

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 25, 2016

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL: K. Bristol, M. Cusack, S. Farrell, R. Morris, J. Shover,
M. Speanburg, M. Sweeney, C. Walp, J. White

Absent: none

Others Present: T. Broderick, C. Buff, C. DeDominick, M. Harkin, L. Kyer,
A. Luciano, F. Macri, A. Mauriello, T. O'Brien, D. Owens, S. Paolino,
A. Rickert, A. Schwenzfeier, K. Smith, J. Tyler

Visitors: M. Hume, S. Gates, D. Phelps, L. Breton, M. Breton

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 21, 2015 be approved.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

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

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mrs. Sweeney invited Ms. Tyler and Mrs. Schwenzfeier up to make their presentation on their trip to Uganda and emerging scholars program.

Ms. Tyler and Mrs. Schwenzfeier presented two videos of various highlights on their journey to Uganda to teach math lessons to students of Uganda. The math lessons were designed by Lansingburgh High School math students. Different Lansingburgh clubs designed T-shirts to present to the Ugandan students while there.

Mrs. Sweeney invited Mr. Rickert up to do his presentation. Two high school students – Morgan Hume, a senior and Serena Gates, a junior will be participating in the Regional "Poetry Out Loud" contest. Both students won at the high school level and if they win at the Regional level, will move on to the state level. Morgan and Serena were participants and finalists last year as well. First Serena read her poem followed by Morgan.

Mrs. Sweeney invited Mr. Phelps, Mr. & Mrs. Breton to speak to the Board about the "Mary Fund".

Mr. Phelps gave the Board a little history on the "Mary Fund" and asked for suggestions on how to engage the faculty and staff, social workers, and principals with spreading the word about the "Mary Fund"

April 9, 2016 is their Fundraiser Dinner to be held at the Lansingburgh Vet's. In addition to that, funds are raised through donations and Boscov's discount day.

The Mary fund is used to support Rensselaer and Turnpike children with items of need which many not be obtainable by their families.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS:

PTA Founders Day Invitation
 PTA Patron's sheet
 Thank you note from Ms. Levings
 Letter to Dr. Elia, Commissioner of Education, NYS Edu. Department
 Thank you note from Assemblyman McDonald to Mrs. Coon and her 8th grade class
 NYSIR Legal Digest

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit Committee Report – S. Farrell

Work on the Budget for 2016-17 has begun.
 58% of Lansingburgh students receive free/reduced lunches through our program. The District will be reapplying for Lunch Grant this year.

A RFP for I.T. equipment and also a RFP for Transportation will be going out on Friday.

VIII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. White that Mrs. Melissa Livingston be granted Parental Leave of Absence without pay beginning January 19, 2016 through April 8, 2016 returning on Monday, April 11, 2016.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Morris that Mrs. Marianne Federico be granted Parental Leave of Absence without pay beginning January 21, 2016 through April 8, 2016 returning on Monday, April 11, 2016.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Cusack that Mr. Daniel Palmerino be appointed to a Probationary Physical Education Teaching position at Knickerbacker Middle School, on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, in the tenure area of Physical Education, in accordance with the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service -	December 3, 2015
Expiration of Probationary Service –	December 2, 2019
Certification Status – Physical Education (Initial)	
Salary – Step 1	\$38,187 (Pro-Rated)

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Bristol 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 2015-16 school year:

Lucia Gutierrez – Certified	Spanish 7-12 (permanent), Math 7-12 (permanent), and School District Administrator (permanent)
Caleb Gleason – Certified	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) Initial, Students w/Disabilities (Grades 1-6) Initial
Staci Chadwick – Certified	Visual Arts K-12
Ryan McGrath – Un-Certified	Bachelor's Degree – Business Administration

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Walp that Ms. Lucia Gutierrez be appointed to a long-term substitute teacher position as a Spanish teacher for the duration of Mrs. Federico's absence beginning January 13, 2016 through April 11, 2016 at a daily rate of \$190.94.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that the following Coaching 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:

Coaching Reappointments

Varsity Softball – Melinda Foglia
 Modified Softball – Andrew Ferris
 Modified Baseball – Matthew Loatman
 Varsity Boys Track – Edward Young
 Assistant Varsity Boys Track – Jahmel Grant-Samuels
 Varsity Girls Track – Eric Graber
 Varsity Lacrosse – Jereme Wilson

Newly Appointed Coaching Positions

Varsity Baseball – Matthew Cater (appointed in August)
 Junior Varsity Softball – Courtney Barry
 Junior Varsity Lacrosse – Daniel Palmerino
 Boys Varsity Soccer – Timothy Fontaine

Volunteer Reappointments

Volunteer Coach for Girls Softball – Kelly Cataldo
 Volunteer Coach for Girls Softball Coach – Christopher Jura

