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**Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, January 22, 2024
Turnpike Elementary School - Cafeteria**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Andrea Fairhurst at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

Board of Education Members, Michael Cusack, Andrea Fairhurst, Jillian Manupella, Daniella Richards, Jason Shover, James Spear, Jessica Vartigian, and Thomas Zakrzewski were present. Talia Pallozzi was absent from the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Others present include Bob Schongar, Angela Mauriello (on behalf of the LTA), Matthew Van Dervoort, Carrie Phelan, Melissa Santarcangelo, Kelly Cataldo, Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There were no others present.

Ms. Fairhurst read the District's Mission Statement:

MISSION

Our mission at the Lansingburgh Central School District is to create for all students a productive, challenging and safe educational environment. Our students will acquire civic values and learning skills and strategies through a dynamic partnership between the schools and community. These experiences will inspire a lifetime of learning and self-sufficiency.

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #1-01/22/2024
Approve Meeting
Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the revised meeting agenda for January 22, 2024.

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Curriculum Committee Update by Mr. Cusack:

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

- We discussed the Governor's Back to the Basics initiative. We have the components to make our students and staff successful.

Audit Committee Update by Mr. Shover:

- We reviewed the EdData account that is used to procure the materials and supplies our schools need on a cooperative basis. This year we saw

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savings of \$64,000. We have had savings of \$457,000 over the past 5 years.

- We are right on track with the 2023-2024 budget. We had a large transfer for in-service training provided by BOCES; our expenses are in alignment; and we have more aid coming in February.
- The tax warrant that will be approved tonight has just over \$1 million in uncollected school tax. This is very typical. The county will now work to recoup the outstanding balance.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Report, Budget Transfers and Monthly Financial Report submitted by the Audit Committee.

Second: Mr. Zakrzewski

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

RESO #2-01/22/2024
Approve Financial
Reports

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Vartigian:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 18, 2023.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

RESO #3-01/22/2024
Approve Minutes

Motion Carried
Unanimously

PERSONNEL – CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the following resignations:

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Kristy Jarosz	Science Teacher	KMS	Resignation	January 17, 2024
Madison Teta	TA	LHS	Resignation	December 22, 2023
Robert Dorn	TA	LHS	Resignation for Retirement	January 2, 2024

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Thomas Murley	Athletic Director	District	Resignation	February 7, 2024
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Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESO #5-01/22/2024
Appoint Instructional Staff

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoint the following instructional staff:

Name	Position	Building	Tenure Area	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step	Masters	Credits	Note
William Short	TA	LHS	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	January 3, 2024 - December 31, 2028	CSEA TA 3	-	-	
Maria Inserra	Long Term Substitute	KMS	N/A	Temporary	January 3, 2024 - June 30, 2024	1/200th LTA Step A	-	-	
Robert Dorn	TA	LHS	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	January 4, 2024 - January 3, 2027	TA OS - 1	Yes	30	18+ Crec Eligible
Chelsea Mason	TA	RPES	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	January 22, 2024 - January 21, 2028	CSEA TA 6	-	-	Aide to T Promotic
Mariah Davis	TA	LHS	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	January 29, 2024 - January 28, 2028	CSEA TA 3			

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESO #6-01/22/2024
Approve Agreement

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves a Feinerman Agreement for employee #2063, effective December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESO #7-01/22/2024
Approve Agreement

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves a Feinerman Agreement for employee #866, effective December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

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PERSONNEL – NON- INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following non-instructional staff:

Name	Position	Building	Appointment Type	Term	Salary/Step	Effective Date
Madison Teta	Substitute TA	District Wide	Annual	2023-2024 School Year		January 2, 2024
Keith Hull	Building Maintenance Supervisor	District Wide	Provisional	-	\$75,000 / Management Confidential	January 22, 2024
Ikena Amobi	21st Century Student Worker	KMS	Annual	2023-2024 School Year	\$15.00/hr	January 2, 2024
Levi DeSalvatore	21st Century Student Worker	KMS	Annual	2023-2024 School Year	\$15.00/hr	January 2, 2024

RESO #8-01/22/2024
Appoint Non-Instructional Staff

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves an Agreement for employee #2027, effective January 10, 2024.

