

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, JANUARY 30, 2017

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Absent: R. Morris (arrived at 6:55 p.m.)

Others Present: T. Broderick, S. Colfer, C. DeDominick, F. Macri, A. Mauriello,
R. McGrouty, T. O'Brien, S. Paolino, G. Rashford, D. Roman,
R. Schongar, K. Smith

Visitors: none

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. Cusack and seconded by Mr. White that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on December 19, 2016 be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White that the MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING held on January 9, 2017 be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Board approve the following FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Treasurer's Report
- B. Budget Transfers
- C. Monthly Reports

8 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

VI. COMMUNICATIONS:

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit Committee Report – C. DeDominick

4 transfers were made from custodial operations into custodial maintenance. We have the undertaking of repairing elevators. The Library Media Center elevator failed inspection and the repair costs were \$87,590.00.

KMS window repair system on the first, second and third floor. They were installed in 1998. There are 87 window weights that need replacing through ordinary wear and tear.

Statewide School Finance Consortium – aid for districts is up, but the foundation aid formula that was put in place under Governor Spitzer, the governor is saying that he is not sure if it should continue. The amount of money that is owed to Lansingburgh is \$7 million dollars. He is looking to disband the formula.

Budget projections – as more information comes out I will share the information.

Questar III Legislature meeting was held. Only 2 legislators showed up – Pete Lopez and John McDonald. Other representatives sent aides. Representative McDonald believes that we will have an on time budget but a lot of haggling will go on first.

John McDonald wants to come to a workshop meeting so I will schedule this in the near future.

The governor is trying to remove the cap on tuition for charter school students, which was set in 2011. If this goes through it will cost the district about \$500 per student more. Also, Troy Prep will be expanding and opening a high school. They will be moving the elementary students to the old ARK charter school. This September, 55 ninth grade students will begin at Troy Prep. The Troy School District students get first seats. We currently have 4 Lansingburgh students in eighth grade at Troy Prep.

Pre K audit results – The State Pre-K programs went through the audit process. Mrs. Owens worked with the Pre-K teachers at Turnpike and CEO. The ranks were by number – we received 4 – (2)s, 14 (3)s, and 3 (4)s. Our programs scored very well. We will work on addressing any comments for improvement.

The four indicators judged at two will be looked at and examined for improvements and plans developed.

Overall it was a very good positive audit. Senator Marcione will be visiting the new Pre-K 3 program at CEO and she will be reaching out to the St. Ed. Commissioner.

There are 2 policies for first reading.

Parental Family Engagement Committee – M. Cusack

- Reviewed the draft mission statement and moving it to the final copy.
- We are recruiting additional members – teachers, parents, community members.
- We are also looking for activity volunteers – parents who have expressed an interest in the committee.
- Reviewed ideas and events the committee would like to participate in this year.

VIII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White that the letter of resignation from Erin Fox, Special Education Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School, be accepted, with regret effective February 10, 2017.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the letter of resignation from Christopher Rowlands as Rensselaer Park Drama Club Advisor be accepted, with regret effective January 20, 2017.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White that the letter of resignation from Melinda Foglia as Head Varsity Softball Coach for Lansingburgh, be accepted, with regret effective December 13, 2016.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Walp that Megan Haley be granted a Parental Leave of Absence, without pay, beginning January 21, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp 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 2016-17 school year:

Jacqueline Foster – Certified	Visual Arts (permanent), (KMS Art Sub through 6/30/17)
Sheila Hyer – Certified	English 7-12

Lynne Connally – Uncertified

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following Extracurricular Advisor be approved for Lansingburgh High School for the 2016-17 school year:

LHS SADD Advisor – Jesse Guyer

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that the following Coaching Appointment be approved for the 2017-18 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements with reimbursements according to the LTA contract:

James Wiley – Head Coach for Boys Varsity Soccer

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White that the following Coaching Appointments be approved for the 2016-17 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements with reimbursement according to the LTA contract:

Joshua Roberts – Modified Boys Lacrosse Coach

Anthony Emanuel – Substitute Advisor for LHS/KMS Ski Club

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following Coaching Appointments be approved for the 2016-17 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. contract:

Coaching Reappointments

Modified Softball – Andrew Ferris

Varsity Baseball – Matthew Cater

Modified Baseball – Matthew Loatman

Varsity Lacrosse – Jereme Wilson

Newly Appointed Coaching Positions

Junior Varsity Softball – Riley O’Malley

Varsity Softball – Carrie Smith

Junior Varsity Baseball – Matthew Poodiack

Volunteer Reappointments

Volunteer Coach for Girls Softball – Ed Thompson

Volunteer Coach for Girls Softball – Nicole Welcome

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White that the attached list of Home Tutoring assignment be approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White that the resignation of Sharon O’Neil, Teaching Assistant at Turnpike Elementary School, be accepted effective January 20, 2017.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the resignation of Jennifer Selkirk, Teaching Assistant at Lansingburgh High School, be accepted, with regret effective February 1, 2017

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Speanburg that Wendy Sheftell be appointed to a probationary teaching assistant position at Lansingburgh High School on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE law according to the CSEA Teaching Assistant contract as set forth below:

- Commencement of Probationary Service – February 15, 2017
- Expiration of Probationary Service – February 14, 2021
- Certification – NYS Teaching Assistant Level 1
- Salary Step 1 - \$14.88 per hour

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White 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 2016-17 school year:

- Carly Evans – Sub Clerical, Teacher Aide, Noon Aide and Breakfast Aide
- Andrea Retell – Sub Custodial
- Kenneth Retell Sr. – Sub Custodial
- Gerald Riggins – Sub Custodial
- John Ryan – Sub Custodial
- Edward Short – Sub Custodial, Security

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following Non-Instructional Student STEP workers be approved for the 2016-17 school year:

- Jiovanni Canty
- Ryan Storm
- Brandan Temple

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White 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 school year:

- Johanna Piusz – Registered Nurse

8 Ayes Motion Carried

X. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White that the following non-resident tuition rates be approved by the Board of Education:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>2015-16 Rates</u>	<u>2016-2017 Rates</u>
Handicapped K-6	\$23,707	\$25,820
Handicapped 7-12	\$26,484	\$29,533
Full Day K-6	\$ 1,685	\$ 322
Secondary 7-12	\$ 4,462	\$ 4,035

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White that the Independent Auditor RFP 16-005 that was opened on January 19, 2017, and based on the following information below, the evaluation team, and the recommendation of Mrs. Kyer, the Independent Auditor RFP 16-005 be awarded to Stark & Basilla from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2022:

Stark & Basila	Total Composite Score 95
Marvin & Company	Total Composite Score 87
The Bonadio Group	Total Composite Score 78
Bryans & Gramuglia	Total Composite Score 55

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the following donations from Donors Choose:

3 Lenovo Chromebooks to be used by Linda Townsend at Rensselaer Park Elementary School equivalent to \$553.17

2 HP Chromebooks to be used by Amy Henges at Lansingburgh High School equivalent to \$369.98

2 HP Chromebooks to be used by Lisa Pingelski at Lansingburgh High School equivalent to \$499.98

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation from Ruth Horton for the Turnpike Dress a Knight Program in the amount of \$25.00.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Speanburg and seconded by Mr. White that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation from the Pleasandale Community Church for the Dress a Knight Program, in the amount of \$100.00.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation from the Mary Fund for the Dress a Knight Program in the amount of \$300.00.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation from the Cornerstone Community Church for the Dress a Knight Program in the amount of \$51.50.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

R. Morris entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that the following report from the Tax Collectors, for the 2016-17 collection period be accepted:

Lansingburgh Central School District	2016 - 2017 Tax Collection	Jane Luskin, Tax Collector	
Total Taxes Collected to Date		\$12,045,935.61	
Total Penalties Collected to Date		\$13,277.07	
Total Odd Cent Over/Under		\$0.42	
Total Collection		\$12,059,213.10	
Uncollected Taxes	Tax	Penalty	Total
Lansingburgh	\$770,857.05	\$15,417.14	\$786,274.19
Brunswick	\$93,898.97	\$1,877.98	\$95,776.95
Schaghticoke	\$106,867.82	\$2,137.36	\$109,005.18
Pittstown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$971,623.84	\$19,432.48	\$991,056.32
Total Warrant - Tax Collector (Approved 8/29/16)			\$15,097,310.00
Adjustments to Tax Warrant Due To Assessment or Clerical Error:			
Dedeo, 15 Miller Lane, Aged Exemption	\$1,157.80		
Houlihan, 12 Old Route 142, Assessment	\$356.37		
Less: Warrant Changes			\$1,514.17
Total Final Warrant			\$15,095,795.83
Total Star Savings (Approved 8/17/16)			\$2,079,254.38
Adjustments to Star Savings:			
Silk, 10 Blue Heron Lane	-\$509.00		
Ryan, 38 Liberty Road	-\$509.00		
Less: Star Changes			-\$1,018.00
Total Star Savings			\$2,078,236.38
Total Tax Levy (Approved 8/17/16)			\$15,097,310.00
Total Tax Collected			-\$12,045,935.61

