Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
April 16, 2019
Auditorium / Library Media Center

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

The following varsity winter sports teams had 75% of their roster with an overall GPA of 90% or higher for 2nd Quarter and were presented with NYSPHSAA Scholar Team Athlete Awards:

- 2018-2019 Girls Varsity Basketball with a GPA of 90.45
- 2018-2019 Girls Bowling with a GPA of 91.69

Individual Scholar Athlete Awards were presented to those student athletes who obtained a GPA of 90% or better for 2nd Quarter. The names of all students receiving awards are attached to the last page of this document.

At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, the Board and administration moved to the Library Media Center at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jason Shover at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Education Members, Kelley Bristol, Rob Morris, Jason Shover, Michele Speanburg, Mary Sweeney and Carl Walp, Jr. were present. Marie Cole, Michael Cusack and Jeffrey White were absent from the meeting.

Others present include Lindsey Gibson on behalf of the LTA, Sean Colfer, Matt VanDervoort, Carrie Phelan, Rebecca McGrouty, Linda Klime, Shaun Paolino, Greg Rashford, Lisa Kyer, Cynthia DeDominick and Christina Williams. There were no others present.

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on March 25, 2019 and the minutes of the Special Meeting/Workshop held on April 8, 2019.

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 6  Nays – 0

Motion Carried

Unanimously
Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer’s Reports, Budget Transfers and Monthly Reports submitted by the Audit Committee.

Second: Mrs. Bristol  Ayes – 6  Nays – 0

Communications

Mrs. DeDominick was pleased to announce that Lansingburgh Central School District has been selected to receive the 2019 "What's Great in Our State," award in the School/School District category. This event is the centerpiece of New York State's recognition of Children's Mental Health awareness. A group of various public and private agencies work together to plan and arrange activities for the event day to recognize child, youth, and young adult serving entities. Lansingburgh School District will be recognized and honored for doing outstanding work to bring positive mental health outcomes for children, youth, young adults, communities and families. This year's theme for the event is "Building Bridges for Change: Supporting the Mental Health of Children, Youth, and Young Adults."

This recognition could not have occurred without all of your hard work, support and dedication to the needs of our students and families. A very special thank you to Dana Roman for all of her efforts. Thank you for all of your hard work. It clearly is not going unrecognized.

Personnel – Instructional

Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Gary Pascucci, Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, effective immediately.

Second: Mr. Morris  Ayes – 6  Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Katherine Rubasky, Reading Teacher, effective June 30, 2019.

Second: Mrs. Speanburg  Ayes – 6  Nays – 0
Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Devorah Sorbo to a Probationary Teaching Position at Knickerbacker Middle School in the tenure area of Special Education, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation according to the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – September 1, 2019
Expiration of Probationary Service – August 31, 2023
Certification Status – Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12, Initial
Salary – Step 1 $44,007
Masters Degree 450
Graduate Credits – 36 3,750
$48,207

Second: Mr. Walp  Ayes – 6  Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #6-04/16/2019
Appoint Long-Term School Counselor

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Amie Maguire as a Long-Term Substitute School Counselor, to fill a position currently held by Megan Holdsworth, at Knickerbacker Middle School, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – April 2, 2019
End of Service – June 28, 2019
Certification Status – School Counselor (Professional)
Salary – Daily Rate of $120 while training and 1/200th of Step 1 thereafter

Second: Mr. Walp  Ayes – 6  Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #7-04/16/2019
Approve Additional Teaching Sections

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the following teachers be assigned one additional teaching section of Grade 7 Science, effective March 11, 2019, with compensation in accordance with the terms of the LTA Contract:

Sean Gunderman  Renee McDonald  Kerry Wania

Second: Mr. Walp  Ayes – 6  Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves Cara Isabella be assigned two additional teaching sections of Grade 7 Science, effective March 11, 2019, with compensation in accordance with the terms of the CSEA Contract for Teaching Assistants.

Second: Mr. Morris Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #8-04/16/2019
Approve Additional Teaching Sections

Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Elizabeth Senecal as a certified substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year with compensation established at the daily rate of $120.

Certification Status: Early Childhood Education Birth-Grade 2, Initial

Second: Mr. Morris Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #9-04/16/2019
Approve Substitute Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jeri Simons to a home tutoring assignment for an elementary student due to disciplinary reasons, with terms as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – March 26, 2019
Expiration of Service – April 2, 2019
Hourly Rate - $30.00
Terms – 1 hour per day / 5 days per week

Second: Mr. Walp Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #10-04/16/2019
Appoint Home Tutor – Jeri Simons

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the request of Theresa Eckler for an unpaid leave of absence effective April 30, 2019 through June 28, 2019.

