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Lansingburgh Central School District Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Monday, May 23, 2022 Turnpike Elementary School - Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Michael Cusack at 6:07 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, Daniella Richards, Jason Shover, James Spear, and Jeffrey White were present.

ROLL CALL

Others present include Angela Mauriello (on behalf of the LTA), Matthew Van Dervoort, Greg Rashford, Jennifer Nelson, Carrie Phelan, Zach Tacelli, Katie Stalker, Melissa Santarcangelo, Kelly Cataldo, Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There were approximately 75 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. White:

**RESO #1-05/23/2022
Approve Meeting
Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the meeting agenda for May 23, 2022.

Second: Mrs. Fairhurst

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

The Class of 2022 Top 10 academic students were recognized by the Superintendent and the Board of Education. They include:

**CLASS OF 2022
TOP 10 STUDENTS**

- 1. Calvin Welch, *Valedictorian*
- 2. Brianna Holley, *Salutatorian*
- 3. Phelisha Napples, *Honor Graduate*

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4. Olivia Hepp
5. Julianna Lapham
6. Tyina Thomas
7. Emma Dingley
8. Russell Frazee
9. Emma Brookins
10. Andrew Lyman

By Mr. White:

RESO #2-05/23/2022
Grant Tenure –
Zachary Tacelli

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

Zachary Tacelli Effective 07/01/2022 School Building Leader

Second: Ms. Richards Ayes – 8 Nays – 0 Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mr. White:

RESO #3-05/23/2022
Grant Tenure -
Teachers

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education hereby confer tenure upon the following teachers, who have successfully completed the required probationary period:

Christopher Miron Effective 07/01/2022 Special Education, TES
Stephanie Miron Effective 09/01/2022 Special Education, TES
Jamie Desso Effective 09/01/2022 Elementary Ed., TES
Catherine Eldred Effective 09/01/2022 Science Education, LHS
Edda Sacco Effective 09/01/2022 School Counselor, KMS
Nina delPrado Effective 09/01/2022 Art Education, KMS
Caitlin Garrity Effective 09/01/2022 Special Ed., RPES
Justin Peltier Effective 09/01/2022 Health Education, LHS
Lucia Gutierrez Effective 09/01/2022 Foreign Language, LHS
Ashley Giaquinto Effective 09/01/2022 Elementary Ed., RPES

Second: Mrs. Manupella Ayes – 8 Nays – 0 Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mr. Shover:

RESO #4-05/23/2022
Grant Tenure –
Teaching Assistant

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education hereby confer tenure upon the following teaching assistants, who have successfully completed the required probationary period:

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Julie Allen Effective 09/01/2022 Teaching Assistant, RPES

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

The Superintendent and Board of Education recognized each recipient of tenure. A brief pause in the meeting was held at 6:16 p.m. to celebrate their accomplishments.

The meeting resumed at 6:26 p.m.

The presentation this evening is from Greg Rashford and Jennifer Nelson from our Guidance Department.

Guidance Update

Mr. Shover gave an update on behalf of the Audit Committee.

- On target with expenditures
- Attorney's fees are up because of a FOIL request involving the transportation bids. Some redaction was necessary.
- Turnpike Elementary School alarm upgrade - \$43,000
- Supply expenditures are up due to the cost of living increase
- We are renting buses from Durham to cover some of our runs.
- Thanks to all for a successful 2022 Budget Vote
- Some best practices were provided by the Internal Auditors that will be working into policy regulations.

**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

Motion by Mr. White:

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

**RESO #5-05/23/2022
Approve Financial
Reports**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 26, 2022 (with a correction to resolution #10) and a Special Meeting held on May 17, 2022 (modified to include an affidavit ballot).

**RESO #6-05/23/2022
Approve Minutes**

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

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PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Elaine McHargue, Teaching Assistant, for the purpose of retirement effective June 25, 2022, in accordance with the terms of the CSEA Teaching Assistant Unit Contract.

