

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 30, 2015

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: K. Bristol, M. Cusack, S. Farrell, R. Morris, Jr., J. Shover, M. Speanburg, M. Sweeney, C. Walp, Jr., J. White
- Absent: none
- Others Present: P. Allen, T. Broderick, S. Colfer, C. DeDominick, M. Harkin, L. Kyer, A. Luciano, A. Mauriello, R. McGrouty, T. O'Brien, D. Owens, R. Schongar, K. Smith, L. Townsend
- Visitors: R. Schofield, Esq. (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

- III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. Cusack and seconded by Mr. White to accept the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on October 26, 2015.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Cusack to accept the MINUTES of the SPECIAL BOARD MEETING held on November 9, 2015.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

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

- A. Treasurer's Report
B. Budget Transfers

9 Ayes Motion Carried

- V. COMMITTEE REPORT:

Audit Committee

Mrs. Farrell reported

- Our I.T. person has been hired
- Cafeteria program is doing well
- SED audit on our cafeteria program is on December 15th
- We have had a lot of homeless and special education students registering and the district will be monitoring this due to budget implications
- Turnpike expansion project continues. The vote is December 8.

School Community Relations Committee

Mr. Cusack reported

- Reaching out to all the Key Communicators to get the word out concerning the Turnpike Expansion project

- VI. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: none

- VII. COMMUNICATIONS: none

- VIII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Casey Looby, a tenured Speech and Hearing Impaired Therapist, with regret effective December 31, 2015.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. White that Mrs. Angela Barnett be granted an extension of her medical leave of absence under FMLA through January 3, 2016 and that It is Further Resolved that Mrs. Barnett medical leave will consist of 21 unpaid days due to Mrs. Barnett’s leave extending beyond the allowed 12 weeks under the Family Medical Leave Act.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Walp that Mr. Michael Treffiletti be granted a medical leave of absence without pay, effective November 30, 2015 through December 18, 2015.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that the following Substitute Teachers be approved for the 2015-16 school year pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law:

- Janice Germain –certified – NYS Certification N, K-6 permanent
- Antonia Dauer – certified – NYS Certification Special Education K-12
- Karen Merrils – uncertified – (Teaching Assistant – TES only)
- Catherine Vandenburg – uncertified – (Teaching Assistant only)
- Chad Lastrup – uncertified – teacher and teaching assistant substitute
- Julie Blanchette – uncertified – teacher and teaching assistant substitute
- Megan McGreevy – uncertified – teacher and teaching assistant substitute

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Antonia Dauer be appointed as a long-term substitute at Lansingburgh High School, on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, for the duration of the Teachers absence:

- Commencement of Service – November 19, 2015
- Expiration of Service – January 3, 2016
- Certification Status – Special Education K-12 – (permanent)
- Salary - \$190.94 (per day)

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Morris that the following Winter Ski-club Appointments be approved for the 2015-16 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. Contract:

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| KMS/LHS Ski Advisors – | Patrick Wilson | Derek Fox |
| | Maureen Sullivan | Shaun Donegan |
| RPES Ski Advisors - | Jason Blackmur | Beverly Cottrell |
| | Christine Retell | Angela Mauriello |

Substitute KMS/LHS Ski Advisors - Kelly Cataldo, Stacey Muscato
Newly Appointed Substitute Ski Advisors: Adam Gregoire (RPES), Joshua Roberts (KMS/LHS)

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following Coaching Appointment be approved for the 2015-16 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements, with reimbursement according to the L.T.A. Contract:

Anthony Faraci – Assistant Bowling Coach

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. White that the following Volunteer Coaching Appointment be approved for the 2015-16 school year, pending completion of NY State coaching certification requirements:

Chad Laustrup – Volunteer Coach for Varsity Boys Basketball

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Walp that the following be appointed as advisors of Extracurricular Activities at Knickerbacker Middle School for the 2015-16 school year, with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract:

Robin Delaney – Advisor for Odyssey of the Mind
Patricia Cowin – Advisor for Odyssey of the Mind

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that Ms. Jenna Tyler be approved for 1 additional Professional Development Day on December 10, 2015. Ms. Tyler was previously approved to participate in a Global Mathematics Education Program in Uganda from December 11, 2015 through December 21, 2015. She is leaving from Boston and will need 1 additional day for travel.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White that Juaneika Agyeman be approved for 9 additional hours for her Special Education Summer program at a rate of \$38.64 per hour.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Walp that 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 2015-16 school year:

Kayleigh Retell – Substitute Custodian
David Telesky – Substitute Security
Catherine Vandenburg – Substitute Typist, Custodian, Teacher Aide
Karen Merrills – Substitute Teacher Aide
Julie Blanchette – Substitute Teacher Aide, Noon Aide, Breakfast Aide

