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**Lansingburgh Central School District  
Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, August 1, 2022  
Turnpike Elementary School - LGI**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Michael Cusack 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, Talia Pallozzi, Jason Shover, James Spear and Jessica Vartigian were present. Daniella Richards and Thomas Zakrzewski were absent from the meeting **ROLL CALL**

Others present include Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty and Dr. Antonio Abitabile. In the absence of the District Clerk, Dr. Abitabile was Acting District Clerk. There were no others present.

Mr. Cusack 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 Mr. Spear: **RESO #1-08/01/2022  
Grant Tenure**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby confers tenure upon the following teaching assistants, who have successfully completed the required probationary period:

Robert Dorn	Effective 04/03/2021	TA, LHS
Wendy Sheftel	Effective 06-25-2021	TA, LHS
Suzette Wood	Effective 12/31/2021	TA, TES
Colleen Moak	Effective 03/26/2022	TA, RPES

Second: Mrs. Fairhurst Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion Carried Unanimously

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Motion by Mrs. Pallozzi:

**RESO #2-08/01/2022  
Open Public Hearing**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby opens the public hearing on the District-Wide Safety Plan and calls for public comment.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Mrs. Linda Klime presented an overview of the District-Wide Safety Plan. There were no public comments given.

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

**RESO #3-08/01/2022  
Approve Meeting  
Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the meeting agenda for August 1, 2022.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #4-08/01/2022  
Create Reading  
Teacher Position**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the creation on a 1.0 FTE Reading Teacher position at Turnpike Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Second: Mrs. Fairhurst

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

## CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #5-08/01/2022  
Approve Minutes**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the reorganizational meeting held on July 11, 2022.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #6-08/01/2022  
Accept Resignation –  
Zachary Tacelli**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Zachary Tacelli, Assistant Principal at Knickerbacker Middle School, effective August 10, 2022.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Anna Pellicone, Art Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, effective August 10, 2022.

**RESO #7-08/01/2022  
Accept Resignation –  
Anna Pellicone**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Rachel Venditti, Elementary Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective August 13, 2022.

**RESO #8-08/01/2022  
Accept Resignation -  
Rachel Venditti**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Samantha Brown, Special Education Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, effective August 1, 2022.

**RESO #9-08/01/2022  
Accept Resignation –  
Samantha Brown**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Louise Sullivan, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant at Turnpike Elementary School, effective July 28, 2022.

**RESO #10-08/01/2022  
Accept Resignation –  
Louise Sullivan**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Samantha Hunter, Reading Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective August 19, 2022.

**RESO #11-08/01/2022  
Accept Resignation –  
Samantha Hunter**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Leah Nealon, Elementary Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, effective August 18, 2022.

**RESO #12-08/01/2022  
Accept Resignation –  
Leah Nealon**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board corrects the probationary teaching appointment of Julia Ciaccio (made and carried on August 9, 2021) to reflect the tenure area of Elementary Education commencing September 1, 2021.

**RESO #13-08/01/2022  
Correct Tenure Area  
– Julia Ciaccio**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Stephanie Miron to a probationary teaching position at Turnpike Elementary School in the tenure area of Reading, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

**RESO #14-08/01/2022  
Appoint Reading  
Teacher – Stephanie  
Miron**

Commencement of Service –	September 1, 2022
Expiration of Probationary Appointment –	August 31, 2025
Certification Status –	Literacy 1-6, Initial
	Students with Disabilities 1-6, Professional
	Childhood 1-6, Initial
Salary - Step 5	\$46,257
Masters	450
Grad Credits – 69	<u>2,875</u>
	\$49,582

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Kathryn Johnson to a probationary teaching position at Rensselaer Park Elementary School in the tenure

**RESO #15-08/01/2022  
Appoint Elementary  
Teacher – Kathryn  
Johnson**

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area of Elementary Education, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2022  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2025  
Certification Status – Childhood Education 1-6, Professional  
Salary - Step 1           \$49,810  
Masters                       450  
Grad Credits – 30       1,250  
\$51,510

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Cassidy Smith to a probationary teaching position at Rensselaer Park Elementary School in the tenure area of Elementary Education, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

**RESO #16-08/01/2022**  
**Appoint Elementary**  
**Teacher – Cassidy**  
**Smith**

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2022  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2026  
Certification Status – Childhood Education 1-6, Emergency COVID  
SWD 1-6, Emergency COVID  
Salary - Step 1           \$44,227  
Grad Credits – 24       1,000  
\$45,227

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Daniella Micallef to a probationary teaching position at Rensselaer Park Elementary School in the tenure area of Special Education, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

