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**Lansingburgh Central School District  
Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, June 20, 2023  
Turnpike Elementary School - Cafeteria**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Michael Cusack at 6:02 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Others present include Lindsey Gibson (on behalf of the LTA), Adam South, Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There were 7 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.*

Adam South introduced Jon Morse, Vice President of the Pleasantdale Rod & Gun Club who sponsor our Trap Team. The team goes through about \$10,000 in ammunition during the season. Fifty percent of our fundraising goes through Jon. As a special thanks, three students from the Trap Team presented Jon with a banner.

**VISITORS  
ADDRESS THE  
BOARD**

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #1-06/20/2023  
Approve Meeting  
Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the meeting agenda for June 20, 2023, striking item IX.3.e. as the approval is included in item IX.3.i. with the proper funding.

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously



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Motion by Mr. Spear :

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Rachel Richmond, English Teacher at Lansingburgh High School, effective August 17, 2023.

**RESO #5-06/20/2023  
Accept Resignation –  
Rachel Richmond**

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear :

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Kristin Komazenski, Elementary Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective June 23, 2023.

**RESO #6-06/20/2023  
Accept Resignation –  
Kristin Komazenski**

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear :

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Jo Anne Marcario, Teaching Assistant at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective June 23, 2023.

**RESO #7-06/20/2023  
Accept Resignation –  
Jo Anne Marcario**

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear :

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

**RESO #8-06/20/2023  
Appoint Teaching  
Assistant – Randy  
Jefferson, Jr.**

Commencement of Service – June 5, 2023  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – June 4, 2027  
Certification Status – Uncertified  
Salary: Step 5 - \$19.77

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. Spear :

**RESO #9-06/20/2023  
Appoint Summer  
School Staff**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following 2023 Summer School Staff with a stipend of \$3,800 plus one sick day from the School Improvement Grant:

Fred Cole

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear :

**RESO #10-06/20/2023  
Appoint PE  
Enrichment Club  
Advisor – Samantha  
Kelso**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Samantha Kelso as PE Enrichment Club Advisor for the 2022-2023 school year with a stipend of \$1,000 from the Title IV Grant.

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear :

**RESO #11-06/20/2023  
Appoint Just Run  
Coaches**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following staff as RPES Just Run coaches for one hour per week at the rate of \$30 per hour:

Kelly Juliano      Emily LaBella      Robert White  
Michelle Foster      Melissa Watts

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear :

**RESO #12-06/20/2023  
Appoint Education  
Liaison – Colleen Buff**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Colleen Buff as Educational Liaison for the 2022-2023 school year with a stipend of \$5,000 from the 21st Century Grant.

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear :

**RESO #13-06/20/2023  
Approve Unpaid  
Leave – Emily Burns**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the request of Emily Burns, Elementary



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Motion by Mr. Spear :

**RESO #17-06/20/2023**  
**Approve Summer**  
**Hours / Days for**  
**Curriculum**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves summer hours/days for the following staff members for the purpose of curriculum work:

Building	Staff	Purpose	# Days	Rate	Funding Source
District	Cathleen Peter Derek Shuttleworth Elizabeth Wing	Take a Look Teaching Grant	1/2	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
District	Lisa Dillman Mary Legnard Jessica Takacs	Tier 2 Placements for PT	up to 2 days	at daily rate	Title I
District	Kelly Fonda Ewing	Tier 1 and 2 Placements for OT / OT Schedules	1 day	\$30/hour	Title I
District	Kaley Green Heather Huttner Claudia Payton Gretchen Murphy	Tier 1 and 2 Placements for OT / OT Schedules	1 day	at daily rate	Title I
District	Trista Bugbee James Hoteling Mindy Rose Nick Foglia	Behavior Managment Strategies and Techniques and Social/Emotional Curriculum, contract with Dr. Brock	up to 2	\$30/hour	Title I
District	Marydalia Coriano Danielle Koetzner Nikki Santiaho Serena Gates Britney Dolan Kristie Keary Devan Miller Anthony Emanuel Suzette Wood	Behavior Managment Strategies and Techniques and Social/Emotional Curriculum, contract with Dr. Brock	2	TA hourly rate	Title I
District	Mary Legnard Claudia Payton Kelly Fonda Ewing Jessica Tackas	Behavior Managment Strategies and Techniques and Social/Emotional Curriculum, contract with Dr. Brock	1	at daily rate	Title I
KMS	Dallas Foard Reanna Terano	KMS Trauma Sensitive Schools	2 hours	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
KMS	Dean Rospo Audra Colliton	8th grade Science Curriculum Writing	2	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
KMS	Kerry Wania Renee McDonald	6th grade Science Assessment Writing	1	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
KMS	April Kilmer Jess Bouchard Monica Jerry Haylie Szemplinski Brittany Bodmer Shane Gillette Rachel Walkuski Dante Rodriguez	ELA- curriculum writing	2	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
KMS	Camille Amodeo Andrew Ferris Cat Stockton	SS- writing PD	1	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
KMS	Jill Anderson Jeff Nadeau Steve Caruso	math curriculum writing	2	\$30/hour	SIG Grant

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	Cortlandt Tisch Brooke Miller				
KMS	Audra Colliton Hannah Tryon Jill Anderson Jeff Nadeau Bethany Spencer James Gordon Cat Stockton Rachel Walkuski Jess Bouchard Haylie Szemplinski	Data PD	2	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
KMS	April Kilmer	Just Words Training	1	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
KMS	April Kilmer Cortlandt Tisch Karryn Bohley Jessica Bouchard	AIS PD	1	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
KMS	Ed Classen Patrick Amyot Jamie Komoroske Molly Fryer Elizabeth Wing Cortlandt Tisch Karryn Bohley	Eureka Squared Training	2	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
LHS	Christina Penman Samuel Tanner Jennifer Gardy	Liz Mirra Science Curriculum Work with Living Environment Teachers	1	\$30/hour	Title I
LHS	Ashley Snyder New Earth Science	Liz Mirra Science Curriculum Work with Earth Science Teachers	1	\$30/hour	Title I
LHS	Kyle Dalton	Civics Courses HVCC Curriculum Work	2.5	\$30/hour	Title I
LHS	Patrick Wilson	Economics Course HVCC Curriculum Work	2	\$30/hour	Title I
LHS	Jenna Tyler Katherine Rice	Algebra I Flipped Classroom Curriculum Work	up to 4 days	\$30/hour	Title I
LHS	Patricia Dyer	Siena College Computer Science Summer Program	4	\$30/hour	Title I
LHS	Justine Fazziola Dana Mahoney Regina Felio Ashley Snyder Jenna Tyler	Handbook Revise/Discipline Policies Committee Work	3	\$30/hour	Title I
RPES	Jeri Simson	DLL Curriculum	10	\$30/hour	Title I
RPES	Kelly Juliano Robin Delaney Kim Ellison Kim Lajoy	RPES AIS Reading & Math	2	\$30/Hour	Title I
RPES	Jamie Byrne	RPES AIS Reading & Math	2	TA hourly rate	Title I
RPES	Colleen Moak	RPES AIS Reading & Math	1	TA hourly rate	Title I
RPES	Kelly Juliano Theresa Eckler Colleen Marro Caitlin Garitty	3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Reading Units & Patterns of Power	2	\$30/Hour	Title I