RESO #9-01/22/2024
Approve Agreement

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following additional assignments for the 2023-2024 school year:

RESO #10-01/22/2024
Approve Additional Assignments

Name	Position / Purpose	Building	Appointment Type	Compensation
Bianca Covello	Joyful ABC Activities- Promoting Positive Identity Development	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour
Lindsey Gibson	Time Hack: Supercharge Your Classroom with AI-	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour

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	powered Tools and Tricks			
Chris Huttner	Interactive Reading	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour
Maggie Higgins	Book Bonanza 2024 Part 1	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour
Annette Hopkins	Mystery Science	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour
Caitlin Garrity	Mystery Science	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour
Elizabeth Jamison	What's the NEWS - Using the Newsbank Database in the Classroom	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour
Christine Martinelli	What's the NEWS - Using the Newsbank Database in the Classroom	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour
Elizabeth Jamison	Exploring Nature - Science Educational Resource	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour
Christine Martinelli	Exploring Nature - Science Educational Resource	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour
Jodi McNutt	Book Study: Behavior - The Lost Modules	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour
Elizabeth Jamison	Reading on the Go - Digital Books for Wherever You Are	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 2 hours @ \$30/hour
Christine Martinelli	Reading on the Go - Digital Books for Wherever You Are	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 2 hours @ \$30/hour
Elizabeth Jamison	Look it Up - Digital Research Options for the Classroom	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 2 hours @ \$30/hour
Christine Martinelli	Look it Up - Digital Research Options for the Classroom	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 2 hours @ \$30/hour
Mary Haydock	Shifting the Balance 3-5	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour
Tiffany Ainsworth	Special Education Workshop K-5 Special Education Teachers	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour
Jodi McNutt	Special Education Workshop K-5 Special Education Teachers	N/A	Lansingburgh Academy	up to 5 hours @ \$30/hour

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Brittany Bodmar	Ski Club Advisor	KMS	Annual	Per LTA Agreement
Cassidy Hayes	Tutoring	TES	Temporary	up to 5 hours per week for medically fragile student
Erika Wittmann	Book Club	RPES	Annual	\$30/hr ARP
Kristen Pasinella	Book Club	RPES	Annual	\$30/hr ARP
Samantha Craven	Athletic Event Staff Ticket Taker / Chaperone / Announcer / Time Keeper / Clock Operator	District Wide	Annual	Per Athletics Event Payment Schedule
Maryanne Denault				
Mark Duncan				
Anthony Emanuel				
Nicholas Foglia				
Amy Gamache				
Kelli Genthner				
Kyly Horton				
Sarah Huls				
Patricia Hurley Dyer				
Courtney Hynes				
Alaina Lange				
Linda Lynch				
Angela Mauriello				
Seth Reyonlds				
James Swab				
Nicole Vancott				
Christine Wilcox				
Suzette Wood				
Victor Begin				
Kristen Pasinella				
Kelly Borden				
Adam Gregorie				

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Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESO #11-01/22/2024
Approve Leave of
Absence

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following leave of absence:

Name	Position	Building	Term	Note
Skyler Teta	TA	KMS	February 3, 2024 - March 17, 2024	Unpaid Parenting Leave

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Vartigian:

RESO #12-01/22/2024
Accept Donations

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the following donations:

From	Amount	Purpose
Cornerstone Church	\$ 112.50	Dress a Knight
LHS Football Club	500.00	Anything is Possible Scholarship
Warren Fane	550.00	Dress a Knight
Kevin Huerter Foundation	1,000.00	Ski Club
Callanan Industries	2,000.00	Backpack Program

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESO #13-01/22/2023
Approve Pay
Schedule for Athletic
Event Staff

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following payment schedule for athletic event staff for the 2023-2024 school year:

Athletics Event Staff Payment Schedule		
	Single Event	Double Header
Time Keeper	\$40	\$65
Clock Operator	\$40	\$65
Announcer	\$40	\$65

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Ticket Taker	\$40	-
Chaperone	\$40	\$65

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESO #14-01/22/2024
Approve Change
Order #GC-002

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves Change Order #GC-002 for the 2021 Capital Improvement Project with an increase of \$34,783.91 for sink removal in art room, wall abatement in music room, and select demolition under containment in multiple rooms at Rensselaer Park Elementary School.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESO #15-01/22/2024
Approve Change
Order #GC-003

