

**DRAFT** 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, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL K. Bristol, M. Cusack, R. Morris, J. Shover, M. Sweeney, C. Walp, & J.White

Absent: S. Farrell & M. Speanburg

Others Present: C. Thomas, C. DeDominick, M. Harkin, L. Kyer, A. Luciano, F. Macri, A. Mauriello, T. O'Brien,  
D. Owens, S. Paolino, S. Colfer, P. Tobias, K. Smith

Visitors: Assemblyman John McDonald, Assemblyman Steven McLaughlin, Senator Kathleen Marchione,  
Daniel Casale, & Lucas Larkin

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion was made by Mr. Cusack and seconded by Mr. Morris that the MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING held on January 25, 2016 and the SPECIAL MEETING held on February 8, 2016 be approved.

7 Ayes Motion Carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board approve the following FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee Report – L. Kyer

VI. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Morris that Mrs. Angela Mauriello be granted one day leave without pay March 15, 2016.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Morris that Ms. Angela-Jo Barnett be granted a .75 Personal Day for February 12, 2016.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Walp that Ms. Elaine Dodson be granted a Personal day for May 1, 2016.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White that the resignation due to retirement of Maureen Sullivan, from the position of Special Education Teacher at Lansingburgh High School be accepted with regret effective at the close of business June 30, 2016.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Shover that the retirement date of Rebecca Shepherd be amended from June 30, 2016 to May 5, 2016.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that the resignation due to retirement of Shiloh Akin, from the position of Sixth Grade Math Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School be accepted with regret effective March 24, 2016.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Ms. Bristol 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:

Volunteer Appointments

Daniel Palmerino – Volunteer Varsity Coach for Lacrosse  
Michael Glenn – Volunteer Varsity Softball Coach

7 Ayes Motion Carried

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PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL (CONTINUED)

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Ms. Bristol that the following be appointed as an advisor of an Extracurricular Activity at the Lansingburgh High School for the 2015-16 school year with compensation according to the L.T.A. contract:

OM Team Advisor (LHS) Robin Delaney

7 Ayes Motion Carried

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

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. White 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:

Heather Bull Uncertified – Bachelor’s degree in Science  
Jennilyn Tillotson Uncertified – Bachelor’s degree in Fine Arts  
Andrea VanDervoort Uncertified – Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. Walp that the reduced retirement incentive for eligible LTA Members be approved a vote was taken:

<u>No Votes</u>	<u>Yes Votes</u>
Mr. Shover	Mrs. Bristol
Mr. White	Mr. Morris
Mr. Cusack	Mrs. Sweeney
	Mr. Walp

Vote was 3 no’s 4 yes’. Motion was defeated.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee Lisa Kyer

IX. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. White that the resignation of Jarret Teta, Teaching Assistant at the Lansingburgh High School, be accepted with regret, effective February 19, 2016.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. White that Ms. Jessica Thomas be appointed to a Probationary Teaching Assistant Position at the 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 C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	February 10, 2016
Expiration of Probationary Service	February 9, 2020
Salary Step 1 (certified teaching assistant pending)	\$14.59/hr.

9 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Walp that Nicholas Comproski be appointed to a Probationary Teaching Assistant Position at the 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 C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service	February 10, 2016
Expiration of Probationary Service	February 9, 2020
Salary Step 1 (certified teaching assistant pending)	\$14.59/hr.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. White that the following Non-instructional Substitutes 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:

Mary Danahy	Substitute Typist
Heather Cropsey	Substitute Noon Aide & Teacher Aide
Michael Drinkwine Jr.	Substitute Security
Edward Christiansen	Substitute Custodian
Kayla Kennedy	Sub Teacher Aide

7 Ayes Motion Carried

X. ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mr. Shover and seconded by Mr. White that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for the information at the Regular Board Meeting on January 25, 2016 be approved:

Policy 1230 – Public Participation at Board Meetings  
Policy 2270 – School Attorney  
Policy 2270.1 – Litigation Procedures (reviewed with no changes)  
Policy 8110 – School Building Safety  
Policy 8112 – Health and Safety Committee (new policy)  
Policy 8220 – Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection (new policy)

7 Ayes Motion Carried

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ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the following Donors Choose Donations be accepted:

Four Kindles, and two cases, equivalent value of \$249.94 for use at Rensselaer Park School in Ms. Cuzzo's classroom and the donation of 3 Kindles, equivalent value of 209.97 for use at the Rensselaer Park School in Ms. Byrne's and Ms. Fiato's classroom.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Bristol and seconded by Mr. Shover that one of the district's unused snow days be used on Monday, March 28, 2016.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Cusack and seconded by Mrs. Bristol that the Board meeting of March be changed from March 28, 2016 to Monday, March 21, 2016

7 Ayes Motion Carried

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. School Activities

Frank Macri – Lansingburgh High School - Principal

The LHS Robotics Team has earned an invitation to the Northern NY State tournament in Syracuse, March 6th. The team will rebuild the Robot to enhance its scoring potential. We are currently ranked 31st out of 200 teams in NY.

Thank you to all who volunteered, attended, and participated in the VEX Robotics Tournament hosted at Lansingburgh High School on January 30, 2016.

James Wiley, a devoted teacher and boys JV soccer coach in the Lansingburgh school district was nominated as February's hometown hero on WGNA

Music in our Schools is scheduled for March 1, 2016.

Mike Harkin - Knickerbacker Middle School - Principal

- School store for students in need of essential hygiene products
- KMS Musical, Annie Jr
- Olweus reward was a gift card to the book fair

Mrs. Owens – Turnpike Principal

Dr. Seuss birthday celebration

Safety Lockdown Drill scheduled for March 4, 2016.

Participated in World Read Aloud day on February 24, 2016.

Mrs. McGrouty – Rensselaer Park – Principal

Thank you to Mrs. O'Brien who covered my maternity leave. It was comforting to leave the building in such good hands.

The Tae Kwon Do closing ceremony is March 7. Due to the generosity of a third grade student's grandmother, Master Pai opened the class to all third grade students. The donation made by the student's grandmother will be put towards a "Buddy Bench" for the playground. The third graders focused on self-discipline and focus during the sessions.

Upcoming field trips:

Fifth grade to Sage to see "Number the Sun"

Third grade to MiSci (Museum of Innovation and Science)

March is PARP and there will be a March Madness theme. Reading activities will be going on throughout the month. The students have a school-wide goal of how many minutes to read. Literacy Night is March 10. Author, Matt McElligot, visits on March 18.

The Honor Roll Assembly for the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period will be held on March 11. There are an additional 34 students who made the honor roll this marking period.

XIV EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney to go into executive session and seconded by Mrs. Bristol. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board. The Board went into executive session at 8:20 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Cusack to close the executive session with Mr. White seconding the motion. Executive session was closed at 8:38 PM.

XV 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. Cusack and seconded by Mr. White, that the meeting be adjourned.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.