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**Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, February 26, 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 Andrea Fairhurst, Jillian Manupella, Talia Pallozzi, Daniella Richards, Jason Shover, James Spear, and Thomas Zakrzewski were present. Michael Cusack and Jessica Vartigian were absent from the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Others present include Assemblymember John McDonald, Chris Zakrzewski (student), Lindsey Gibson (on behalf of the LTA), Mike Robbins, Joe Otter, 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.

Many thanks were extended to Assemblymember John McDonald for his discussion on the Governor’s proposal of the New York State Budget.

NYS Budget

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #1-02/26/2024
Approve Meeting
Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the meeting agenda for February 26, 2024.

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Mr. Shover reported for the Audit Committee. Marvin & Co. will be performing a Risk Assessment on our HR functions. It will be good for an outside entity to review our internal controls and make recommendations before we make any changes to the department.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Spear:

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

RESO #2-02/26/2024
Approve Financial Reports

Second: Mrs. Palozzi

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Zakrzewski:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 22, 2024 and the special meeting held on February 5, 2024.

RESO #3-02/26/2024
Approve Minutes

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

PERSONNEL – CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Shover:

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

RESO #4-02/26/2024

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Samantha Craven	TA	KMS	Resignation	February 16, 2024

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby grants tenure to the following staff:

Name	Tenure Area	Building	Action	Effective Date
Joseph Otter	School District Leader	DO	Grant Tenure	March 22, 2024
Darcy Munhall	Teaching Assistant	KMS	Grant Tenure	November 16, 2023

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

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Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following substitute CSE / CPSE Chairpersons for the 2023-2024 school year:

Michelle Foster
Michele McGivern
Lauren DeMarco

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

**PERSONNEL –
NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESO #24-02/26/2024

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

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Serena Gates	Teacher Aide	TES	Resignation	March 1, 2024
Amy Gamache	Secretary 1	KMS	Resignation	February 16, 2024

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

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

Name	Position	Building	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step	Effective Date
Kenneth Skaarup	Sub Custodial	District Wide	Annual	2023-24 School Year	\$23.99/hr	January 28, 2024
Robert Mikucki	Custodian	LHS	Provisional	-	\$27.55/hr	
Christyn Moore	Substitute RN	District Wide	Annual	2023-24 School Year	CSEA TA RN Step 1	January 22, 2024
Victoria Panetta	Substitute RN	District Wide	Annual	2023-24 School Year	CSEA TA RN Step 1	January 22, 2024

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Kels Jensen	Sub Teacher - Certified	District Wide	Annual	2023-24 School Year	\$120/day	January 25, 2024
Kendra Losee	21st Century Student Worker	KMS	Annual	2023-24 School Year	\$15.00/hr	January 2, 2024
Jordan Hartsfield	21st Century Student Worker	KMS	Annual	2023-24 School Year	\$15.00/hr	January 2, 2024

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following additional assignments:

Name	Position / Purpose	Building	Appointment Type	Term	Compensation
Delmarie Moore	Odyssey of the Mind Coach	RPES	Re-Appointment - full team coach	2023-24 School Year	\$2,200
Chris Retell	Indoor Track Coach for Special Education Students	KMS/LHS	Annual	2023-24 School Year	\$2,200
Chris Retell	Track and Field Coach for Special Education Students	KMS/LHS	Annual	2023-24 School Year	\$2,200
Christine Huttner	6th Instructional Assignment	KMS	Annual	01/08/2024 – 06/30/2024	1/6th of Salary
Catherine Eldred	Tutor for student w/medical disability		Temporary	02/06/2024 - 04/15/2024	\$30 per hour 2 hrs. per day
Bethany Spencer	Tutor for student awaiting placement	KMS	Temporary	02/12/2024 - TBD	\$30 per hour 2 hrs. per day
Jessica Bouchard	21st Century	KMS	Annual	2023-24 School Year	Contractual Hourly Rate
Ethan Griswold					
Regina Felio					
Maria Inserra					
Angela Mauriello					
Brittany Bodmer					
Kathleen Zarou					
Cortlandt Tisch					

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Karryn Bohley					
Eileen Culliton					
Bianca DeFlumer					
Nicole Cotugno					
Willie Short					

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

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

Name	Position	Building	Term	Note
Skyler Teta	TA	KMS	02/03/2024 – 06/30/2024	Unpaid Parenting Leave
Paul Contento	TA	KMS	01/31/2024 - 02/26/2024	Per Article VII, Section 7, of CSEA TA CBA
Aliza Fane	Teacher	TES	01/05/2024 - 01/04/2026	Per Article 8.2 of the LTA CBA

