

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Shover at 6:30 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL:

M. Cusack, L. Devaren, S. Farrell,
R. Morris, J. Shover, M. Sweeney

Absent:

K. Bristol (arrived at 6:43), C. Walp (6:47)

Others Present:

P. Allen, J. Blackmur, T. Broderick, S. Colfer,
C. DeDominick, R. DeLaney, K. Ellison, M. Foster,
W. France, M. Harkin, L. Hunter, L. Kyer, F. Macri,
R. McGrouty, T. O'Neil, D. Owens, M. Sullivan,
L. Townsend, C. Warg, E. Wild, A. Woitkoski

Visitors:

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III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mr. Shover asked for a motion to correct the Minutes of the March 30, 2015 meeting on page 4.

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Morris to amend the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 30, 2015.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Morris to approve the amended Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on March 30, 2015.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

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

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

6 Ayes Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: none

VI. COMMUNICATIONS:

Audit Report – S. Farrell – we received an increase in aid. We look to restore some of the cuts made over the past few years. We are proceeding with caution. The high school summer cafeteria project will begin when school closes. We are still waiting for our UPK Expansion Grant reimbursement.

School Community Relations Committee Report – M. Cusack – No meeting was held tonight.

VII. PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Ms. Devaren that the letter of Resignation from Ms. Colleen Mavica, Special Education Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School be accepted, with regret, effective June 30, 2015.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Ms. Devaren that the resignation of Ms. Nicole Silver from her Teacher on Special Assignment for Curriculum position at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective June 30, 2015 be accepted, and It Is Further Resolved that Ms. Silver will return to the classroom as a full-time Elementary Education Teacher beginning September 1, 2015.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Morris that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following be appointed to tenure to the position to which they have served the required probationary period as specified below:

Name – Olivia Chadwick
Tenure Area – Special Education
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/2015
Certification Status - Initial

Name – Andrea DeFeo
Tenure Area – Elementary Education
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/15
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Kimberly Ellison
Tenure Area – Reading
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/15
Certification Status – Initial

Name – Michael Glenn
Tenure Area – Science 7-12 (Chemistry)
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/15
Certification Status – Professional

Name – Lindsey Hunter
Tenure Area – Special Education
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/15
Certification Status – Professional

Name – Samantha Mahoney
Tenure Area – Elementary Education
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/15
Certification Status - Initial

Name – Theresa McDonnell
Tenure Area – Elementary Education
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/15
Certification Status – Professional

Name – Catherine Warg
Tenure Area – Reading
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/15
Certification Status – Professional

Name – Ashley Woitkoski
Tenure Area – Science 7-12 (Earth Science)
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/15
Certification Status – Initial

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Ms. Devaren that the Board of Education approve a Juul Agreement, dated April 17, 2015, between the Lansingburgh Central School District and Leesa Crawford-Young, probationary guidance counselor, to extend Ms. Crawford-Young's probationary appointment to June 30, 2016.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

VIII. PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the letter of Resignation due to Retirement for Mrs. Shawn Kelly be accepted, with regret effective June 30, 2015.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Devaren and seconded by Mr. Morris that the following Non-Instructional Substitutes be approved for the 2014-15 school year, with compensation according to the C.S.E.A. contract:

Christopher Haughney – Substitute Custodial
Ibn Garner – Substitute Custodial

6 Ayes Motion Carried

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Morris that Mr. Jaime Thomas be approved as Permanent Chairman of the Annual District Voting Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Devaren that the Board of Education Approve the following Election Mechanics to set up, service, and maintain six voting machines at the rate of \$300 per person:

Richard Weaver
Michael Karam

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Morris that the Board of Education approve the following to serve on the Board of Registration on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 with compensation at \$60.00 for the day:

Laurel Sheehy

And It is Further Resolved that the Chief Inspector for each location will be paid an additional \$25.00 for their additional responsibilities and services on Tuesday, May 19, 2015; and It Is Further Resolved that the Board of Education Approve the following to serve on the Board of Elections on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 with compensation of \$125 per person:

LHS Gymnasium Foyer Area

CI **Laurel Sheehy**
ACI Carol Rielly
I Elizabeth VanBuren
I Joan Fitzpatrick
I Janet Walsh

Speigletown

CI **Joseph Cunningham**
ACI Joyce Jones
I Lorraine Devaren
I Judy Cunningham

Mr. Shover asked for a motion to table the above resolution until the end of the meeting when all Board members are present.

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Morris to table the motion until the remaining Board members arrive to the meeting.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented for information at the Regular Board Meeting on March 30, 2015 be approved:

Policy 1500 – Public Use of School Facilities with Regulations and Exhibits
Policy 4326 – Programs for English Language Learners with Exhibits
Policy 5100 – Attendance

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the Lansingburgh Central School District accepts a second donation of \$200 from the Friends of 112th Street, for the purpose of a senior scholarship award.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

A Motion was made by Ms. Devaren and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the detailed Proposed Budget in the amount of \$43,550,151 be Adopted with an anticipated revenue exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$28,746,421; and the amount to be raised through taxes of \$14,803,730 and that this budget now referred to as the Basic Budget be submitted at the Public Hearing on Monday, May 11, 2015.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Cusack and seconded by Mrs. Sweeney that the Board of Education Approve the Lansingburgh Property Tax Report Card as attached.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

Approval of 2015-16 Questar III Election Ballot & Administrative Budget Ballot

1. Election of Members of the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Mrs. Sweeney made a motion and Ms. Devaren seconded the motion:

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education casts its vote for the election of Mrs. Carol Orvis, Rensselaer, NY (District of Residence: East Greenbush Central School District), to a term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

Mrs. Sweeney made the motion and Mr. Morris seconded the motion:

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education casts its vote for the election of Mr. Paul Puccio, Castleton, NY (District of Residence: Schodack Central School District), to a term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

Mr. Morris made the motion and Ms. Devaren seconded the motion:

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education casts its vote for the election of Mr. Frank Zwack, Jr., Stephentown, NY (District of Residence: Berlin Central School District), to a term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

6 Ayes Motion Carried

Mrs. Bristol arrived at 6:43 p.m.