**RESO #17-08/01/2022**  
**Appoint Special**  
**Education Teacher –**  
**Daniella Micallef**

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2022  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2026  
Certification Status – SWD 1-6, Initial; SWD B-2, Initial  
Childhood 1-6, Initial; Childhood B-2, Initial

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Salary - Step 1	\$44,227
Masters	450
Grad Credits – 42	<u>1,750</u>
	\$46,427

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Dante Rodriguez to a probationary teaching position at Knickerbacker Middle School in the tenure area of English, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2022	
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2026	
Certification Status – ELA 7-12, Initial	
Salary - Step 5	\$46,257
Masters	450
Grad Credits – 32	<u>1,250</u>
	\$47,957

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Jonathan Baxter to a probationary teaching position at Lansingburgh High School in the tenure area of Social Studies, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2022	
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2026	
Certification Status – Social Studies 7-12, Initial	
Salary - Step 1	\$44,227
Masters	450
Grad Credits – 38	<u>1,500</u>
	\$46,177

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

**RESO #18-08/01/2022**  
**Appoint English**  
**Teacher – Dante**  
**Rodriguez**

**RESO #19-08/01/2022**  
**Appoint Social**  
**Studies Teacher –**  
**Jonathan Baxter**

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Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #20-08/01/2022**  
**Appoint Science**  
**Teacher – Hannah**  
**Tryon**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Hannah Tryon to a probationary teaching position at Knickerbacker Middle School in the tenure area of Science, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2022  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2026  
Certification Status – Biology 7-12, Initial  
Salary - Step 2           \$44,734  
Masters                    450  
Grad Credits – 41        1,625  
                                  \$46,809

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #21-08/01/2022**  
**Appoint Special**  
**Education Teacher –**  
**Lauren Bullock**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Lauren Bullock to a probationary teaching position at Knickerbacker Middle School in the tenure area of Special Education, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2022  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2026  
Certification Status – SWD 1-6, Initial; Childhood 1-6, Initial  
Early Childhood B-2, Initial  
Salary – Step 1           \$44,227  
Masters                    450  
Grad Credits – 33        1,375  
                                  \$46,052

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #22-08/01/2022**  
**Appoint Special**  
**Education Teacher –**  
**Stephanie McDonald**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Stephanie McDonald to a probationary teaching position at Rensselaer Park Elementary School in the tenure area of Special Education, pending clearance by the New

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York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2022  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2026  
Certification Status – SWD 1-6, Initial - pending  
Childhood 1-6, Initial - pending  
Salary - Step 2            \$44,734

Second: Mr. Spear    Ayes – 7            Nays – 0    Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #23-08/01/2022**  
**Approve Additional**  
**Teaching Assignment**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following staff member for a sixth class for the 2022-2023 school year, with compensation as per the LTA Contract:

Alaina Lange - Spanish

Second: Mr. Spear    Ayes – 7            Nays – 0    Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #24-08/01/2022**  
**Appoint 2022-2023**  
**Extracurricular**  
**Advisors**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following extracurricular advisors for Lansingburgh High School for the 2022-2023 school year, with stipends in accordance to the contractual rates:

LHS Senior Play	Chris Rowlands
LHS School Play Art Advisor	Chris Rowlands
LHS Play Music Advisor	Chris Rowlands
LHS Honor Society Co-Advisors	E. Culliton
	J. Fazziola
Freshman Class Co-Advisors	L. Biddle
	S. Tanner
Sophomore Class Advisor	A. Snyder
Junior Class Advisor	C. Peter
Senior Class Advisor	P. Baldassari
LHS Swing Choir	A. Sudduth
LHS Student Government Council	P. Baldassari
Odyssey of the Mind Advisors (LHS)	J. Tyler
	K. Rice
Olympics of the Visual Arts (LHS/KMS)	J. Bergmann
Art Club	J. Bergmann
Lansingburgh Improvement Team	D. Shuttleworth



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LHS Yearbook Co-Advisor  
LHS Trivia Team Advisor  
S.A.D.D. Advisor  
Robotics  
Knightly News  
Book Club (LHS)

C. Penman  
Jon Ravalli  
Justin Peltier  
Adam South  
Adam South  
R. Richmond  
A. Nadeau  
T. Spaulding  
Mark Duncan  
R Behrens  
D. Shuttleworth  
Adam South  
Adam South

Breakfast Supervisor (LHS)  
Afterschool Supervisor (LHS)  
Detention Supervisor (LHS)  
Mock Trial  
Ski Club  
Trap Team

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #25-08/01/2022**  
**Appoint 2022-2023**  
**Extracurricular**  
**Advisors**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following extracurricular advisors for Rensselaer Park Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year, with stipends in accordance to the contractual rates:

Jason Blackmur - Ski Club  
Adam Gregoire - Ski Club  
Angela Mauriello - Ski Club  
Emma Closson - Odyssey of the Mind  
Robin Delaney - Student Council  
David Hamilton - Student Council  
Robert White - Detention Supervisor  
Jason Blackmur - STEM Enrichment

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESP #26-08/01/2022**  
**Appoint 2022-2023**  
**Advisors**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following advisors for the 2022-2023 school year with grant-funded stipends as set forth below:

Leesa Crawford-Young	LHS STEP Advisor	\$2,500 – RPI
Edda Sacco	KMS STEP Advisor	\$2,500 – RPI
Courtney Hynes	KMS STEAM Club Advisor	\$2,000 – Title IV
Peter Allen	RPES STEAM Club Advisor	\$2,000 – Title IV
Joseph Roman	RPES STEAM Club Advisor	\$2,000 – Title IV
Maureen Mahoney	TES STEAM Club Advisor	\$2,000 – Title IV
Cassidy Hayes	TES STEAM Club Advisor	\$1,000 – Title IV

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Natalie Russo	TES STEAM Club Advisor	\$1,000 – Title IV
Chelsey Horner	TES Music Club Advisor	\$2,000 – Title IV
Jessica Sisti	RPES Music Club Advisor	\$2,000 – Title IV
Megan Haley Greene	RPES Art Club Advisor	\$2,000 – Title IV

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #27-08/01/2022**  
**Approve Summer**  
**Work Hours**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following staff for 2022 summer work hours for facilitating Lansingburgh Academy classes:

Teacher	Hours	Class Facilitated
Lori Filarecki	5 hrs. @ \$25 per hr	Shifting the Balance Book Study
Jessica Dusenberry	5 hrs. @ \$25 per hr	Shifting the Balance Book Study
Ashley Snyder	4 hrs. @ \$25 per hr	Uncovering Student Ideas in Science Series Book Study

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #28-08/01/2022**  
**Approve Summer**  
**Hours for Third**  
**Grade Orientation**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following staff for 2 summer hours for the purpose of Third Grade Orientation at the hourly rate of \$25.00:

Jason Blackmur	Erin Blair
Alyssa Cohen	Emma Closson
Robin Delaney	Meghan D’Adamo
Kimberly Ellison	Michelle Foster
Dave Hamilton	Elizabeth Hanna
Samantha Hunter	Mary Haydock
Megan Hupfl	Kelly Juliano
Kimberly LaJoy	Stephanie Martinelli
Gary Pascucci	Devon Schwartz
Darlene Walzer	Melissa Watts
Emily Wild	Olivia Williams
TBD – Challenge	TBD - 3rd Grade

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

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Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following staff for 2 summer hours for the purpose of Third Grade Orientation at their current hourly rate:

Joann Nitz  
Christopher Eaton  
Shelly Snyder  
Linda Lockrow  
Jamie Byrne

Julie Allen  
Marydalia Coriano  
Camryn Mesick  
Jennifer Lastrup

**RESO #29-08/01/2022**  
**Approve Summer**  
**Hours for Third**  
**Grade Orientation**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves payment of a \$1,000 stipend for Martha Flacke, Speech and Language Pathologist, for teacher mentoring services provided during the 2021-2022 school year.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

**RESO #30-08/01/2022**  
**Approve Stipend**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

**PERSONNEL – Non-**  
**Instructional**

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves up to 46.5 days of Supplementary Sick Leave for Robert Mikucki, Custodial Worker, in accordance with the terms of Article VI of the CSEA Non-Instructional Unit contract.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

**RESO #31-08/01/2022**  
**Approve**  
**Supplementary Sick**  
**Leave**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the 2022-2023 District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP).

Second: Mr. Fairhurst

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

**RESO #32-08/01/2022**  
**Accept Donations**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #33-08/01/2022**  
**Approve SCEP**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the 2022-2023 School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) for Knickerbacker Middle School.

Second: Mrs. Fairhurst

Ayes - 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #34-08/01/2022**  
**Approve PLP**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the 2022-2023 Professional Learning Plan.

Second: Mrs. Fairhurst

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #35-08/01/2022**  
**Approve Transfer of Funds**

RESOLVED, the Board approves the transfer of funds from the Lansingburgh Scholarship Fund to the LCSD Education Foundation in the amount of \$9,130.86 and that such funds be used to provide scholarships and other activities.

Second: Mrs. Fairhurst

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #36-08/01/2022**  
**Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 7:06 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: Mrs. Fairhurst

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Return to regular session at 8:38 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #37-08/01/2022**  
**Adjourn**

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 8:38 p.m.

Second: Mrs. Fairhurst

Ayes – 7      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Antonio W. Abitabile  
Clerk Pro Tem