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

RESO #27-02/26/2024
Accept Donations

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

From	Amount	Purpose
Hannaford Helping Hands	\$ 270.00	Turnpike ES
Anonymous	\$1,000.00	Turnpike Dress a Knight
Lauren DeMarco	\$ 100.00	Mary Spagnoli Memorial Scholarship

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Pallozzi

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

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Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Kevin Harren as an independent hearing officer to conduct §3214 hearings as needed during the 2023-2024 school year. Compensation for services will be covered through the current Intermunicipal Agreement for Labor Relations Services.

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mrs. Manupalla:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves participation in the 2024 Summer Youth Employment Program effective February 26, 2024; and further authorize the SYEP worksite application be submitted.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the second reading and adopts the following policies:

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

Second: Mr. Zakrzewski

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Ms. Richards:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves disposal of the following surplus equipment:

- Grand Piano (KMS)
- Powermatic Table Saw (LHS)

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- 1994 Toro Lawnmower (RPES) – Tag 210344
- Cafeteria Tables (TES) Asset tags: 210364, 210361, 210357, 210359, 210365, 20140284, 20140279, 20140282, 20140287
- Ice Machine (LHS Girls Locker Room) Asset Tag 210811

Second: Mrs. Pallozzi

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

TES Report by Ms. Cataldo – See page 11.

RPES Report by Mrs. Santarcangelo – See page 12-13.

KMS Report by Ms. Phelan – See page 14-15.

Principal's Reports

By Mrs. McGrouty:

Assistant Superintendent Report

Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Planning our March 14 and 15 PD day<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participating in Questart Regional PD Day• Both on-site and virtual for specific departments as well as A.S. drill➤ Microcredentialing through SUNY New Paltz for Science of Reading Course - 50 - 60 staff members➤ February PD day was focused on analyzing benchmark and midterm data
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Planning with building principals for PD needs for 24-25➤ Planning dates with Professional Learning Committees➤ Congratulations Joe Otter

By Dr. Abitabile:

Superintendent Report

Athletics:

- Thanked Mike Robbins for the seamless transition into the Athletic Department.

Capital Project Update:

- They took advantage of no staff or students being in the building during the February break and got many things accomplished. A full report was distributed to the Board for their review.
- We continue to await guidance from the attorney regarding the issue with surveyor and landscape architect for the turf.

2024-2025 School Calendar:

- I met with the union heads today to review the draft calendar. A final draft will go to the Board for adoption at the next board meeting.

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Active Shooter Drill:

- The drill is planned for March 15. The timeline has been reviewed and everyone involved knows their role. It will be a full day for everyone.

2024-2025 School Budget

- Draft 3 was received by the Board. It shows no significant changes.

PILOTS [Payment In Lieu of Taxes]

- We received the PILOT information on the Catholic Central High School building. The dollar amounts will be determined by the tax rate, which changes each year. It will take some calculating on our part to determine how much the School District and the County will receive each year.
- I am trying to gather more information on current legislation proposing to take school districts out of PILOTS.

City Officials

- I met with city officials today, including the two newly elected council persons. We discussed the tax cap formula and recreational programs for children. We continue to work on strengthening the bond between the school district and the city.

School Safety

- The administrators will be participating in a school safety tabletop exercise on Wednesday.
- Following that meeting, I will be meeting with the principals from TES and RPES to discuss the role of the second SRO.

Technology Department

- There will be some changes in the technology department starting next school year. The Board will be provided with a flow chart that will define the roles of each staff member in the department. The newly created positions have been budgeted for the 24-25 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #28-02/26/2024
Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 7:04 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 – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESO #29-02/26/2024
Adjourn

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at
7:36 p.m.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education

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Turnpike Elementary School

BOE Report

February 2024

Turnpike Attendance							
Grade	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	February	2023-2024
UPK	95%	91%	86%	88%	87%	85%	89%
K	92%	88%	89%	85%	87%	83%	88%
1	92%	88%	87%	86%	86%	85%	88%
2	94%	91%	92%	87%	88%	89%	91%
TES	93%	89%	89%	86%	87%	85%	89%