New Volunteer Appointment

Volunteer Coach for Girls Soccer – Nicole Welcome

9 Ayes Motion Carried

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

9 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Morris that the resignation of Ms. Elizabeth Salisbury, Teaching Assistant at Lansingburgh High School, be accepted effective January 19, 2016.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. White that the Board grant Mrs. Dorothy Hathaway, Teaching Assistant at Turnpike Elementary School up to 49 Supplementary Sick Days for school year 2015-16. Each day of absence under supplementary sick leave shall be with a salary reduction at the rate of the annual salary divided by 400. Unused supplementary sick leave shall not be accumulated and all supplementary sick leave borrowed will be paid back at the beginning of each school year at a minimum of 5 days per year.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Walp that the Board grant an unpaid leave of absence to Debra Montanino beginning January 13, 2016 through February 22, 2016.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol 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:

Suzette Wood – Substitute Teacher Aide

9 Ayes Motion Carried

X. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Health Service Contract Rate to be charged to other public schools for health services provided to students attending private and/or parochial schools in the Lansingburgh Central School District, be approved in the amount of \$496.45 per student, for the 2015-16 school year, per the attached.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts the donation of \$100.00 for the Turnpike Dress-a-Knight program from the Pleasantdale Community Church.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. White that the Lansingburgh Central School District accept the donation from Donors Choose, equivalent to \$807.00 for a Dell Chromebook 11 for Lindsey Gibson for use in her KMS classroom.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Walp and seconded by Mr. White that the Lansingburgh Central School District accept the donation from Cornerstone Community Church in the amount of \$50.00 for the Dress a Knight Program at Turnpike School.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Shover that the following report from the Tax Collectors, for the 2015-16 collection period be accepted:

Lansingburgh Central School District 2015-2016 Tax Collection Jane Luskin, Tax Collector

Total Taxes collected to date		\$11,680,435.16
Total Penalties Collected to Date		\$11,881.24
Total Odd Cent Over/Under		\$1.66
<i>Total Collection</i>		<i>\$11,692,318.06</i>
Uncollected Taxes	TAX	PENALTY
Lansingburgh	\$775,380.47	\$15,507.61
Brunswick	\$74,001.06	\$1,480.02
Schaghticoke	\$121,137.06	\$2,422.74
Pittstown	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$970,518.59</i>	<i>\$19,410.37</i>
Total Warrant – Tax Collector (Approved 8/17/15)		\$14,803,730.00
Adjustments to Tax Warrant Due to Assessment or Clerical Error:		
F & D Smith 101 Haughney Road	\$219.62	
Less: Warrant Changes		\$219.62
<i>Total Final Warrant</i>		<i>\$14,803,510.38</i>
Total Star Savings (Approved 8/17/15)		\$2,149,965.63
Adjustments to Star Savings:		
W and B Kewley 18 Tague Dr.	\$523.00	
F & D Smith 101 Haughney Rd.	\$1,022.00	
M. Odell 1146 River Rd.	\$523.00	
L. Humphrey 318 Richfield St.	\$523.00	
Less: Star Changes		\$2,591.00
<i>Total Star Savings</i>		<i>\$2,152,566.63</i>
Total Tax Levy (Approved 8/17/15)		\$14,803,730.00
Total Tax Collected		-\$11,680,435.16
Total Tax Uncollected		-\$970,518.59
Assessment Adjustments		-\$219.62
Total Star Savings		-\$2,149,965.63
Star Savings Adjustment		- \$2,591.00
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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board accept the reports pending completion of the procedures of the tax collectors in accordance with the above paragraph and, pending determination that the collectors have accounted for the full amount of the tax warrants, direct that the list of delinquent tax items, with addition of the penalties, be certified to the office of the County Treasurer,

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that the tax warrants, tax rolls and the tax collectors' copies of the tax receipts be placed on file and be given fire protection in the school vault, pending audit by the Department of Audit and Control.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. DeDominick reviewed the policies for first reading which will be on the agenda for approval at the February Board Meeting. She then spoke on the following items:

- 2016-17 Governor's Budget and Projections was released
- Proposed reduction in GEA moneys
- Increase in Foundation Aid
- Met with our legislators on Friday. Senator Marchione and Assemblyman McDonald listened. Superintendents stressed to them that GEA is not the solution. We also continued to talk to them about Charter Schools.
- The Senate has stated to the Governor that they will not approve a budget unless GEA is gone.
- Senator Marchione indicated that the increase in aid is tied to the Governor's Minimum Wage Increase proposal.
- If \$150 million for private school aid disappears, there will be more money in the education budget.
- Our legislators will be attending the February 29th Board Meeting. Assemblyman McDonald has already confirmed that he will be here. Senator Marchione is on several committees but made note of our meeting date and Mrs. DeDominick has not heard from Assemblyman McLaughlin's office yet.
- Facilities management office in State Ed has been 44 weeks behind – severely understaffed. The Superintendents made a suggestion to model Connecticut's Model – within 4 weeks if a district has not received an answer, a district can go out with a second architectural firm, ask them to review and stamp the plans for approval. They seemed very receptive to the idea.
- They have reduced the number of submissions to 34 weeks behind. They did this by hiring independent consultants.
- BOCES aid rates have not changed in years for the rate districts are to be reimbursed for itinerant services. SED currently only aids the first \$30,000 of such salaries.
- Tax Cap concerns – 2% is not a real 2% because of the CPI is less than 1%. A suggestion was that they follow the Massachusetts model of 2.5% tax cap.
- APPR – 3012D approvals have to be in place by September 1. Our goal is to have our plan ready by the end of June.
- Lisa, Frank and Cyndi visited the Ark Charter School to review inventory of supplies/equipment for liquidation.
- Mary Sweeney and Cyndi met with Mayor Madden concerning our unresolved reassessment concerns; not forgetting Lansingburgh; the deplorable shape of Knickerbacker Park; the house next door to the district office to name a few topics.