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RPES	Dave Hamilton Olivia Williams Meghan D'Adamo Megan Hupfl Darlene Walzer Annette Hopkins Peter Allen Rachael Barber Tracey Lilkas DelMarie Moore Caitlin Garrity Adam Gregoire Joe Roman Kerry Figiel Kristen Pasinella Carrie Koenigsberg Erika Wittmann Emily Teragliafera	Eureka2 Teach Summer Session	1	\$30/Hour	Title I
RPES	Kennedy Teta - TA Colleen Moak - TA Jamie Byrne - TA	Eureka2 Teach Summer Session	1	TA hourly rate	Title I
RPES	Dave Hamilton Kerry Figiel Emily LaBella Meghan D'Adamo	Report Card Committee-FAQ's and Guide for parents	2	\$30/Hour	Title I
RPES	Melissa Watts Alyssa Cohen Emily LaBella Cassidy Smith	RPES SEL	1	\$30/Hour	Title I
RPES	Melissa Watts Alyssa Cohen Meghan Greene Michelle Foster Alejandro Williams Emily Labella	RPES Char. Ed	1	\$30/Hour	Title I
RPES/ KMS	Olivia Williams Annette Hopkins Elizabeth Jamison	SS/ELA Curriculum prioritize lessons	2	\$30/Hour	Title I
SpEd	Melissa Macaluso Emily LaBella Briana Brady Emily Ascioti Daniella Micallef	Self-Contained Skills Curriculum Mapping	2	\$30/Hour	Title I
TES	Ashley Burke Maryanne DeNault Staci Fisher Jill Flannery Maggie Higgins Lynne Miles Kaitlin Speta Megan Nolan	Kindergarten Reading UoS Curriculum Work	2	\$30/hour	Title I
TES	Katie Kuykendall	Kindergarten Reading UoS Curriculum Work	1	\$30/hour	Title I
TES	Natalie Russo Jodi McNutt Angela Herba	Grade 1 Shared Reading Curriculum Work	2	\$30/hour	Title I
TES	Ashley Burke Maryanne DeNault Staci Fisher Jill Flannery Maggie Higgins Lynne Miles Kaitlin Speta	Kindergarten Math Curriculum Work	2	\$30/hour	Title I
TES	Katie Kuykendall Megan Nolan	Kindergarten Math Curriculum Work	1	\$30/hour	Title I

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TES	Maureen McLoughlin Amanda Squires Amy Brooks Jaime Cavanaugh Madison Wolfe Abby Rock	Grade 2 Math Curriculum Work	1	\$30/hour	Title I
TES	Madison Wolfe Lindsey Hoose Jaime Cavanaugh	Grade 2 UoS Reading Curriculum Work	2	\$30/hour	Title I
TES	Amanda Squires	Grade 2 UoS Reading Curriculum Work	1	\$30/hour	Title I
TES	Sue Weiss Maggie McLaughlin Stacey Paolino Samantha Mahoney Denise Mooney	UPK Math Curriculum Work	4	\$30/hour	UPK and SUFDPK
TES	Jennifer Ravalli	UPK Math Curriculum Work	3	\$30/ hour	UPK and SUFDPK
TES	Natalie Russo Jamie Chiesa Jodi McNutt Colleen Sutton	Grade 1 Math Curriculum Work	2	\$30/hour	Title I
TES	Kelly Borden	Art Curriculum Work	5	\$30/hour	Title I
TES	Christina Tsuvanyk	DLL Curriculum	10	\$30/hour	Title I
TES	Trista Bugbee Sara Plummer	Redesign of SEL classroom	2	\$30/hour	Title I
TES	Kristin Griswold Louise Sullivan	Redesign of SEL classroom	2	Hourly rate	Title I
TES	Maggie McLaughlin Denise Mooney Jennifer Ravalli Samantha Mahoney Stacey Paolino Susan Weiss	Eureka Squared Training	1	\$30/hour	UPK and SUFDPK
TES/ RPES/ KMS	Cassidy Hayes Elizabeth Thorpe Belinda MacKay Maureen McLoughlin Nancy Bechand Jamie Cavanaugh Elizabeth Anderson Jamie Desso Emily Tergliafera Anna Zibro	SpEd Intergrated Co-Teaching with Melissa Macaluso	1	\$30/Hour	Title I