District Goal	
SEL & TSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will have our first school-wide celebration of our new PBIS Bee Hive incentive this month- 30 second dance party Monthly Character Edu. Assembly 2/01- Teamwork “EI, EI, OOPS” performed school-wide; supporting each other
Family & Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trimester 2 Report Cards being distributed via Parent Square World Read Aloud day, 2/07 BINGO “Knight” 2/08 STEAM Day, 2/15
Data Collection and Implementation to Drive Curriculum and Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mld-Year iReady Analysis was completed by all K-2 teachers. Teachers were able to make data based instructional decisions on how best to meet the needs of their learners for both math and reading. Personalized instruction was adjusted by teachers to ensure all students are completing lessons at their level. Fundations Unit assessment data has been instrumental for both classroom teachers and reading teachers to determine what phonics skills to target to ensure our students become lifelong readers.



**Rensselaer Park Elementary School
BOE Report
February 26th, 2024**

Area of Focus	Action/Initiatives
Chronic Absenteeism	3rd - 89% 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 Eureka2 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 • Updates have been made to the Eureka2 pacing calendar to identify standards that must be taught before the NYS Assessment <p>NEW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of Math CBT Simulation <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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Karen Kohler presented on the State Wide Literacy Symposium and the Back to Basics Plan <p>NEW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Review of Math CBT Simulation
<p>Social and Emotional Learning and Trauma Sensitive Practices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on Compassion Fatigue- 10 minute activity at each Faculty Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 10/12/13- You're in my boat if... ◦ 11/13/23- Setting boundaries and gratitude journals ◦ 12/6/23- Finding the humor video ◦ 1/11/24- Recognizing Small Wins • Monthly Wind Down Friday event for Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 10/18/23, 11/17/23, 12/15/23, 1/12/24 <p>New:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 1/11/24 Faculty Meeting Compassion Fatigue Focus: Sharing Holistic Student Assessment Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strength- School Bonding ◦ 2/8/24 Wind Down 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 • FAC Meeting 1/25/24 <p>New:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Read Aloud Day



**Knickerbacker Middle School
BOE Report
February 26, 2024**

Area of Focus	Action/Initiatives
ELA	<p>Teachers are currently analyzing midterm data and comparing it to last year's NYS assessments. This data will be used to target instruction and incorporate needed lessons on deficit standards.</p> <p>All PD continues through March.</p> <p>ELA and math bootcamps will begin in March as well.</p>
Science	
Math	
SEL/School Climate	<p>8th Graders have been engaged in SEL Lessons this month focusing on the topic of stress and anxiety. Students are also being given information on how to handle stress and anxiety symptoms and suggestions on healthy coping tools/mechanisms.</p> <p>There were 14 student recipients for our Knight Way Award for Quarter 2. Students were given goodie bags and certificates. In order to earn 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>There were 123 positive referrals written for our students in the month of January! A great start to recognizing positivity in the New Year.</p> <p>A recognition to the following students: Nylasia, Mason, Malachi, Logan, Denym, Paulie, Felicity and Jahzara for volunteering to read our black history message of the day on the morning announcements.</p> <p>A Special thank you to Mr. Ferris, Mrs. Kilmer, Mrs. Wania, Mrs. Amodeo, Ms. Sisti, Mr. Otter, Mr. Foard, Ms. Bodmer, Mrs. Flynn (aka Delprado), Mr. Nadeau, Ms. Walkuski, Mr. Rospo, Mrs. Sacco, Mrs. Brower, Ms. Blossom, Mrs. Wing, Mrs. Rooney, Mrs. Buff, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. Colliton, Mrs. Mauriello, Ms. Craven, Ms. Jerry, Mr. Lichtenberg and Mrs. Coon for their personal and historical contributions to our Black History Month visual applications.</p>
Attendance	Sept 2023 -February 2024

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<p>Parent Engagement</p>	<p>The third and final Family Advisory Council Meeting of the year will take place virtually on March 20th from 6pm-7pm.</p>								
<p>21st Century Program</p>	<p>The 21st Century Program has continued to grow with new clubs at both the middle and high school level. The dance club at KMS has been practicing their routine and was able to perform at two of the modified basketball games. They will continue to practice and perform in the coming weeks. In March we will begin having students prepare for the state test in ELA and Math Bootcamps. Students are interested in joining the self-care/hair club, cooking around the world, and video game club.</p> <p>The high school program has welcomed a Culture and Heritage Club and an ELA SAT Prep Class.</p> <p>KMS enrollment: 153 students</p> <p>LHS enrollment: 28 students **This will increase with registration for lacrosse and wrestling workouts.</p>								