

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 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sweeney at 6:32 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- II. ROLL CALL: K. Bristol, S. Farrell, R. Morris, J. Shover,  
M. Speanburg, M. Sweeney, C. Walp, J. White
- Absent: M. Cusack
- Others Present: T. Broderick, C. DeDominick, M. Harkin, L. Kyer, A. Luciano,  
F. Macri, T. O'Brien, D. Owens, K. Smith, M. Sullivan
- Visitors: none

- III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 30, 2015 be Approved.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2015 – MOTION TO AMEND MINUTES

Mrs. Sweeney asked for a Motion to AMEND the Minutes for the December 8, 2015 Special Meeting – Turnpike Expansion Vote Results due to an error reading one of the machines at Lansingburgh High School, the results were recorded and reported wrong. Below are the OFFICIAL results of the VOTE.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Morris to Amend the Minutes of the Special Meeting for December 8, 2015.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Bristol to Accept the OFFICIAL RESULTS of the December 8, 2015 Special Meeting – Turnpike Expansion be ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

Lansingburgh High School

yes - 171

no - 50

Speigletown FH

yes - 175

no - 58

affidavit ballots from Speigletown

yes - 10

no - 1

absentee ballots

yes - 18

no - 14

**total number – 497**

**YES – 374**

**NO – 123**

8 Ayes Motion Carried

- IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Farrell 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. Treasurer's Report

8 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: none

VI. COMMITTEE REPORT:

Audit Report – Mrs. Farrell: Textbooks/Private and Parochial schools are being held to their actual amounts Allotted. City of Troy – tax error issues and the Cafeteria audit met with a glowing review.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS: none

VIII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White that the resignation of Mr. Michael Treffiletti, Special Education teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, be accepted, with regret, effective December 7, 2015.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Morris that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of Disability Retirement from Mr. Keith Clickner, Physical Education Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School effective December 2, 2015.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Arlene Okoniewski be appointed to a four year – Probationary Appointment, in the tenure area of Speech Pathologist at Turnpike Elementary School, on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, in accordance with the L.T.A. contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – January 4, 2016	
Expiration of Probationary Service – January 3, 2020	
Certification Status – Speech and Hearing Handicapped Pathologist - Permanent	
Salary – Step 11	\$ 46,709
Masters	\$ 450
Graduate Credits – 36	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
	\$ 48,659

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White that Mr. Joshua Roberts be assigned one additional teaching section of Spanish at 1/6<sup>th</sup> of his annual salary effective December 14, 2015, through the duration of teacher’s absence.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. White that Ms. Krystal Hammond be assigned one additional teaching section of Spanish at 1/6<sup>th</sup> of her annual salary effective December 15, 2015, through the duration of teacher’s absence.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Morris that Mrs. Karen Porpeggia be assigned one additional teaching section of Spanish at 1/6<sup>th</sup> of her annual salary effective November 30, 2015, through the duration of teacher’s absence.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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

Matthew Hamilton – un-certified – Physical Education (pending)

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Ms. Jeanette Botts be appointed as a long-term substitute Special Education Teacher, at Rensselaer Park Elementary School Effective December 7, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at 1/200 of base teacher - \$190.94 daily.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Morris that the resignation of Mr. Bryan Gaudio, Teaching Assistant at Lansingburgh High School, be accepted effective December 9, 2015.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. Morris that the resignation of Mrs. Tina Metcalfe, Teacher Aide at Turnpike Elementary School, be accepted effective December 31, 2015.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the resignation of Mrs. Dawn Mantello, Teacher Aide at Turnpike Elementary School, be accepted effective December 31, 2015.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Morris 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:

Robin Nedoroscik – Substitute Typist, Custodian, Teacher Aide, Noon & Breakfast Aide, Security

8 Ayes Motion Carried

X. ACTION ITEMS:

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

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>2014-2015 Rate</u>	<u>2015-16 Rates</u>
Handicapped K-6	\$19,885	\$23,707
Handicapped 7-12	\$22,088	\$26,484
Full Day K-6	\$ 2,008	\$ 1,685
Secondary 7-12	\$ 4,211	\$ 4,462

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Morris that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation from the following donors for the Turnpike Dress a Knight Fund:

- Edward & Gail Weber \$300.00
- Cornerstone Community Church \$50.00
- Warren Lansing -- \$25.00
- Ruth Horton - \$25.00

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation(s) from Donors Choose:

- Ipad Mini 2 – equivalent value of \$199.99 value for Lisa Langlois to use in her KMS classroom
- 2 Dell Chromebook 11 - equivalent value of \$538.00 for Michelle Cosselman to use in her LHS classroom

Ipad mini – equivalent value of \$249.00 for Sharon Giordano to use in her Turnpike Classroom  
Ipad mini – equivalent value of \$249.00 for Jessica Dusenberry to use in her Turnpike Classroom  
Dell Chromebook 11 - equivalent value of \$269.00 for Linda Townsend to use in her RPES Classroom

8 Ayes Motion Carried

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A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation from James & Dana McClure in the amount of \$500 to be used for the Lansingburgh High School Robotics Program.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White that the following information is the final results from the AC Maintenance RFP-015-001 that opened on December 1, 2015 be accepted by the Board of Education and awarded to:

BPI Mechanical Service \$4,360.00

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. White that the attached, corrected tax assessment of the following property owners applied to Rensselaer County Supreme Court for a correction exemption and tax for the 2015 - 2016 school tax year. We received the application and request to change the tax bill on December 7, 2015, that was approved by William Film, Director of Rensselaer County Bureau of Tax Services and:

An agreement was made by the County to reinstate the 2015 – 2016 missing Basic Star exemption due to a clerical error per Sect. 550(2c).

