

**Lansingburgh Central School District  
Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, August 23, 2021  
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, Daniella Richards, Tina Rysedorph, Jason Shover, James Spear, and Jeffrey White were present.

**ROLL CALL**

Others present include Lindsey Gibson (on behalf of the LTA), Matthew Van Dervoort, Linda Klime, Lisa Kyer, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There were 9 others present.

A graduation ceremony was held for Ryan McPherson, Class of 2021.

**GRADUATION**

The interviews will take place after the consent agenda items have been approved.

**INTERVIEWS**

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #1-08/23/2021  
Approve Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the revised agenda for this evening’s meeting.

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8          Nays – 0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #2-08/23/2021  
Approve Minutes**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 8, 2021, striking resolution #57 and the revised minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 21, 2021, amending resolution #18 to correct the hourly rate to the contractual amount of \$25 for instructional staff summer work.

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8          Nays – 0

**PERSONNEL –  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Donna Kowalczyk, Reading Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2022, in accordance with the terms of the LTA Contract.

**RESO #3-08/23/2021  
Accept Resignation –  
Donna Kowalczyk**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Vincent Pruchnick, Teaching Assistant at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective June 25, 2021.

**RESO #4-08/23/2021  
Accept Resignation –  
Vincent Pruchnick**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Ericka Darling, School Psychologist at Turnpike Elementary School, effective August 10, 2021.

**RESO #5-08/23/2021  
Accept Resignation –  
Ericka Darling**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Lindsey Winterbourne, Elementary Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective August 10, 2021.

**RESO #6-08/23/2021  
Accept Resignation –  
Lindsey Winterbourne**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #7-08/23/2021  
Correct Appointment  
– Kerry McKeown**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board corrects the appointment of Kerry McKeown 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:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021	
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2025	
Certification Status – Childhood Education Grs. 1-6, Initial	
Salary - Step 1	\$44,227
Grad Credits 12	<u>500</u>
	\$44,727

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #8-08/23/2021  
Appoint English  
Teacher – Rachel  
Walkuski**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Rachel Walkuski 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, 2021	
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2024	
One-year of Jarema Credit awarded	
Certification Status – English Language Arts 7-12, Initial SWD Grades 7-12 Generalist, Initial ESOL, Initial	
Salary - Step 6(A)	\$44,321
Masters	450
Grad Credits 30	<u>1,250</u>
	\$46,021

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #9-08/23/2021  
Appoint School  
Counselor – Alyssa  
Cohen**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Alyssa Cohen to a probationary position at Rensselaer Park Elementary School in the tenure area of

School Counselor, 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, 2021  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2025  
Certification Status – School Counselor, Provisional  
Salary – Step 2           \$44,734  
Masters                    450  
Grad Credits 48           2,000  
                                  \$47,184

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8           Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Diane Haner to a probationary position at Knickerbacker Middle 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:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2025  
Certification Status – Teaching Assistant, Level I, pending  
Salary – Step 4 / \$17.74 per hour

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8           Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Arianna DeNault 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:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2025  
Certification Status – Childhood Grades 1-6, Emergency COVID  
                                  SWD Grades 1-6, Emergency COVID  
Salary – Step 9 / \$21.58 per hour

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8           Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

**RESO #10-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint Teaching**  
**Assistant – Diane**  
**Haner**

**RESO #11-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint Teaching**  
**Assistant – Arianna**  
**DeNault**

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #12-08/23/2021  
Appoint Long-Term  
Substitute Teacher –  
Brandon Nugent**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Brandon Nugent to a long-term substitute teaching assignment at Turnpike Elementary School to fill the position currently held by Carrie Rath, 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 – August 25, 2021  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – October 31, 2021  
Certification Status – Physical Education K-12, Initial – pending  
Daily Rate – 1/200<sup>th</sup> of Step 1

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #13-08/23/2021  
Appoint Coaches**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following coaches for the 2021-2022 school year, with stipends in accordance with the LTA Contract:

McKenzie LeVan      JV Girls Volleyball Coach  
Brandon Nugent      Modified Cross Country Coach  
Johnathan Breton      Modified Boys Soccer Coach

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #14-08/23/2021  
Approve Summer  
Hours**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves summer hours for the following staff members:

RPES Foundations	Emma Closson Kerry McKeown Elizabeth Hanna Caitlyn Garrity Dana Parker Delmarie Moore	5 hours per Teacher  \$25 per hour	ARP
AIS Co-Teaching PD	Karryn Bohley Julia Ciaccio Cortlandt Tisch	2 hours each  \$25 per hour	SIG Grant
LCSD New Teacher Mentor	Michelle Foster	Up to 10 hours	Title II