RESO #7-05/23/2022
Accept Retirement –
Elaine McHargue

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Cristina Young, School Nurse, for the purpose of retirement effective June 25, 2022, in accordance with the terms of the CSEA Teaching Assistant Unit Contract.

RESO #8-05/23/2022
Accept Retirement –
Cristina Young

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Lily Ringler, English Teacher at Lansingburgh High School, effective June 24, 2022.

RESO #9-05/23/2022
Accept Resignation –
Lily Ringler

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Valerie Miller, Physical Therapist, effective June 24, 2022.

RESO #10-05/23/2022
Accept Resignation –
Valarie Miller

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Robert Addorisio, English

RESO #11-05/23/2022
Accept Resignation –
Robert Addorisio

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Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School, effective June 30, 2022.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Christina Travis, Elementary Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, effective June 25, 2022.

RESO #12-05/23/2022
Accept Resignation –
Christina Travis

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Nicolas Van Vorst, Physical Education Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, effective June 24, 2022.

RESO #13-05/23/2022
Accept Resignation –
Nicolas Van Vorst

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Jodi Cataldo, Elementary Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, effective June 24, 2022.

RESO #14-05/23/2022
Accept Resignation –
Jodi Cataldo

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Rachel Richmond as a long-term substitute teacher at Lansingburgh High School, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

RESO #15-05/23/2022
Appoint Long-Term
Substitute Teacher –
Rachel Richmond

Commencement of Service – May 9, 2022

Expiration – June 24, 2022

Certification Status – SWD 7-12 Generalist, Initial (pending)

ELA 7-12, Initial (pending)

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Daily Rate – 1/200th of Step 1

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Rachel Richmond to a probationary teaching position at Lansingburgh High 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 #16-05/23/2022
Appoint Special
Education Teacher –
Rachel Richmond

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2022

Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2026

Certification Status – SWD 7-12 Generalist, Initial (pending)

ELA 7-12, Initial (pending)

Salary – Step 1 \$44,227

Masters 450

30 Grad Credits 1,250

\$45,927

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Alaina Lange to a one-year Spanish teaching position at Knickerbacker Middle School, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

RESO #17-05/23/2022
Appoint Spanish
Teacher – Alaina
Lange

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2022

Expiration of Appointment – August 31, 2023

Certification Status – Spanish 7-12, Initial (pending)

Salary - Step 2/ \$44,734

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Skyler Teta to a probationary appointment at Knickerbacker Middle School in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal

RESO #18-05/23/2022
Appoint Teaching
Assistant – Skyler
Teta

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Motion by Mrs. Fairhurst:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the request of Britney Dolan for an unpaid leave of absence beginning September 13, 2022 through September 21, 2022.

RESO #26-05/23/2022
Approve Unpaid
Leave – Britney Dolan

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Spear:

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

RESO #27-05/23/2022
Accept Donations

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Kathleen Salisbury	\$100	Rebecca Shepard Scholarship
Colonial Council	\$400	Colonial Council Scholarship
Lee Bordick	\$1000	Lee Bordick Scholarship

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the Second Amended Terms and Conditions of Employment with Rebecca McGrouty, Assistant Superintendent; and further authorize the Superintendent to execute the Second Amended Terms and Conditions of Employment.

RESO #27-05/23/2022
Approve Assistant
Superintendent
Employment Contract

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to surplus and dispose of the following equipment:

RESO #28-05/23/2022
Approve Disposal of
Surplus Equipment

Asset Tag #210960 – Portable Radio KMS

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
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TES Report by Ms. Cataldo – See page 13.
 RPES Report by Mrs. Stalker – See page 14.
 KMS Report by Ms. Phelan – See page 15 – 16.
 LHS Report by Mr. Van Dervoort – See page 17

Principal’s Reports

By Mrs. McGrouty:

Assistant Superintendent Report

Mentoring	Having final meetings with Years 1, 2, 3 Teachers. They will goal-set for next year
Professional Development	May 17 Conference Day was successful
Assessments	NYS Testing for ELA and Math went well. Science Grade 4 and 8 practical will be given tomorrow and the written on June 6 Spring 2024 Grade 5 science tests aligned to NGSS
Summer School	Scheduling and hiring are taking place
Target School	SCEP and DCIP will be completed. Review with the Board of Education will take place in September.
Other	EPK/UPK Registration - Screenings began last week for the 3 year old programs. Every student registered and on the wait list was screened
UPK	Received enhanced compliance in all areas of the UPK audit with the exception of two areas, which we received “acceptable”

By Dr. Abitabile:

Superintendent Report

- 51 of our students applied for a CTE program for next school year. Only 36 of our students were accepted into a program. 4 students remain on a waiting list. Another section of cosmetology and another section of criminal justice will be added for next year so those of our students still on a waiting list may get in.
- The Superintendent, Greg Rashford and the Guidance Counselors have an appointment with Questar on Wednesday to help us understand the application process so we can better prepare our students.

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- Transportation: We continue to maximize efficiency by combining routes and renting buses from Durham and First Student. We have had a few parents reach out to us about reimbursement.
- A COVID test kit distribution will be held before the break at Memorial Day. 250 families have requested test kits.
- We continue working on APPR although it will not count this year. We will continue to have our Domain 4 meetings at the end of the year. These are still important conversations to have.
- Channel 10 & 13 will be here to interview us about receiving grant funding for a 21st Century After School Program at Knickerbacker Middle School and Lansingburgh High School. Once started, the program will serve up to 200 Lansingburgh grade 6-12 students and will run Monday-Friday from 3:00-5:15 PM. After school snacks will be provided and transportation home will be available if needed. This additional funding will allow us to strengthen our relationships with Lansingburgh community partners, continue new programs started this year and expand our current extracurricular offerings. It will ensure that students remain safe and highly engaged during their after school hours while exploring learning opportunities beyond their normal curriculum areas. Lansingburgh has signed partnership agreements with the following community organizations for its 21CCLC after school program to assist with offering a wide range of unique academic, youth development and mental health services not offered in a typical school day.
- Community Partners for Lansingburgh's 21st Century After School Program:
 - The Arts Center of the Capital Region
 - The Boys and Girls Club
 - Cornell Cooperative Extension
 - Troy Public Library
 - Unity House of Troy
- As I receive invitations to end of year events happening, I will continue sharing them with the Board of Education.
- Just a reminder that the Board of Education is honored at the high school graduation on June 24.
- With concerns about teacher retention, we chose a starting point of July 1, 2018 to begin gathering and analyzing the data. The results will be shared with the Board.
- Comment by Mr. Shover: "He has his eyes on the right stuff."
- Core samples have been taken at RPES.

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Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #29-05/23/2022
Adjourn

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby
adjourns at 8:15 p.m.

Second: Mr. Manupella

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education

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Turnpike Elementary School
Principal's Report
Board Meeting
5/23/22

Attendance: May 2022:

1. UPK: 86%
2. K: 84%
3. 1: 91%
4. 2: 88%
5. Overall: 88%

Curriculum and Instruction:

1. Dr. Djanna Hill planned and implemented Science lessons on plants with our UPK teachers and new 1st grade teachers. They focused their understanding of the 5 E's (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate).
2. Kim Inglee is helping our teachers understand how to use decodable readers for instruction. She modeled Geodes lessons for our kindergarten teachers and students.

Social and Emotional Learning:

1. Character Ed trait of May: Honesty
2. Ally Day - Wednesday May 25th - Partner Yoga
3. Therapy Dog Visits - Sara Plummer is attempting to schedule two different therapy dogs to visit TES classrooms in June

Events:

1. "Corey the Dribbler": Corey travels the country inspiring students with the character message R.E.A.D. - Respect, Education, Attitude/Activity and Don't Bully, the four principles he encourages students to live by!
2. John Gray Author Visit: Mr. Gray read his book "Sweet Polly Petals" to our students and talked to them about kindness. He also autographed books that students purchased and the PTA purchased one book for each classroom library which Mr. Gray also autographed
3. ABC Countdown!