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves Change Order #GC-003 for the 2021 Capital Improvement Project with an increase of \$65,588.48 for additional grind paint in art room, including equipment rental to work in multiple areas at Rensselaer Park Elementary School.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion by Mrs. Vartigian:

RESO #16-01/22/2024
Approve Change
Order #GC-004

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves Change Order #GC-004 for the 2021 Capital Improvement Project with an increase of \$20,941.00 for removal of CMU (concrete masonry unit) at north side of Stair 4 under abatement conditions at Rensselaer Park Elementary School.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESO #17-01/22/2024
Approve Change
Order #GC-005

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves Change Order #GC-005 for the 2021 Capital Improvement Project with an increase of \$2,802.00 for removal of 10 windows under abatement conditions at Rensselaer Park Elementary School.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richard

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

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Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following transportation contract amendments with First Student, Inc. for the period of September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027; and further authorize the Board of Education President to sign the amendments:

Contract #	Original Amount	Amended Amount	Purpose
C577780	\$171,997	\$176,362	Field Trips and Sports Trips
C577779	\$1,581,867	\$1,961,995	Home to School SpEd
C577778	\$3,098,779	\$2,686,624	Home to School
C577777	\$59,136	\$46,414	Summer Home to School
C577776	\$170,856	\$246,071	Summer Home to School SpEd

RESO #18-01/22/2024
Approve
Transportation
Contract
Amendments

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education authorizes creating the position of Building Maintenance Supervisor; and further accepts the job description that has been approved by the Rensselaer County Civil Service Commission. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESO #19-01/22/2024
Authorize Building
Maintenance
Supervisor Position
and Job Description

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mrs. Vartigian:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the Federal Funds Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

RESO #20-01/22/2024
Accept Federal Funds
Single Audit Report

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Shover

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Ms. Richards:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the first reading of the following policies:

- 2325 - Videoconferencing of Board Meetings
- 4327 - Homebound Instruction
- 6630.3 Meals and Refreshments

RESO #21-01/22/2024
Accept First Reading
of Policies

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- 6700 - Purchasing
- 6700-R – Purchasing Regulation
- 8130.2 - Workplace Violence Prevention
- 8520 - Free and Reduced-Price Meal Services
- 8636 - Artificial Intelligence
- 9260 - Conditional Appointment and Emergency Conditional Appointment - Student Safety

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESO #22-01/22/2024
Accept 2023-2024
Final Tax Warrant

WHEREAS, the Education Law provides that the Tax Collector 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 Tax Collector affixing her affidavit to such warrants and lists.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the following Final Tax Warrant Report from the Tax Collector for the 2023-2024 collection period:

Lansingburgh Central School District 2023 - 2024 Tax Collection

Jane Luskin, Tax
Collector

Total Taxes Collected to Date	\$14,180,657.94
Total Penalties and Fees Collected to Date	\$12,296.13
Total Odd Cent Over/Under	-\$20.04
<i>Total Collection</i>	\$14,192,934.03

Uncollected Taxes	Tax	Penalty	Total
Lansingburgh	\$834,832.24	\$16,696.71	\$851,528.95
Brunswick	\$73,437.39	\$1,468.75	\$74,906.14
Schaghticoke	\$131,845.56	\$2,636.91	\$134,482.47
Pittstown	\$31.85	\$0.64	\$32.49
<i>Total</i>	\$1,040,147.04	\$20,803.01	\$1,060,950.05

Total Warrant - Tax Collector (Approved August 28, 2023)	\$16,669,136.00
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Adjustments to Tax Warrant Due To Assessment or Clerical Error:

J Collins 90.23-5-2 289 Fourth Ave	\$462.24
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Less: Warrant Changes	\$462.24
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Total Final Warrant

\$16,668,673.76

Total Star Savings \$1,461,127.60

Adjustments to Star Savings:

C. Luby 80.25-12-4 843 Sixth Ave \$479.04

Less: Star Changes \$479.04

Total Adjusted Star Savings \$1,461,606.64

Brunswick CSD Property Split between Districts NYS ED Law 3203 Student attends Brunswick \$9,428.05

NYS Adjustment to STAR Previous Year-Troy Omitted Basic
STAR \$12,799.82 \$12,799.82

Total Tax Levy (Approved August 28, 2023) \$16,669,136.00

Total Tax Collected -\$14,171,229.89

Total Funds Remitted to Brunswick -\$9,428.05

Total Tax Uncollected -\$1,040,147.04

Assessment Adjustments -\$462.24

Total Star Savings -\$1,461,127.60

Star Savings Adjustment \$479.04

Omitted Basic STAR \$12,799.82

Total Odd Cent Over/Under -\$20.04

Balance \$0.00

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

TES Report by Ms. Cataldo – See page 14.