		\$25 per hour	
RPES Ally Program Training	Ashley Giaquinto	5 hours \$25 per hour	ARP
Lansingburgh Academy Prep Time	Maggie Higgins - Number Routines in the Primary Classroom Christina Huttner - Satisfying & Sensational Stations Cathleen Peter - Hyperdocs Catherine Stockton - Mini Genius Hour Inquiry Projects Maureen Mahoney - STEAM Integration in the Primary Grades Samantha Brown - STEAM Integration in the Primary Grades Nicole Collard - Pixel Art Lindsey Gibson - Buncee	5 hours \$25 per hour	Title II
Lansingburgh Academy Prep Time	Lindsey Gibson - Google Sheets Lindsey Gibson - Assistive Technology	4 hours \$25 per hour	Title II
Lansingburgh Academy Prep Time	Lisa Langlois - LGBTQ-U Nicole Collard - Digital Puzzles	3 hours \$25 per hour	Title II
Lansingburgh Academy Prep Time	Theresa Eckler - ClassTag	1 hour \$25 per hour	Title II

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves 2 summer hours at the hourly rate of \$25.00 for the purpose of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Orientation for the following instructional employees:

Jason Blackmur  
Erin Blair  
Meghan D’Adamo  
Michelle Foster  
Dave Hamilton  
Elizabeth Hanna  
Mary Haydock

Devon Schwartz  
Rachel Venditti  
Darlene Walzer  
Melissa Watts  
Stephanie Whalen  
Emily Wild  
Erin Fish

**RESO #15-08/23/2021**  
**Approve Summer**  
**Hours**

Megan Hupfl  
Kerry McKeown

Joann Nitz  
Jamie Byrne

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #16-08/23/2021**  
**Approve Summer**  
**Hours**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves 2 summer hours at the hourly rate of \$25.00 for the purpose of Pre-K Orientation for the following instructional employees:

Samantha Mahoney	Maggie Higgins	Kaitlin Speta
Stacey Paolino	Bianca Covello	Fane, Aliza
Sue Weiss	Sabrina Hammonds	Sara Plummer
Jen Ravalli	Nolan, Megan	Ashley Burke
Denise Mooney	Flannery, Jill	Emily Ascoti
Maggie McLaughlin	Lynne Miles	Chris Miron
Michelle McLaughlin	Maryanne Denault	Samantha Kulzer

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #17-08/23/2021**  
**Approve Summer**  
**Hours**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves 2 summer hours (at her current hourly rate) for school nurse Reene McGreevey, for the purpose of Pre-K Orientation.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #18-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint New Teacher**  
**Mentor**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Michelle Foster as a New Teacher Mentor with a stipend paid from the Title II grant in the amount of \$2,000.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #19-08/23/2021**  
**Approve Sixth Class**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves Melissa Cox for a sixth class for the 2021-2022 school year, with compensation as per the LTA Contract.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #20-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint KMS**  
**Afterschool**  
**Supervisors**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following Teaching Assistants to supervise the KMS Afterschool Program:

Kathleen Eaton: M-F from 2-5pm at contractual hourly rate  
Diane Murray: M-F from 2-5pm at contractual hourly rate

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #21-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint Substitute**  
**Teacher**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following substitute teacher for the 2021-2022 school year:

Stephanie Cronk

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #22-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint Reading**  
**Teacher – Mikhaila**  
**Ackerbauer**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Mikhaila Ackerbauer to a probationary position at Knickerbacker Middle 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:

Commencement of Service –	September 1, 2021
Expiration of Probationary Appointment –	August 31, 2025
Certification Status –	Literacy Birth-Gr. 6, Initial – Pending
	Childhood Education Grs. 1-6, Initial
	Early Childhood Birth-Gr.2, Initial
Salary - Step 3	\$45,242
Masters	450
Grad Credits 33	<u>1,375</u>
	\$47,067

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0



Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #23-08/23/2021  
Appoint Reading  
Teacher – Kellsey  
Rounds**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Kellsey Rounds to a probationary position at Rensselaer Park 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:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021	
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2025	
Certification Status – Literacy Birth-Gr. 6, Initial – Pending	
Early Childhood Birth-Gr.2, Initial	
Salary - Step 1	\$44,227
Masters	450
Grad Credits 30	<u>1,250</u>
	\$45,927

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #24-08/23/2021  
Appoint Elementary  
Teacher – Erin Fish**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Erin Fish to a probationary position at Rensselaer Park School in the tenure area of Elementary, 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, 2021	
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2025	
Certification Status – Childhood Education Grs. 1-6, Initial	
Early Childhood Birth-Gr.2, Initial	
Literacy Birth-Gr. 6, Initial – Initial	
SWD Grades 1-6, Initial	
SWD Birth-Grade 2, Initial	
Salary - Step 3	\$45,242
Masters	450
Grad Credits 30	<u>1,250</u>
	\$46,942

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #25-08/23/2021  
Approve Summer  
Work Days**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves 5 summer work days for Edda Sacco, School Counselor, for the purpose of transitioning to Knickerbacker Middle School.