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	Bianca Covello Lynne Miles Maryanne Denault Kaitlyn Speta Katie Kuykendall Jill Flannery Maggie Higgins Megan Nolan Staci Fisher Ashley Burke Natalie Russo Jamie Chiesa Angela Herba Nicole Ferraro Jodi McNutt Elizabeth Thorpe Emily Burns Jaie Desso Cassidy Hayes Colleen Sutton Elizabeth Anderson Amy Brooks Madison Wolfe Maureen McLoughlin Belinda Mackay Nancy Bechand Amanda Squires 2nd Grade TBD AIS Math TBD	Eureka2 Teach Summer Session	1	\$30/Hour	Title I
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Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

**PERSONNEL –  
NON-  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mr. Spear :

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of John Thomas, Building Maintenance Mechanic at Lansingburgh High School, for the purpose of retirement effective June 23, 2023.

**RESO #18-06/20/2023  
Accept Retirement –  
John Thomas**

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously









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Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #34-06/20/2023**  
**Approve First**  
**Reading of Policies**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the first reading of the following revised policies:

- 0115 – Sexual Harassment and Bullying Prevention
- 0120 – Formal Title IX Complaint Procedure
- 0120-E – Formal Title IX Complaint Procedure Exhibit
- 4321.5 Confidentiality and Access to IEPs
- 5151 – Homeless Children
- 5151-R – Homeless Children Regulation
- 6700 – Purchasing
- 6700-R – Purchasing Regulation
- 8140 – Unsafe School Transfer Choice
- 9521 – Managerial Confidential Employee Benefits

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #35-06/20/2023**  
**Authorize Disposal of**  
**Assets**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to dispose of the following assets:

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Asset</u>	<u>HD?</u>
Brother	Printer	HL-L2380DW	210262	-
Toshiba	Laptop Computer	L-50B	8E095958C	W
Toshiba	Laptop Computer	L-50B	8E096014C	W
Toshiba	Laptop Computer	L-50B	8E096018C	W
HP	Laptop Computer	4530S	CNU12618KD	W
Toshiba	Laptop Computer	L-50B	211325	W
Toshiba	Laptop Computer	L-50B	212869	W
Toshiba	Laptop Computer	L-50B	210086	W
Toshiba	Laptop Computer	L-50B	215788	W
Toshiba	Laptop Computer	L-50B	210891	W
Toshiba	Laptop Computer	L-50B	215500	W
Toshiba	Laptop Computer	L-50B	210305	W

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HP	Desktop Computer	6200	212042	R
HP	Desktop Computer	6200	212069	R
HP	Desktop Computer	6200	212119	R
HP	Desktop Computer	6200	212027	R
HP	Desktop Computer	6200	212081	R
HP	Desktop Computer	6200	212052	R
Smart	Document Camera	280	201524	-
Smart	Document Camera	280	201541	-
Sony	Projector	VPL-ES7	201446	-
Toshiba	Laptop Computer	L-50B	8E096036C	W
HP	Laptop Computer	4150s	CNU0123Q1D	W

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby establishes July 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for the Annual Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Education. This meeting will be held in the LGI at Turnpike Elementary School.

**RESO #36-06/20/2023**  
**Establish**  
**Reorganizational**  
**Meeting Date/Time**

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Mr. Cusack stated he does not want anyone to nominate him for President of the Board of Education for the next school year. He feels he cannot commit the time to do the job properly due to a recent change in his employment.

Motion by Mr. Spear:

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law, Section 6-p, permits the establishment of a Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability, by resolution of the Board of Education, for the payment of any accrued employee benefits due to employees upon termination of service; and

**RESO #37-06/20/2023**  
**Increase Employee**  
**Benefit Accrued**  
**Liability Reserve**

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education authorized the establishment of a Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability on May 23, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District hereby authorizes and directs the District Treasurer to fund the Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability in the amount of \$418,536.31, an increase of \$1,526.69 as permitted under Section 6-p of General Municipal Law.