2. Administrative Budget for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year

Mrs. Farrell made a motion and Mrs. Sweeney seconded the motion:

RESOLVED: that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties is authorized to expend the sum set forth in the 2015-16 tentative Administrative budget document in the amount of \$5,835,872.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney that the Board Approve the 2015-16 School Calendar as recommended by the Superintendent and Calendar Committee.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board of Education approve the previous tabled motion that the following to serve on the Board of Registration on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 with compensation at \$60.00 for the day:

Laurel Sheehy

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ACI	Joyce Jones
I	Lorraine Devaren
I	Judy Cunningham

5 Ayes Motion Carried
2 Abstentions
(M. Sweeney, L. Devaren)

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that the Board change Friday, May 22, 2015 from an instructional day to an Unused Snow Day with no school.

7 Ayes Motion Carried

X. OLD BUSINESS: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS: yes

A Motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Farrell that Lori A. DeSio be appointed to a provisional full-time Registered Nurse Position in the Lansingburgh Central School district effective May 4, 2015, according to the C.S.E.A. Teaching Assistant contract as set forth below:

Step 1 - \$24.60 per hour

7 Ayes Motion Carried

Mr. Walp arrived at 6:47 p.m.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. DeDominick reports that there are no guarantees that our increased aid will continue. With the slight increase we will be restoring some previous program cuts, replacing retiring teachers, adding three instructional teachers. We will be adding two part-time Athletic Facilities Supervisors and some nursing staff hours will be increased.

There will be a 2.2% tax levy increase. It has been a very frustrating year to develop a budget.

The summary to date for the opt-out for ELA was 10% for RPES and 29.2% for KMS; 80% overall for both schools. Our 2 year average is 88.9%. Last year our tested rate average was 97%.

We have no idea what the implications from the opt-outs will have on our schools.

Mrs. Alexander – Curriculum

We have had an amazing group of people helping with the state testing. The opt-out is a new dimension. Our numbers were greater than we anticipated.

Mr. Colfer – Athletics

We had three wins tonight with modified softball, baseball and lacrosse. Varsity baseball won their Tournament.

Mrs. Owens – Turnpike

Everyone is working hard and planning fun end of the year activities. We are conducting personal safety lessons such as good touch, bad touch. Field trips are being planned. One is to the Adirondack Animal Farm.

Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. McNutt and Mrs. Brown are working on our backpack program. We will be having a donor meeting. We currently have donors to fund 15 children every weekend for the year. We are looking for more donors to match this for 15 more students. We will be making this our project to raise more money to do the additional 15 students. It works out to be \$167.00 per student, per year to fill their back packs for the weekends. The following organizations have committed support for this program for three years: Donors Choose and Price Chopper. We are hoping to find other donors to achieve this for the other 15 students. We will be developing criteria for the selection of the 15 students. Our projected start for this program is late September, early October.

In conjunction with this program, Mrs. DeDominick received a call concerning a service project that a group from Westchester County was embarking on and asked what we could use in our district. With the Backpack program in mind, Mrs. DeDominick wanted to seek donations of books for the students to read either in school or at home. The Westchester County group reached out to their faculty and a spiral effect took place. They are donating 5000 books to our district. This is amazing. This is quite an opportunity for our students to receive books.

Mrs. McGrouty – Rensselaer Park

Students, faculty and staff are working hard with assessments. Teachers have been working very hard to prepare students for their assessments. They are gearing up for their end of the year activities.

Mr. Harkin – Knickerbacker Middle School

The kids have been amazing through this whole process of state testing. We are also gearing up for end of the year activities. Mr. Harkin is reviewing observations to see what worked and what didn't work to recommend changes if needed.

Mr. Macri – Lansingburgh High School

We had thirteen new inductees into National Honor Society. Our Robotic's Team participated in the GE Wind Turbine competition. There were 15 schools that participated and our students took second place. Lansingburgh Soundwaves and Jazz band held their Cabaret at Rensselaer Park. On April 24, the high school will be holding their Career Fair. We has several submissions for the LHS Olweus Video Competition on Social Media. A winner will be announced soon.

April 29th is Junior Night. This is new this year. There will be few local colleges coming to speak to parents and students on what to expect their senior year.

May 15 – Prom Promise

May 19 – L Awards assembly in the Auditorium

June 11 – Senior Awards Night – Auditorium

Upcoming Events

May 11, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Meet the Board Candidates

May 11, 2015 – 7:30 p.m. Budget Presentation

May 13, 2015 – 12:00-6:00 p.m. Registration for the Budget Vote/Board of Education

May 19, 2015 – 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Budget/Board of Education Vote

May 26, 2015 (Tuesday) - 6:30 p.m. Regular Board of Education Meeting – KMS Auditorium

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Shover asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mrs. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Morris that the meeting be adjourned.

8 Ayes Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Clerk to the Board of Education