RPES Report by Mrs. Santarcangelo – See page 15-16.

KMS Report by Ms. Phelan – See page 17-20.

LHS Report by Mr. Van Dervoort – See page 21.

Principal's Reports

By Mrs. McGrouty:

- The curriculum committee met this evening and discussed Governor Kathy Hochul “Back to Basics” plan to improve reading proficiency in New York. We have the components to provide reading instruction that teaches students the foundational skills they need to become proficient readers.
- 75 educators from our district will be participating in the SUNY New Paltz Science of Reading Micro Credential. They will have from February 1 – July 31, 2024 to complete the program. Through a unique partnership between

Assistant Superintendent Report

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Questar III's School Improvement Team and SUNY New Paltz, educators (teachers, administrators, and teacher assistants) in our BOCES region can participate for a total cost of \$50 per participant. The District will cover the cost.

By Dr. Abitabile:

Superintendent Report

2024-2025 School Calendar:

- We have a draft and will be sharing it with the union heads after the February break.
- The calendar will be on the March board agenda for approval.

Building Project:

- The brick veneer is complete.
- No more work will be happening on the playground until the spring.
- KMS had no heat on January 2nd because of a problem with the new boiler. If it had not been a school recess day, we would have had to close KMS for the day. The repairs were made, and the boiler was up and running before school reopened on January 3rd.

Budget Update:

- We did fairly well on the first runs of State Aid for 2024-2025.
- There are still many variables, but the allowable Tax Cap increase is approximately 0.91% (\$150,000).
- We are early in the process of our own internal audit of the IT Department. There may be some shifts in the department for the coming school year that will not be budget neutral.
- Polling hours for the School Budget Vote and Board Member Election will be changed to 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Polling locations remain at LHS and TES.

Project Aware Grant:

- 90% of our staff need to participate in training by mid-November to meet the requirements of the grant. This includes a 2-hour prep and a 6-hour in-person training. We are working on scheduling the staff training. There is a possibility it may happen at the May 21st Superintendent's Conference Day.

World Read Aloud Day is February 7, 2024. I will be reading at Turnpike and Rensselaer Park.

The School Attorneys will be providing Special Education training for our non-SpEd administrators at the next administrators meeting.

February Workshop:

- Assemblymember John McDonald will be visiting to discuss the State Budget.

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- Ben Seymour, HR Director will be presenting on the topic the Board chose: rescue fund positions; substitute pay rates; and exit interviews.

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

RESO #23-01/22/2024
Executive Session

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:58 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: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESO #24-01/22/2024
Adjourn

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 8:21 p.m.

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education

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Turnpike Elementary School Update

Turnpike Attendance						
Grade	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	January	2023-2024
UPK	95%	91%	86%	88%	87%	89%
K	92%	88%	89%	85%	87%	89%
1	92%	88%	87%	86%	86%	88%
2	94%	91%	92%	87%	88%	91%
TES	93%	89%	89%	86%	87%	89%

District Goal	
SEL & TSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PBIS - Bee Hives
Family & Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/17 PTA meeting 1/25 RPES & TES FAC meeting 2/2 Guptill's Skate "Knight"
Data Collection and Implementation to Drive Curriculum and Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom Teachers, Reading Teachers and TOSA continue to meet weekly to analyze data and make instructional decisions to best meet students needs. Kim Inglee, Questar III, provided 1st grade teachers with instructional strategies and resources to improve our reading practices to align with the SoR. Jessica Decker, Questar III, provided 2nd grade teachers with embedded coaching to assist implementation with the new Eureka2 math program. Jessica Decker also presented the CRA model to all K-2 teachers at our monthly grade level meeting.