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

**PERSONNEL – NON-  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #26-08/23/2021  
Accept Resignation –  
Elaine McHargue**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Elaine McHargue, breakfast supervisor at Knickerbacker Middle School, effective August 22, 2021.

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #27-08/23/2021  
Appoint Teacher Aides**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board permanently appoints the following teacher aides:

Patricia Bishop  
Safiya Cole  
Kelli Gentbner  
Leslie Klein-Foster  
Karen LaFore

Joann McMahon  
Kathleen O’Melia  
Kelly Patricelli  
Elsie Ray

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #28-08/23/2021  
Appoint 12-Month  
Typist – Michelle  
Canning**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Michelle Canning as a 12-month typist at the District Office with terms in accordance with the CSEA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service: August 23, 2021  
Step 1 - \$19.56 per hour / 7.5 hour workday / 12 months

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints William Bowles, Jr. as a Senior Security Monitor at Lansingburgh High School with compensation and benefits as per the CSEA Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – August 31, 2021  
Probationary Period: 08/31/2021 – 02/28/2022  
Salary – Step 1 / \$22.39 per hour

**RESO #29-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint Senior**  
**Security Monitor –**  
**William Bowles**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Ashley Bouchey as a district-wide Teacher Aide with compensation and benefits as per the CSEA Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021  
Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 02/28/2022  
Salary – Step 1 / \$17.07 per hour

**RESO #30-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint Teacher Aide**  
**– Ashley Bouchey**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Patricia Barrett as a district-wide Teacher Aide with compensation and benefits as per the CSEA Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021  
Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 02/28/2022  
Salary – Step 1 / \$17.07 per hour

**RESO #31-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint Teacher Aide**  
**– Patricia Barrett**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Kayla Rooney as a district-wide Teacher Aide with compensation and benefits as per the CSEA Contract as set forth below:

**RESO #32-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint Teacher Aide**  
**– Kayla Rooney**

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021  
Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 02/28/2022  
Salary – Step 1 / \$17.07 per hour

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Hannah Labrozzi as a district-wide Teacher Aide with compensation and benefits as per the CSEA Contract as set forth below:

**RESO #33-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint Teacher Aide**  
**– Hannah Labrozzi**

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021  
Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 02/28/2022  
Salary – Step 1 / \$17.07 per hour

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Seth Bussing as a district-wide Teacher Aide with compensation and benefits as per the CSEA Contract as set forth below:

**RESO #34-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint Teacher Aide**  
**– Seth Bussing**

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021  
Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 02/28/2022  
Salary – Step 1 / \$17.07 per hour

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Unique Salgado as a district-wide Teacher Aide with compensation and benefits as per the CSEA Contract as set forth below:

**RESO #35-08/23/2021**  
**Appoint Teacher Aide**  
**– Unique Salgado**

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021  
Probationary Period: 09/01/2021 – 02/28/2022  
Salary – Step 1 / \$17.07 per hour

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #36-08/23/2021  
Approve Summer  
Hours**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves 2 summer hours (at their current hourly rate) for the purpose of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Orientation for the following non-instructional employees:

Deb Faraci                      Ashley Simmons

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8              Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #37-08/23/2021  
Appoint Non-  
Instructional  
Substitutes**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following non-instructional substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year:

Kandie Bleau - Custodial

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8              Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #38-08/23/2021  
Appoint Breakfast /  
Noon Aides**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following breakfast/noon aides for the 2021-2022 school year:

Kandie Bleau, TES  
Carol Cooke, TES  
Warren Lansing, TES  
Donna Prepare, TES

Elizabeth Vaughn, KMS

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8              Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #39-08/23/2021  
Approve Job  
Description -  
Transportation  
Coordinator**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the job description of Transportation Coordinator being classified in the CSEA Unit.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8              Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Vito Ciccarelli withdrew his application for candidacy over the weekend. Thomas Zakrzewski was not present at the Board Meeting. Talia Pallozzi was present for the Q&A session with the Board Members. At the conclusion, Mr. Cusack informed Ms. Pallozzi that the Board would make a decision later this evening and she would be notified tomorrow.

## **BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 Internal Auditor's Report and the Corrective Action Plan in response to that report.