Second: Mrs. Sweeney Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #11-04/16/2019
Approve Unpaid Leave – Theresa Eckler
Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the request of Elizabeth Thorpe for an unpaid leave of absence effective March 21, 2019 through April 3, 2019.

Second: Mr. Walp Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Kyle Duclos to a Probationary Position at Turnpike Elementary School in the tenure area of School Psychology, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation according to the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – July 1, 2019
Expiration of Probationary Service – June 30, 2023
Certification Status – School Psychology, Pending
Salary – Step 1 $44,007
Masters Degree 450
Graduate Credits – 150 6,250
$50,707

Second: Mrs. Bristol Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following substitute teachers for the 2018-2019 school year with compensation established at the daily rate of $100 for uncertified teachers, the daily rate of $120 for certified teachers and the daily rate of $125 for retired LCSD teachers:

Dcvoarah Sorbo – Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12, Initial
Autumn Sabath – Uncertified
Giana Anderson – Uncertified

Second: Mr. Walp Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Unanimously
Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Sierra Morris as a Student Worker for the 2018-2019 school year with compensation in accordance with the Student Workers STEP Program.

Second: Mrs. Bristol  
Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0  

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the request of Shawn Miller for an unpaid leave of absence for the week of May 13-17, 2019.

Second: Mr. Walp  
Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0  

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation from Hannaford in the amount of $123.00 for the purpose of Dress a Knight.

Second: Mrs. Bristol  
Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0  

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the regular meeting of the Board of Education scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2019 be rescheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Second: Mr. Walp  
Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0  

PERSONNEL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

RESO #15-04/16/2019  
Approve Student STEP Worker – Sierra Morris  
Motion Carried  
Unanimously

RESO #16-04/16/2019  
Approve Unpaid Leave – Shawn Miller  
Motion Carried  
Unanimously

RESO #17-04/16/2019  
Accept Donation  
Motion Carried  
Unanimously

RESO #18-04/16/2019  
Approve Date Change for Board Meeting  
Motion Carried  
Unanimously
Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2019-2020 Property Tax Report Card submitted by Lisa Kyer, Director of Budget and Human Resources.

Second: Mrs. Bristol  Ayes – 6  Nays – 0  Motion Carried  Unanimously


Motion by Mr. Morris:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss 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.

Second: Mr. Walp  Ayes – 6  Nays – 0  Motion Carried  Unanimously

RESO #20-04/16/2019 Executive Session

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 6:47 p.m.

Return to Session

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby casts its vote for the election of Mr. Edmund Brooks, Valatie, NY (District of Residence: Ichabod Crane Central School District), as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties.

Second: Mrs. Speanburg  Ayes – 6  Nays – 0  Motion Carried  Unanimously

RESO #21-04/16/2019 Cast Vote for BOCES Board Member – Edmund Brooks

Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby casts its vote for the election of Ms. Lynn Clum, Germantown, NY (District of Residence: Germantown Central School District), as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties.

Second: Mrs. Speanburg  Ayes – 6  Nays – 0  Motion Carried  Unanimously

RESO #22-04/16/2019 Cast Vote for BOCES Board Member – Lynn Clum
Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby casts its vote for the election of Ms. Nadine Gazzola, Hudson, NY (District of Residence: Taconic Hills Central School District), as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties.

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 6    Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #23-04/16/2019
Cast Vote for BOCES
Board Member –
Nadine Gazzola

Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby casts its vote for the election of Ms. Jennifer Haggerty, Rensselaer, NY (District of Residence: Rensselaer City School District), as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties.

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 6    Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #24-04/16/2019
Cast Vote for BOCES
Board Member –
Jennifer Haggerty

Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby casts its vote for the election of Ms. Mary Yurista, Castleton, NY (District of Residence: Schodack Central School District), as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties.

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 6    Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #25-04/16/2019
Cast Vote for BOCES
Board Member –
Mary Yurista

Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby declares the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties is authorized to expend the sum set forth in the 2019-20 tentative Administrative budget document in the amount of $6,467,395.