Second: Mr. Zakrzewski

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #38-06/20/2023**  
**Increase Repair**  
**Reserve**

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law, Section 6-r permits the establishment of a Repair Reserve Fund, by resolution of the Board of Education, to fund certain repairs to capital improvements or equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education authorized the Repair Reserve Fund on May 26, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District hereby authorizes and directs the District Treasurer to fund the Repair Reserve in the amount of \$775,607.78, an increase of \$2,849.89, as permitted under Section 6-r of General Municipal Law.

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #39-06/20/2023**  
**Increase Retirement**  
**Contribution Reserve**

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law, Section 6-r permits the establishment of a Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund, by resolution of the Board of Education, to fund employer retirement contributions, payable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS),

WHEREAS, the Board of Education authorized the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund on May 23, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District hereby authorizes and directs the District Treasurer to fund the Retirement Contribution Reserve in the amount of \$512,311.65,

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an increase of \$4,506.53, as permitted under Section 6-r of General Municipal Law.

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #40-06/20/2023**  
**Increase Tax**  
**Certiorari Reserve**

WHEREAS, Education Law, Section 3651 1a, permits the establishment of a Tax Certiorari Reserve, by resolution of the Board of Education, to pay for assessment challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education authorized the establishment of a Tax Certiorari Reserve on June 21, 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District hereby authorizes and directs the District Treasurer fund a Tax Certiorari Reserve in the amount of \$764,904.77 an increase of \$2,790.17, as permitted under Section 3651 1a of Education Law.

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #41-06/20/2023**  
**Increase Workers**  
**Compensation**  
**Reserve**

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law, Section 6-j, permits the establishment of a Workers' Compensation Reserve, by resolution of the Board of Education, to pay for compensation benefits and other expenses authorized by Article 2 of the Worker's Compensation Law, and for payment of the expenses of administering a self-insured program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education authorized the establishment of a Workers' Compensation Reserve on May 23, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District hereby authorizes and directs the District Treasurer fund a Workers' Compensation Reserve in the amount of \$207,816.38, an increase of \$758.07, as permitted under Section 6-j of General Municipal Law.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #42-06/20/2023  
Increase Retirement  
Contribution Reserve**

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law, Section 6-r , as amended by Chapter 59, Laws of 2019 permits the establishment of a Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund, by resolution of the Board of Education, to fund employer retirement contributions, payable to the New York State Teacher Retirement System (TRS); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education authorized the Retirement Contribution Reserve TRS Sub-Fund on May 29, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District hereby authorizes and directs the District Treasurer to fund the Retirement Contribution Reserve up to the amount of \$420,500.00, as permitted under Section 6-r of General Municipal Law.

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Vartigian:

**RESO #43-06/20/2023  
Increase Repair  
Reserve**

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law, Section 6-d, permits the establishment of a special fund which shall be known as the Repair Reserve Fund, by resolution of the Board of Education, to be paid into such fund an amount as may be provided therefore by budgetary appropriation or such revenues as are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education held a Proposition Vote on the Repair Reserve Fund Establishment and Funding, on May 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Public Voted in favor of the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education authorized the establishment of a Repair Reserve Fund on May 26, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lansingburgh Central School District hereby authorizes and directs the District Treasurer fund a Repair Fund Reserve up to the amount of \$220,000.00 as permitted under Section 6-j of General Municipal Law.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously



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We wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about an exciting change in our elementary school that will affect the elementary academic calendar! Starting in the 2023-2024 academic year, Turnpike Elementary and Rensselaer Park Elementary School will transition from a quarter to a trimester system. We believe this change will bring some great benefits to our students and improve their learning experience. We would like to explain the reasons behind this change and how it will positively impact your child's education:

1. **Increased Instructional Time**-The trimester system allows for more extended instructional periods, compared to the previous quarter system. With three trimesters, we can allocate more time for teaching and learning within each term. This additional time will enable teachers to delve deeper into the curriculum, provide more in-depth instruction and engage students in meaningful activities.
2. **Comprehensive Assessment and Feedback**-With quarters, the time between grading periods was relatively short, making it challenging to provide extensive feedback on students' progress. By transitioning to trimesters, teachers will have more time to assess student performance thoroughly. This will allow them to provide detailed feedback, identify areas of strength and improvement, and tailor instruction to meet individual needs effectively.
3. **Addition of a brand new special area class**-The trimester system allows us to add a new special area, Digital Learning Lab. This course will be future-focused and prepare students for the evolving world. It will use an interdisciplinary approach to emphasize critical thinking, problem-solving and digital literacy skills throughout their elementary school experience. Students will participate in a wide range of activities, from STEM challenges to passion projects.

Click here for an [FAQ](#) further explaining trimesters, their benefits, and how this will affect the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Thank you for trusting us with your child's education. We're very excited about this change and all the positive things it will bring!

The Eureka Squared professional development day went well in May. We will continue with this PD at the Superintendent's Conference Day scheduled in September.

Summer School numbers are as follows:

Kdg. 27 students  
Gr. 1 24 students  
Gr. 2 26 students

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- Gr. 3 16 students / 2 sections
- Gr. 4 17 students / 2 sections
- Gr. 5 23 students / 2 sections
- Gr. 6 13 students
- Gr. 7 21 students
- Gr. 8 32 students

By Dr. Abitabile:

## Superintendent Report

To help bridge the gap, Hudson Valley Community College plans to build a brand new, state-of-the-art workforce training center: the Applied Technology Education Center (ATEC). Last week, I had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Roger Ramsammy speak about it last week.

*The Hudson Valley Community College Foundation has established an ATEC campaign committee, comprised of industry partners and longtime faculty, with the goal of raising \$85 million for the construction and equipment required to create ATEC.*

*ATEC, will be a new facility filled with modern equipment, the newest machine tools and the latest technology, is the key to allowing Hudson Valley to increase enrollment, launch new programs and train the next generation of workers who will power these essential industries.*

*New York State is experiencing a severe skilled labor shortage. Right now, there are an estimated 17 million unfilled skilled trades and technology-related jobs in New York State. Baby Boomers, many with skilled labor jobs, will continue to retire at the rapid rate of nearly 10,000 per day between now and 2030. And by 2024, nearly half of all job openings will be “middle-skill” jobs that require education beyond high school, but not a bachelor’s degree.*

*The Capital Region and New York State are facing a severe hiring shortage and rapidly rising demand for electricians; HVAC technicians; mechatronics technicians; plumbers and pipefitters; welders and welding fabricators; electric and autonomous vehicle technicians; etc.<sup>i</sup>*

ATEC will allow Hudson Valley to expand current programs and create new ones that address these areas of need and train a skilled technical workforce for the new economy. I want Lansingburgh to be a part of this.

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Discussion with Knick Park is scheduled for Friday. They have no summer program for kids in Troy. They are anxious to meet to try to put some sort of program together for this summer.

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Update on the Capital Project:

- The paving at Rensselaer Park was supposed to be done yesterday. It was done today.
- The art and music rooms have been cleaned out.
- The work on the track is halfway done. It should be complete in about a week.

Teacher Retention:

- In 2020 we had 7 teachers resign in May/June and 1 teacher resign in August.
- In 2021 we had 9 teachers resign in May/June and 3 teachers resign in August.
- In 2022 we had 9 teachers resign in May/June and 7 teachers resign in August.
- In 2023 we had 7 teachers resign in May/June. We hope to not lose any others over the summer.
- Exit interviews are being conducted.
- It is our hope that the new salary schedule in the latest teacher contract will help with teacher retention.

Graduation of the Class of 2023 is scheduled for Friday at 6pm.

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 6:46 p.m.

**RESO #46-06/20/2023**  
**Adjourn**

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams  
Clerk to the Board of Education

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.hvcc.edu/about/projects/atec/index.html>