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Rensselaer Park Elementary School Update


Area of Focus	Action/Initiatives
Chronic Absenteeism	3rd - 90% 4th - 91% 5th - 89% Overall - 90%
Data Collection Curriculum & Implementation to Drive Curriculum & Instruction	<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified common resources for enrichment & remediation • Individualized professional development using student data • Identified Eureka2 resources to support instruction • Identified common language and strategies across grade levels • Interventions for Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 were identified based on student data. <p>NEW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Updates have been made to the pacing calendar to identify standards that must be taught before the NYS Assessment <p>ELA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Kalynn Reynolds to analyze NYS Data • Identify Ss who received full credit for short responses and pull strategy group during intervention block • Shifting the Balance- The science of reading book study • TOSA shared last year's NYS test data with teachers • TOSA worked with teachers to answer reading specific questions related to our Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) process. Interventions for Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 were identified based on student data. <p>NEW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Karen Kohler presented on the State Wide Literacy Symposium and the Back to Basics Plan
Social and Emotional Learning and Trauma Sensitive Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Day Faculty Meeting > 10 mins on Compassion Fatigue > Determined staff interest in Wind Down events • 10/12/23 Compassion Fatigue activity at Faculty meeting (You're in my boat if...) • 10/18/23 Wind Down Wednesday event after school • 11/13/23 Compassion Fatigue activity at Faculty meeting (setting boundaries & gratitude journals) • 11/17/23 Wind Down Friday event for staff • 12/6/23 Compassion Fatigue video at Faculty meeting (finding the humor) • 12/15/23 Wind Down Friday event for staff

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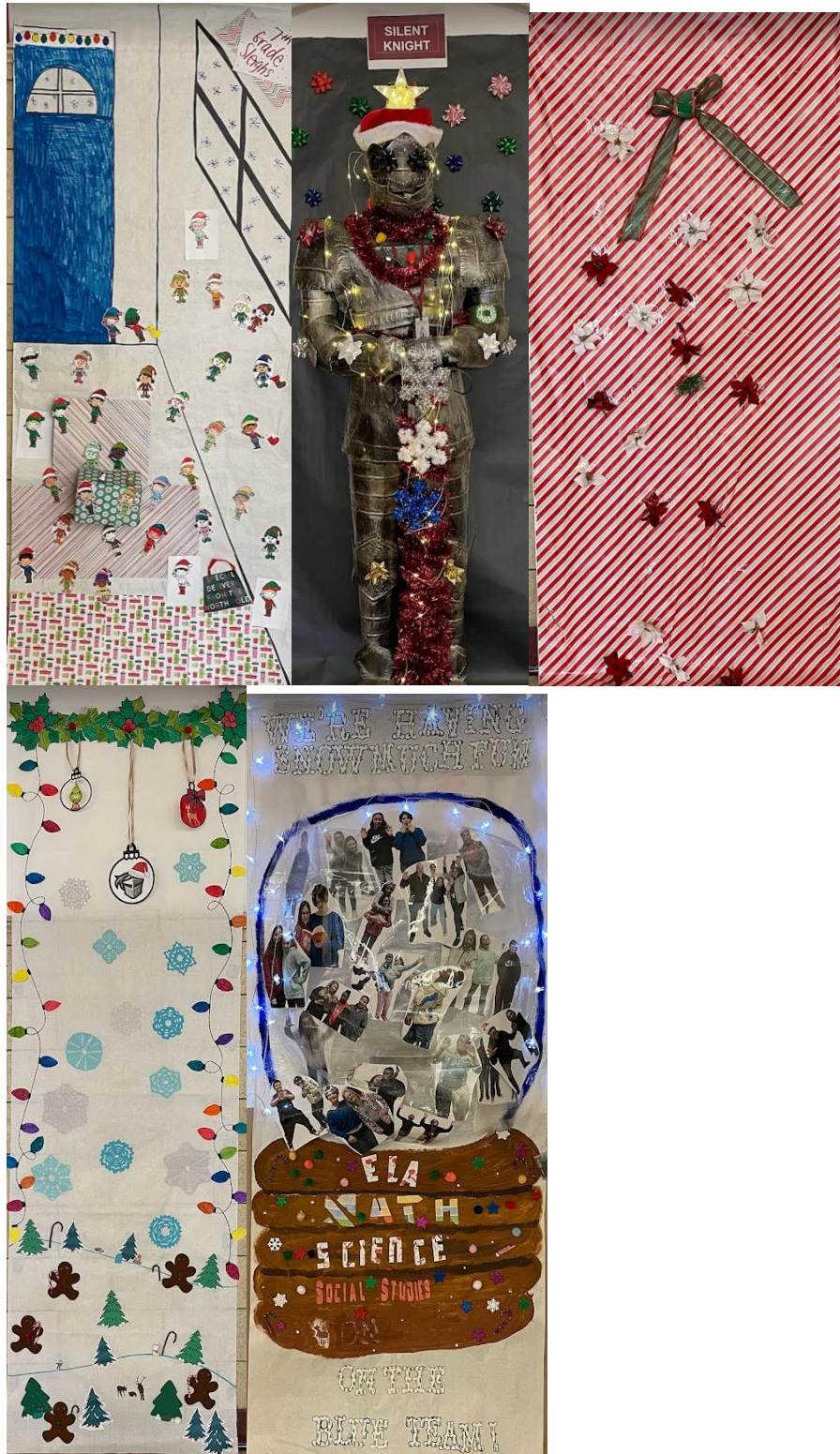
	<p>New:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1/11/24 Compassion Fatigue activity at Faculty Meeting (recognizing small wins)○ 1/12/24 Wind Down Friday event for staff
<p>Family & Community Engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We had many community partners join us for Open House this year > Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Lansingburgh Connects, Troy Public Library• Our new Student Assistance Counselor, Allie Farley, started at RPES on 10/19/23• Our Student Assistance Counselor as well as our Family Assistance Counselor have been joining weekly Student Support Team meetings• Met with Mr. Hickling and RCDOH to discuss having them come into the building to provide lessons to all grade levels about healthy eating, exercise, and hygiene <p>New:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FAC Meeting 1/25/24