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 6    Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #26-04/16/2019
Authorize BOCES
2019-2020 Budget
District Update by Mrs. DeDominick:
- The Budget Newsletter is nearly complete and undergoing proofreading. It will be ready to go to print next week. It notifies the voters of the 1% tax levy increase and indicates we will require a 60% voter approval.
- The interviewing process has begun for the 2019-2020 school year. Tonight the Board appointed a new School Psychologist as well as a Special Education Teacher who completed her student teaching with Lindsey Gibson earlier this year. Interviews for Speech and OT/PT will begin when we come back from spring break.
- We do not have the appraisal on the old District Office building yet, but anticipate one soon.

KMS Update by Mrs. Phelan:
- Last year we had 118 students as opt-outs or refusals for the NYS ELA Assessment. With all of our efforts, this year we had 1 opt-out, 1 refusal and 5 students absent. It was a great team effort by all. The students were rewarded with a day full of great activities, coordinated by Carla Natale, including an ice cream party and a mummy race.

RPES Update by Mrs. McGrouty:
- The students did a wonderful job on the ELA testing. Day 2 is historically tough, but they got through it. We had only 1 refusal for the testing.
- Much work is being put into our STEAM Day which is planned for May 21st.

LHS Update by Mr. VanDervoort:
- Cinderella’s Closet was a great success. More than 50 prom dresses were donated and available for any LHS student attending the Prom on May 11th. Many thanks to Commodore Cleaners for cleaning the dresses. Also thanks to Ms. Cataldo and the Lansingburgh faculty, students and community members who helped make this possible. The closet will be opened back up because Stephanie was able to get a lot of jewelry donated and there are still dresses available.
- Our business students will be heading to the SEFCU Arena tomorrow to participate in a stock market challenge simulation. They will also be taking a trip to the Basketball Hall of Fame.
- We had our third practice lockdown. The Troy Police Department was very happy with the drill. It was our best one so far. Thanks are extended to the KMS and LHS staff. Great job by everyone.
• 4th quarter success plans are being developed for seniors on the bubble to provide support to get them to graduation.
• Ms. Kyer will be visiting the Participation in Government classes the week we get back from break to talk to the students about the budget and encourage any of those over 18 to register to vote.

Guidance Update by Mr. Rashford:
• We are wrapping up individual meetings with students for class scheduled for next year.
• Megan’s baby was born yesterday so Amie Maguire will take over for Megan for the remainder of the school year. The last week of June Amie will transition to the high school and begin working with Laura Gallagher who will begin her maternity leave sometime in August.

Mr. Shover thanked Mrs. DeDominick, Ms. Kyer and the Board of Education for all of their hard work throughout this very difficult budget development process. Everyone worked cooperatively and did an awesome job.

Motion by Mrs. Sweeney:  

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 7:10 p.m.

Second: Mrs. Bristol  
Ayes – 6  Nays – 0  

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education
The following varsity winter sports teams had 75% of their roster with an overall GPA of 90% or higher for 2nd quarter and are receiving NYSPHSAA Scholar Team Athlete Awards.

**2018-2019 Girls Varsity Basketball**
GPA: 90.45

- Grade 12
  - Patience Riley
  - Stella Robinson
  - Madison Teta
  - Imani Wyatt

- Grade 11
  - Autumn Anderson
  - Nyarre Dobbs
  - Chyna Planas-Dove
  - Maya Rhoden
  - Alicia Taylor

- Grade 10
  - Jada Rondon
  - Paulina Sirtori
  - Emilee Spoon

Coach: Darwin Carr

**2018-2019 Girls Bowling**
GPA: 91.69

- Grade 12
  - Hannah Jacobs

- Grade 11
  - Kylee Bristol
  - Sierra Morris

- Grade 10
  - Abigail Golden
  - Kristina Pondillo

- Grade 9
  - Emma Dingley
  - Tatianna Zeigler

- Grade 8
  - Ceira Varin

- Grade 7
  - Olivia Dushane

Coach: Tony Faraci

The following students were individual scholar athlete winners for receiving a GPA of over 90% for 2nd quarter.

**Boys Basketball**
Kenneth Allison

**Girls Basketball**
Patience Riley
Madison Teta
Autumn Anderson
Paulina Sirtori

**Girls Bowling**
Hannah Jacobs
Kylee Bristol
Abigail Golden
Emma Dingley
Tatianna Zeigler

**Boys Bowling**
Michael Connally
Codi Genthner
Grant Lastrup
Lucas Foster

**Wrestling**
Aidan Gwinn
Daniel Riley
Andrew Lyman
Calvin Welch