#### **RESO #40-08/23/2021 Approve Auditor's Report and CAP**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the 2021-2022 Building Level School Emergency Response Plans for the following schools:

#### **RESO #41-08/23/2021 Approve 2021-2022 Building Level Safety Plans**

Turnpike Elementary School  
Rensselaer Park Elementary School  
Knickerbacker Middle School  
Lansingburgh High School

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

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

#### **RESO #42-08/23/2021 Approve First Reading of Policy Revisions**

- #0001 – Mission Statement
- #1500-E.4 – Athletic Field Fee Schedule
- #1530 – Smoking and other Tobacco Use on School Premises
- #5420-R – Student Health Services Regulation
- #5460-R – Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting – Regulation

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #43-08/23/2021**  
**Authorize**  
**Superintendent to**  
**Appoint staff**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to temporarily appoint staff for the 2021-2022 school year, until formal appointment can be made at the next available meeting of the Board of Education.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #44-**  
**08/23/2021**  
**Establish Tax**  
**Levy**

RESOLVED, the 2021 Tax Levy be established in the amount of \$16,148,318.00, as authorized by the voters at the annual school district meeting held on May 18, 2021; and be it further resolved that the Board of Education affix the tax rate and confirm the extension of taxes as follows:

2021-2022	Assessed	Rate	Levy	Star	Tax Collector
Lansingburgh	\$456,724,438	20.987100	\$ 9,587,236.19	\$1,014,430.11	\$ 8,572,806.08
Brunswick	\$ 35,201,040	75.465000	\$ 2,656,874.87	\$ 243,162.63	\$ 2,413,712.24
Pittstown	\$ 10,419	32.394000	\$ 337.51	\$ 0.00	\$ 337.51
Schaghticoke	\$ 47,320,906	82.441600	<u>\$ 3,903,869.43</u>	<u>\$ 452,888.88</u>	<u>\$ 3,450,980.55</u>
Totals			\$16,148,318.00	\$1,710,481.62	\$14,437,836.38

Tax Collection Dates: September 1, 2021 – October 1, 2021 (No Penalty)  
October 2, 2021 2% will be added  
October 30, 2021 Last Day of Collection

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

There was a brief discussion about the Veterans Tax Exemption. The Superintendent stated that information about the exemption was brought to the Board sometime last year and the Board was in agreement on not adopting the exemption. Mrs. Richards stated she would like to see the information. The Board agreed that they would take another look at it.

**DISCUSSION**

By Mrs. McGrouty:	
Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 18 - BurghU</li> <li>• Offered 20 sessions, with a prek-12 focus</li> </ul>

**ASSISTANT**  
**SUPERINTENDENT**  
**REPORT**

<p>Teacher Apprenticeship Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning a partnership through WSHWE BOCES for a teacher apprenticeship program, called Classroom Academy. This is a two-year teacher preparation program. Candidates for the program have a 4-year undergrad certificate in something other than education.</li> <li>• They are getting their Master's degree in teaching through SUNY Empire, SUNY Plattsburgh, or SAGE</li> <li>• Graduate students will get two-year paid residency placement experience for on-the-job teaching and learning experience</li> <li>• Unlike with traditional student-teacher placements, typically spanning 16 weeks in classrooms, Classroom Academy provides two full academic years of hands-on training to allow prospective teachers to better hit the ground running in their own classrooms once they are hired by a district.</li> <li>• We had a conference call with the program director from WSHWE because she was seeking two last-minute placements in the SS department. Though we are placing two students with two members of our SS department, Leighann Biddle and Catherine Stockton, the Classroom Academy program places students in all content areas, including elementary and special ed.</li> <li>• The attending teachers must be tenured, have a growth mindset, make a two-year commitment, and complete two components of the National Board certification.</li> </ul>
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By Dr. Abitabile:

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- I spoke with Mark Snyder at NYSSBA regarding the Board Retreat. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> with an 8:30 breakfast, 12:00 lunch and will conclude by 1:30 p.m.
- The Administrators Retreat is scheduled for this coming Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- A memo went out to all parents regarding the afterschool program available to families for free. OCFS will be coming in to inspect and sign off on each room to be used.
- We anticipate the new governor, once sworn in, will be issuing a mask mandate.



- BOCES have asked the Department of Health for quarantine protocol so we know the expectations going forward.
- Rensselaer County received funding that will provide each school district in the county a .4 nurse to keep records of screening and reporting that needs to be sent to the County.

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #45-08/23/2021**  
**Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #46-08/23/2021**  
**Adjourn**

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 7:39 p.m.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Christina Williams  
Clerk to the Board of Education