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Knickerbacker Middle School Update

Area of Focus	Action/Initiatives
ELA	Continued PD to update maps and align assessments
Science	Math and Science completed the CBT simulation to prepare for the NYS assessments
Math	Midterms were similar to the NYS assessments, teachers will begin to analyze data to target skills to review in upcoming units.
SEL/School Climate 	<p>KMS School Climate ended the month of December by creating a daily morning show with KMS media club. Students really enjoyed the daily videos and activities. It all ended with a faculty created song of "The 12 Days of KMS". The committee also had their first annual team 'door' decorating contest. Doors were displayed in the cafeteria for all students to view. (Pictures below). 14 students were selected to receive the Knight Way Award for Quarter 2. In order to receive this award students must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quarter overall average must be 80% or higher. 2. No more than 2 absences for the quarter. 3. No disciplinary referrals for the quarter. 4. Student is kind, never gives up, shows integrity, is gracious, honest and a team player. <p>Students will be celebrated on February 2 and will receive a certificate as well as a "goodie bag" with an assortment of prizes.</p>

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Student council launched their annual sock drive starting January 3rd. There is a dance coming up this Friday that students are excited about. Ticket sales begin today.

The TSS Committee members met with Mr. Otter to view the holistic assessment results and discuss ways we can incorporate interventions to address student challenges (empathy, learning interest)

This month, Ms. Sacco has been pushing in for SEL Lessons with 8th graders to discuss healthy vs unhealthy relationships and friendships and characteristics of what a healthy relationship looks like

Attendance	<div>Sept 2023 -Nov 2023</div> <table><tr><th>Grade</th><th>%</th></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>90.60%</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>91.60%</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>87.76%</td></tr></table> <div>Overall 89.86%</div>	Grade	%	6	90.60%	7	91.60%	8	87.76%
Grade	%								
6	90.60%								
7	91.60%								
8	87.76%								
Parent Engagement	<p>The second KMS FAC Meeting of the school year was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Topics included midterms/assessments, moving up ceremony, resources available (Charlie Health, Lansingburgh Connects)</p>								

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	<p>KMS Parent Teacher Conferences will be held both in person and virtually on Friday, January 26th in the afternoon.</p>
21st Century Program	<p>The 21st Century Program has added a few new clubs- Dance Club (KMS and LHS), Culture and Heritage Club (LHS) and an ELA SAT Prep Club (LHS). We continue to add more students each week and are working students improving their grades and completing their daily homework assignments. The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall will be starting a guitar club and an African Drumming and Dance workshop for the middle school program.</p>