Total Tax Uncollected	-\$971,623.84
Assessment Adjustments	-\$1,514.17
Total Star Savings	-\$2,079,254.38
Star Savings Adjustment	\$1,018.00
Balance	\$0.00

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.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

LHS – Mr. Macri

- Very busy testing – Algebra 1 exam prep did extremely well.
- Senior sat for the Living Environment for the first time and passed the exam
- Going forward they will be teaching to the test.
- They are conducting parent meeting for seniors who are in jeopardy or at risk of not graduating.

KMS – Mr. Rashford (Mr. Harkin was out ill)

- Held discovery day – school counselors set up meetings with parents in the afternoon with their teachers. In the morning was student discovery day and in the afternoon session, 115 appointments or phone conferences were held.
- The KMS Musical Beauty and the Beast Junior is this weekend.

Mr. Rashford continued with his guidance reports.

- Semester 2 started today and counselors are reviewing scores. Senior meetings are being scheduled. Report cards will be mailed out on Friday.
- Field trips to Questar for their nursing program have been scheduled for students.

RPES - Mrs. McGrouty

- ELA/Math Benchmarks have taken place.
- Holding grade level meetings and making adjustments where needed moving forward.
- Will hold their second lock down drill on February 4. Their next scheduled lock down drill will take place during lunch time.
- Third grade received a MYSci grant almost full funding for the third grade. \$750 shy.
- Rensselaer Park has been selected by National Assessments of the Education Process to administer an assessment on February 28. General Ed., Special Ed., ELL students will use tablets to take this assessment. Reading, writing and mathematics will be on the tablet. A lot of logistics, information and planning is taking place to be ready for February 28.

TES – Mrs. O'Brien

- We as well are working on benchmarks in ELA and math.
- 2nd lockdown drill was unannounced and the students did very well.
- PTA sponsored a Guptils night of roller skating.
- 2nd grade students are working on owl projects. Second graders are also working on travel buddies and have sent letters to California, Florida, Texas and Indiana.
- February 11 is World read aloud day. They have a lot of activities planned. A couple of books that will be read are The Giving Tree and Groovy Joe Book and dance. There will also be buddy reading. If anyone of our board members would like to read to a class, please let myself or the Turnpike office know.

Athletics – Mr. Colfer

- It is Spring Sports sign up time.
- Boys and Girls Bowling had another great year. February 6th is the Girls and Boys Colonial Council Championship. February 9th is Girls Varsity Section 2 Bowling Tournament, February 13th is Boys Varsity Section 2 Bowling Tournament.
- Boys Varsity Basketball game is home Tuesday and they are off on Friday. Boys and Girls basketball sectionals will begin February 17th.
Sectionals for Boys Basketball – Quarter Finals will be at Hudson Valley Community College; Semi-Finals will be at Glens Falls Civic Center and Finals will be at Binghamton.

Director of Curriculum – Mrs. Smith

- UPK audit went well
- Working on our next Superintendents Conference Day on March 17. – We are training staff to train staff. Five regular education teachers and 3 special education teachers at Turnpike have trained in co-collaborative problem solving.
- LHS/KMS formation of PLC training and the outcome
- Next generation science standards K-8
- Introducing special education technology into self-contained classrooms.
- We are adding Robotics and coding to the Lansingburgh Academy classes for teachers.

J. Shover – I want to thank Bob Schongar and his staff for doing an excellent job Saturday with having 2 major event activities at the high school and middle school complex. Robotics competition was Saturday morning with 40 teams competing and All County Music Festival in the afternoon which was standing room only. There were a lot of volunteers making things very smoothly run.

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

1. Proposed, pending or current litigation.

Mrs. DeDominick asked that they invite Mr. R. Schofield, Esq. into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:29 p.m.

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:23 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 Mrs. Speanburg that the meeting be adjourned.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education