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White that Diane Murray be approved for 9 additional hours for her Special Education Summer Program as teaching assistant at a rate of \$15.76 per hour.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education extend a contract to County Waste, the low bidder, for year one of the two year extension contract in the amount of \$26,548.00, for refuse and recyclable removal for the period December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2016, with one (One-Year Extension). Additional pick- ups will be \$10.00 per yard, \$115.00 - 10 cu. yd.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. White that this Agreement made between Ann McCarthy (hereinafter, “**PROVIDER**”) and the Lansingburgh Central School District (hereinafter, “**DISTRICT**”). **WHEREAS**, the **DISTRICT** desires to obtain certain services and work to be performed by the **PROVIDER** as Described in Appendix A – Scope of Work and the **DISTRICT** agrees to make payment(s) for services rendered as outlined in Appendix A; and **WHEREAS**, the **PROVIDER** has the necessary qualifications and experience and agrees to perform the services and work; **THEREFORE**, the contract is agreed and with the District Clerk

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Morris that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donations from the following Institutions and community members to be used for the Lansingburgh Central School District Turnpike Dress a Knight Program:

The Veterans of Lansingburgh, Inc. - \$500.00
Warren W. Fane, Inc. - \$550.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Waters – 50.00

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts 3 Acer Chromebooks, equivalent value of \$510.00 from Donors Choose for use at Turnpike School in Mrs. Brown’s classroom.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Morris that the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education President be authorized to Approve the following Change Orders for the ongoing LHS Cafeteria construction project:

HC-001	Crisafulli Bros	\$(7,336.60)	Relocate lines for work to continue
PC-001	BPI	\$ 4,761.00	Provide all labor and material to remove abandoned exhaust duct above kitchen ceiling, relocated existing heating bypass control valve for accessibility in new area where freezer is installed. Install new drinking fountains/water bottle filter per owner request.
PC-002	BPI	\$(1,500.23)	Credit for reduced quantity of pipe and fittings to be insulated after asbestos insulation was removed.
EC-001	McBain	\$(8,000.00)	Credit for unused allowance.
EQ-001	Saratoga Equipment	\$921.00	Remove and store equipment labeled as existing to remain for the installation of new flooring.
Total		\$(11,154.85)	

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Morris that the Board of Education Approve the following Election Mechanics to set up, service, and maintain up to three voting machines at the rate of \$150 per person:

Kevin O’Malley
Joseph Mele

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A Motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Board of Education approve the following to serve on the Board of Registration on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 with compensation at \$60.00 for the day;

Laurel Sheehy (12 p.m. - 6 p.m.)
Carol Rielly (12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.) (LHS Student Registration)

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp to amend the resolution to reflect payment at \$10.00 per hour.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that It was Further Resolved that the Chief Inspector for each location will be paid an additional \$25.00 for their additional responsibilities and services on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 and It was Further Resolved that the Board of Education Approve the following to serve on the Board of Elections on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 with compensation of \$125 per person:

LHS Gymnasium Foyer Area (2 machines)

CI Laurel Sheehy
 ACI Carol Rielly
 I Elizabeth VanBuren
 I Janet Walsh

Speigletown (1 machine)

CI Joseph Cunningham
 ACI Joyce Jones
 I Judy Cunningham

8 Ayes Motion Carried
 1 Abstention (M. Sweeney)

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White that the Board of Education, in accordance with the Commissioner’s Regulations, a district in Good Standing that has a school with a Local Assistance Plan is required to complete a self-review and develop a Local Assistance Plan; have the plan approved by the Board of Education, and post the approved plan to the District Website by November 30, 2015 be Approved.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board Approve the attached projected schedule for the 2016-2017 Budget Development and Voting Timeline.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or Business Administrator to enter into a contract agreement with CORE, BTS Inc. as per the attached contract from December 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$77,872 to be billed monthly in 4 hour increments.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: yes

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Walp that it be Resolved that the Superintendent is authorized and directed to execute the Employment Separation Agreement, between the District and Ms. Looby, dated November 24, 2015.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mrs. Kyer and I met with the Commissioner of Education last Tuesday. Also in attendance were Ms. Kathy Ahearn, our Charter School Attorney, the Troy School District Superintendent, Albany City School District Superintendent, the District Superintendents from Capital Region BOCES and Questar BOCES along with State Education Department staffers. The Commissioner was gracious; listened to what we had to say concerning the Charter School Intercept procedures – she reassured us that she was going to investigate further. We didn’t really leave feeling that we had made headway with the process. Lisa completed 30+ residency hearings last month with 4 families showing up for their appointments.

We received responses from John McDonald and Steve McLaughlin concerning the 2% Tax Cap. They were sympathetic but don’t expect to see any changes to the 2% tax cap.

The Turnpike Elementary School Expansion project is progressing. The vote is December 8th and Mrs. DeDominick will be contacting the Troy Record to see if they will run an article on the project. We have made our presentations to our local organizations. Attendance was low, but feedback has been positive.

Our friends from Westchester County that sent us 5000 books last year for our elementary school students, would like to adopt them again by collecting box tops for schools and sending us their box tops when their collection is complete.

An update on the sale of the ARC Charter School – the sale fell through but they have another offer from the Uncommon Schools (Troy Prep) to purchase the building.

Building Reports**LHS**

Mr. Macri is not at the meeting tonight, but Mrs. DeDominick listed the events that have occurred at the high school.

