDARD WORK DAY (Hrs./day)
Student Worker	8
Supervisor of Attendance	7.5
Athletic Field Supervisor	8
Network Technician	7.5
Internal Claims Auditor	7.5

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Shover that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation of \$486.00 from Community Churches of Speigletown for the Dress a Knight program.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Speanburg that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation of \$25.00 from Warren Lansing for the Dress a Knight program.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation of \$35.00 from Kathleen Sanvidge for the Dress a Knight program.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

XI. OLD BUSINESS - None

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XII. NEW BUSINESS - None

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XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. DeDominick:

First, I want to thank the community for their continued support and generosity they have shown the District throughout the years and continue to show the district.

We have begun to test the new phone messaging system.

Construction continues to progress – continues to be on pace – we are excited. We are still scheduled to move classes into the new rooms during April break. We may get ownership of the new gym sooner than we expected.

Kids are behaving well.

Mrs. DeDominick wished Mr. Harkin and Mr. Macri well in their new adventures. She also welcomed Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Fusco to the Lansingburgh School District Family. Board Retreat is scheduled for January 9, 2017 with Dr. Rick Timbs.

LHS

Mr. Macri - Thanked everyone for making him a better person, educator, and administrator.

Mr. Van Dervoort:

- Concert was last week; Jazz Band, Sound Waves – was outstanding
- LHS Faculty and staff have stepped up to the plate and sponsored several families for the holiday and they have also participated in the food drive and Holiday Giving Tree
- Everyone is focusing on academics and attendance is improving and getting stronger
- Welcome to Mr. Hopkins

KMS

Ms. Phelan:

- KMS is in the Spirit of Giving – Food Drive – 105 Families were helped. They also sponsored a coat drive.
- Concert was a great success
- Mr. Faseun in our Guidance Office organized a Bring your Dad/Role Model to Breakfast – over 75 parents/guardians or role models attended. Much larger than anticipated.
- A group of middle school students took a field trip to see Wonder last week.
- Acts of Kindness – Letters to Santa to help out Luke
- Urban Schools Conference – We sent two teachers to this conference that participated in a coffee talk presentation. The two teachers brought the information from the presentation back to school and presented this to the faculty and they will be facilitating this type of format once a month going forward at Knickerbacker.

RPES

Mrs. McGrouty:

- They held their Holiday concert last week. It was great. Mr. Rowlands and Mr. Williams did an outstanding job.
- A toy drive was held at the 41 Restaurant to benefit Turnpike and Rensselaer Park – Jeff Pasinella organized everything with his helpers. Over 700 toys were donated to both Rensselaer Park and Turnpike schools.

- Moving up Ceremony will be changing. It will be June 22 at 10 AM – Letters will be going home to parents.
- Character Ed assembly was held.

TES

Mrs. O'Brien:

- Thank You! The Dress A Night – Toy Drive was a Huge success! Our Make-a-Wish exceeded over our \$500 goal. The CEO from Make-a-Wish will be coming to Turnpike on Friday for their sing-a-long to send them on their way.

Athletics

Mr. Colfer:

The whole spring coaching staff will be returning. Mr. Colfer thanked Mr. Macri as well.

Director of Guidance

Mr. Rashford:

- Mr. Rashford thanked Mr. Macri for making him feel welcome at Lansingburgh.
- At Knickerbacker, Mr. Faseun, Guidance Counselor – held a Fathers and role models Breakfast – Next year it will be bigger and better.
- College and Career readiness – goes into some career presentations
- Met with students who are struggling
- HVCC Second Instant Admissions Day was held
- CTE student presentations to 10<sup>th</sup> grade students on Tuesday.

Director of Curriculum

Mrs. Smith:

- STEM and STEAM initiatives- Averill Park Initiatives – Came to view our programs
- Special Education – Quality Improvement Plan is in progress
- Staff Development on January 16<sup>th</sup> – Full Day
- Middle School and High School are working on PLC's
- Middle School are working together as teams
- TGBTQ – PLC – guideline – Representative from the Pride Center worked with the group of teachers. Supportive of students and families.

Director of School and Community Partnerships

Mrs. Roman:

- Trauma Central School Inc. Professional Development Pre-K-Grade 12 January 16 with Brian Mendler – Discipline with Dignity.
- Community Schools Task Force Meeting - Mrs. Roman is attending meeting.
- RPI is looking to work more with STEM with Middle school students during school breaks
- Memo of Understanding – Students in Crisis – Parental Approval – is in progress
- Cornell Cooperative Extension – Parent Workshop in January – Workshop is free of charge

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mrs. Sweeney asked if there was EXECUTIVE SESSION. Mrs. DeDominick said yes:

1. 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.
2. Collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.
3. Proposed, pending or current litigation.

Mrs. DeDominick asked that they invite Mrs. Kyer into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. White that the Board enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION inviting Mrs. Kyer.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:38 p.m.

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:13 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 Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Speanburg that the meeting be adjourned.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.