Lori Humphrey, 318 Richfield Street, Troy, NY

8 Ayes Motion Carried

XI. OLD BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS - None

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. DeDominick:

- Kick off meeting for Turnpike project was held last Thursday. SEI is working on the plans and revisions and will be doing a walk-thru and after that will hopefully be meeting monthly as the project moves forward.
- SED currently had a back load of about 700 projects; now there are about 900 projects waiting for approval.
- Capital Region BOCES Superintendents met with legislators. Questar Superintendents are slated to meet with the legislators January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- We have suggestions and possible solutions for the legislators on how to speed up the process to get the project through faster.
- We will possibly be meeting with the Commissioner in January again.

LHS

Mr. Macri:

- Play was phenomenal; are hoping to do a Theatre production in the spring.
- The concert was phenomenal – the students seem to get better and better every year
- Ms. Tyler and Mrs. Schwenzfeier are currently in Uganda teaching math lessons to students. They went there with T-shirts for the children. Our Lansingburgh High School Math students developed the lessons which are being taught.
- Ken Crowe – Times Union will be doing a follow-up story on the Freshman Academy in January
- Integrated Algebra is back for students from the class of 2012-13. There will be 10 to 12 students eligible to sit for the Regents exam on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Robotics Competition will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> in the LHS gym – will have 18 to 30 teams participating.
- Wednesday is ugly sweater contest day. Our faculty and staff will be participating as well as students.

- LHS Faculty and staff have stepped up to the plate and sponsored several families for the holiday.

### KMS

Mr. Harkin –

- Concert was a great success – the choirs were fantastic, the jazz band is back along with the concert band and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band.
- We have collected over 1,000 cans for Christmas boxes – Over 460 cans came from Ms. Akin’s homeroom alone. We also had 88 Turkeys and Hams donated by faculty and staff.
- Teachers sponsored a Clothe-a-child dinner and took the students shopping after that.
- The first day of tryouts for the KMS musical “Anne Jr.” were held.

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- We held our Honor Roll ceremony – over 224 students achieved honor roll or high honor roll for the first marking period. Over 175 family members attended.
- Mr. Harken said that they had their first Holly Ball – over 100 students attended and came all dressed up for the occasion.

### RPES

Mrs. O’Brien:

- At Rensselaer Park we have a lot of little “elves”.
- PTA sponsored a party and supplied activities and refreshments to them.
- What a great job the students did at the Winter Concert. Mr. Williams introduced his “Soundbites” singing students. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir sang and Mr. Rowlands band was great.
- Mr. Rowlands, Mrs. Green, Ms. Foster and the Rensselaer Park Drama Club students did an awesome play “A Charlie Brown Christmas”.
- Thank you to Jeff Pasinella, Mark Smith and Keith Clickner for the Toys for Tots Drive this past Friday.
- A third grade grandparent donated \$600 toward a Tai Qwon Do program. Master Tae – all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be getting the program which consists of 5 sessions.
- Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students went to Russell Sage to see the Wizard of Oz.
- Fourth graders went to The NYS Museum and participated in a scavenger hunt.
- Wednesday will be Rensselaer Parks Honor roll celebration for students.
- The students are selling Make-A-Wish stars.

### TES

Mrs. Owens:

- On December 4<sup>th</sup> Turnpike had Polar Express Night. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus were there as well as 18 vendors for parents to visit. Students were given a conductor hat. All proceeds went to the back pack program.
- PTA sponsored their “Holiday Shop” – students could purchase small gifts for family members if they chose to.
- Mrs. Townsend has headed up the Make-a-Wish campaign for many years. Again this year she coordinated it between Rensselaer Park and Turnpike. They made stars instead of angels to sell for \$.25 to \$1.00, so no one feels left out. They are very close to their goal of raising \$500.
- On Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Ms. Downs will be having the Holiday sing-a-long. Mr. Lansing has been working with several groups of students teaching them sign language to the holiday songs.
- A special thank you to the 41 Restaurant, Jeff Pasinella, Mark Smith, outside agencies for sponsoring our Toys for Tots drive. Mrs. Barbara Ashe coordinates this event each year and the support we receive is amazing.

### Athletics

Mr. Colfer could not be here tonight, but Mr. Macri said that basketball and wrestling are off to a great start. There will be a couple of tournaments over recess.

### Director of Guidance

Mrs. Luciano:

- They are continuing training on Naviance and hopes to train with the Business teachers next.
- Students are taking ASVAB tests
- APEX Credit Recovery Program
- Holding Junior meetings for planning
- The guidance department hosted two student interns from SAGE College.
- They have begun working on the master schedule
- Common Core testing will not count towards teacher evaluations until 2019. The length of the test is to be shorter and the test is going to be changed from Common Core to Empire State Test.
- The guidance counselors, social workers, parents and students have been meeting with students who are failing two or more subjects.

### Director of Curriculum and Professional Development

Mrs. Smith:

- Staff development K-5 – Embedded Math – the staff development trainer goes into the classroom, works with and plans with the teacher.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade - New teachers

- 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade – Next gen. science standards and components and making sure they are implementing them
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade – are co-teaching and differentiation
- In special education – they have begun their annual review, program services - what's working, what's not working, how to increase achievement
- NYS UPK review will be coming up in January
- They received an extra \$20,000 from the state and Mr. Harkin has strongly requested chrome books for the middle school.
- The new teacher training and mentor module is working out very nice this year and Mrs. Smith thanked the teachers that are participating as mentors in this endeavor: Ms. Kelly Cataldo and Mrs. Colleen Buff at the KMS/LHS complex, Mrs. Anne Champagne and Mrs. Samantha Brown at Turnpike and Ms. Erin Blair and Mr. David Hamilton at Rensselaer Park.

IVX. 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. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the meeting be adjourned.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Clerk to the Board of Education