Mrs. Smith – Director of Curriculum and Staff Development

- UPK audit was very informative, good positive feedback. Reinforced a lot of current ideas and new ones.
- Breakfast and lunch styles are to be family style. This is something that we have to address.
- Turnpike teachers are working on math modules. John Perina, facilitator, is working with our faculty.
- John Perina and Leah Mermelstein are working with Rensselaer Park faculty.
- KMS/LHS are working with CASDA on a 2016-17 effective co-teaching program.
- Professional Development survey for new ideas
- More teacher facilitators for Lansingburgh Academy classes.
- For Special Ed they are currently working on annual reviews.
- Mr. Paolino and Mrs. Smith have been working on the special education program designs for next year.

Mrs. Luciano – Director of Guidance

- Grade 11 Parent/student planning meetings and the use of Naviance, career tasks/college tasks
- On February 9th we will be administering the ASVAB test to 10th grade students. Some 11th and 12th grade students will take it as well.

- Meeting with small groups to speak about different careers that are out there for the students to look at.
- Also on February 9th, they will hold FASFA Completion Night for parents. Representatives from HVCC will be present.
- We are also reviewing APEX courses with teachers for credit recovery
- February 23rd Career and Technology Tours at Quester. Sixty to seventy students in 10th grade have expressed interest in CTE programs.
- At the middle school planning meetings with the 8th to 9th grade students are taking place. Also 7th to 8th grade classroom visits. We are making career guidance lessons to share with the students. We have changed some of the curriculum used in guidance.
- End of the marking period is Friday. Report cards will be mailed out on February 5th.
- The pilot program for the Parent Portal seems to be working with minimal errors. We hope to roll it out soon to all 6-12th grade parents possibly the week after report cards go out.

Mr. Colfer – Athletic Director

Mr. Colfer was absent. Mr. Macri read his report.

- The Boys and Girls Basketball teams are doing very well.
- The Boys and Girls Bowling teams have made the sectionals.

Mr. Macri – LHS Principal

- Regents week and mid-term exams
- There may be one mid-year graduate.
- LHS Robotics Competition is January 30th.
- LHS Health and Wellness student fair will be in March.

Mrs. Owens – Turnpike Principal

- Staff is working together on the development of student assessments to establish a growth module for them.
- Report cards will be going out in February.
- Bingo night was well attended.
- The students are working very hard and progress is being made.

Mrs. O'Brien – Rensselaer Park Principal

- We continue to work on professional development.
- On January 7 they held a volleyball game – Teachers vs. Troy Fire fighters. It was a great event, lots of fun and funds were raised for the 4th graders end of the year field trip to the Bronx Zoo. Just a side note – the teachers won 3 out of 5 games.
- The Character Virtue for the month is Optimistic
- Students at Rensselaer Park just held their “Pennies for Patients” fundraiser.
- Grade 3 had Reading Roundup.
- Math Movie night was held for parents and students. Students watched the Minion movie while parents reviewed Common Core Math so they better help their children at home.
- Dance Crazy has begun for 4th and 5th grade students. Mr. Williams along with the assistance of Mrs. France and Mrs. Bartlett teach students Ball Room Dance.
- Ski Club has begun even though we do not have snow.
- PTA Bingo is this Wednesday.

Mr. Harkin – KMS Principal

- Teachers are sharing activities or better known as co-hooting – online games reviewing classroom materials.
- Reviewing for mid-term exams.
- Class meetings were held and a review of student expectations was revisited.
- Parent Conferences will be held on Friday. Friday morning is by invitation only and in the afternoon open house will be held for any parent who wishes to come in to see a teacher and visit the classrooms.

Mrs. DeDominick – Superintendent

We are applying for two grants and will be using a grant writer. One is for tutoring services and counseling at-risk students and we are applying with Cohoes School District for a grant for McKinney Vinto Homeless Assistance. This is a 3 year grant.

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 Mr. Morris that the meeting be adjourned.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education