- Outstanding performance by the LHS drama club in The Wiz
- The blood drive had an outstanding turnout
- Mrs. Schwenzfeier and Ms. Tyler will be traveling to Uganda to teach math. BBC (Better Burgh Club) has donated shirts with LHS on them. Students in math class have developed math lessons for the students.
- For Veterans Day, a WWII Vet came into speak with students in their US history course, Steven Dennis, who participated in the Okinawa parade in 1945. He worked the wire type machine and was the person in charge of getting the peace treaty surrender back to the US news organizations.
- The dogs came in to school today with no definite hits.
- The Trivia Team filmed the Masterminds special at Proctors. Mr. Ravalli will be notified shortly when the showing will be.
- Congratulations to our NSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Teams. Mr. Colfer will say more.

KMS

Mr. Harkin

- The Flying Monkeys were the best part of the play (KMS students).
- Teachers are currently working hard identifying students for parent conferences.
- Olweus student rewards program – students use to receive character bucks, but this year are rewarded with gift certificates.
- The holiday food drive is in full swing. Each grade is bringing in a specific food item to make food baskets for families.
- Saturday KMS will host a Penny sale – Items were donated to the school and will be on sale for one penny for anyone who needs to purchase something from clothes, furniture, toys, etc. This is to help families who may have become homeless or have hit some hard times.

RPES

Mrs. McGrouty

- Mrs. Tina O'Brien began today as principal. Mrs. O'Brien will be filling in for Mrs. McGrouty while on family medical leave.
- Parent teacher conferences were held on Monday and Tuesday.
- Mr. Rowlands and the RPES Drama Club have been very busy and will be performing A Charlie Brown's Christmas on December 18 & 19. Mrs. Green has been busy working on all of the sets and the students have been busy rehearsing.
- Students will be going on field trips.
- Their Just Run event was successful. Several wonderful emails have been received from parents stating what a wonderful program it is.
- Winter concert will be December 8 at 7 p.m. in the KMS Auditorium
- Character of the month is Compassion – Students will be selling Make a Wish Stars to raise money for Make a Wish students. Each year students raise about \$500.
- Mrs. DeDominick and Mrs. McGrouty went to the US District Attorney's Office for a Leadership program for Fifth grade students. It is a program that was offered last year to Albany, Schenectady and Troy. We were included this year. There will be four sessions which will involve decision making, peer influences, and repercussions. There are volunteers from the D.A's office, F.B.I., lawyers, etc. It starts in January. There will be mentors for each classroom and the same mentors will stay with that classroom for the entire program. The ultimate message is to steer them away from gang activity. RPES is very excited about the program.

TES

Mrs. Owens:

- On November 5, TES faculty and staff took 30 students to stores to purchase coats, hats and boots. This is all sponsored through the Dress a Knight program and a very generous community.
- On November 10, Mrs. Parker hosted a Zumba marathon with the help of Mrs. Griswold and Mrs. McNutt. The two hour event raised \$700. This money went towards the TES weekend back pack program.
- PTA Bingo Night
- TES students were part of the cast of The Wiz. They were little munchkins.
- Parent conferences were held.
- Their annual food drive is ongoing. Mrs. Ashe is making baskets to donate to families in need.
- Make a Wish stars are being sold.
- December 4 is Polar Express Night – students and parents are invited to attend. There are 15 vendors arranged by Ms. Horton that will be there as well.
- The back pack program is doing well. We are supplying 30 families with back packs every weekend with food inside.

Athletics

Mr. Colfer:

- Girls holiday tournament against Averill Park – 1-1 outcome. Boys were in Johnstown and it was a 1-0 outcome. Tuesday night girls basketball is at home and Friday night boys basketball is home.
- Bowling has started

- Four Varsity Teams achieved from NYSSTEAM Scholar Athlete Award Team status:
Boys Varsity Soccer had an overall average of 94.540
Girls Varsity Soccer had an overall average of 91.642
Varsity Volleyball had an overall average of 94.768
Varsity Football had an overall average of 91.243

Guidance

Mrs. Luciano:

- Parent portal is running for the test group. A few calls came in.
- Report cards went home on the 20th.
- Continued training in Naviance
- Senior meetings were held – College applications – planning for next year
- There is a scheduled careers and technology presentation scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday with Questar.
- College Financial Aid night is Tuesday.
- Student meetings are being held for students who have failed 2 or more subjects.
- Last day for schedule adjustments.
- Regents answer sheets have been ordered for January.

Curriculum Report

Mrs. Smith:

- Embedded staff development in Math continues
- Co-teaching in the middle school and high school
- Mentor/teacher program feedback hasn't been good in the past. People volunteer in each building to coordinate meetings with a new teacher and a veteran teacher with experience. We are piloting this for this school year. Next year we hope to have grant proposals for stipends for this.

XII. USE OF FACILITIES

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Yes - 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.

Invite Robert Schofield, Esq., Lisa Kyer and Sean Colfer to EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board go into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:20 p.m.

Mrs. Kyer and Mr. Colfer exited EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:35 p.m.

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:25 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. Farrell that the meeting be adjourned.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education