School Leadership:

1. Finishing up Domain 4 Meetings
2. New Teacher Q4 Meetings in June
3. Planning ahead for next school year

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RPES Principal's Report
Board Meeting
5.23.22

Attendance Rates

1. 3: 89.41%
2. 4: 92.71%
3. 5: 90.27%
4. Overall: 90.65%

Curriculum and Instruction

- Professional Development
 - Erik Lepis - Embedded Coaching IRA and spiraling NYS Next Generation ELA Standards in 2022-2023
 - Liz Mirra - 3rd & 4th Grade Grade piloting Science assessments
 - Karen Kohler- F&P Assessments and started analyzing data from Just Words screeners
- NYS CBT Field Testing - Grade 4 ELA - May 20
- NYS 4th Grade Science Test
 - Performance - May 24
 - Written - June 6
- PLC Meetings
 - ELA - Teachers reflected on the standards taught this year, their curriculum, and planned for adjustments for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - Math - Teachers reflected on the standards taught this year, their curriculum, and planned for adjustments for the 2022-2023 school year.

Social and Emotional Learning

- Character Trait of the Month - integrity
- 2nd Step Lessons - career planning
- End of year Character Education Assembly - in person

Events

- Arts in Education funding - Acrobat Assembly for all students
- Field Trips
 - Grade 3: Flat Stanley Play at Sage and Katchkie Farm
 - Grade 4: Howes Caverns
 - Grade 5: The Great Escape
- 5th Grade end of year plans:
 - The Great Escape - June 3
 - Dance/Picnic - June 17
 - Moving Up - June 22

School Leadership


1. Domain 4 meetings
2. Finalizing summer committee work and professional development for 2022-2023
3. FAC Meeting - May 12

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**Knickerbacker Middle School
BOE Report
May 23, 2022**

Area of Focus	ELA	Math	SEL- Respect/Climate/Culture	Attendance	Parent Engagement
<p>Actions / Initiatives</p>	<p>Kirsten Widmer came last week to work on interactive read alouds and book clubs. ELA teachers are excited to begin incorporating book clubs next year. This will allow more choice for students.</p>	<p>Our KMS Math Assessment Incentive Day was Friday. We had lots of teachers and staff volunteer for the dunk tank. Students really enjoyed this!</p> <p>Charlene Marchese worked with Math teachers last week during our Sup Conf. Day. We continued to work on integrating the modules into our curriculum maps.</p> <p>SCIENCE- Liz Mirra was here last week and continued to work on the 8th grade curriculum. At 7th grade we worked on creating a mid-term and final</p>	<p>School Counselors are focusing on end-of-the-year transition plannings and setting up 1:1 meetings with 8th graders to discuss course recommendations for high school.</p> <p>In the final weeks of school, we have launched a revisit of the positivity project. Each week students are emailed a video survey. In the video a student is highlighting a character trait presented to students throughout the year. Students who answer the question correctly are entered to win a \$5 gift card (donated by student council).</p> <p>Sample of Survey</p> <p>On May 20th, KMS engaged in a school-wide celebration of all students who said “YES!” to taking the Math State Exam. The School Climate Committee arranged for a dunk tank to be rented with the generosity of Jimmy’s Pizzeria donating money. Staff members from each grade level volunteered to get dunked. Here’s a video of Mr. Tacelli being dunked. VIDEO</p>	<p>Attendance Percentages</p> <p>May Percentages 6-86% 7-85% 8-85% 86%</p> <p>Sept-May 6-88.76% 7-88% 8-87% 88.04%</p> <p>Daily Attendance Percentage-</p>	<p>The May FAC Meeting was held on May 4th. We discussed end of the year activities, focus groups, surveys and looking forward to next year.</p> <p>Parent Engagement Pancake Breakfast in June</p>

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		<p>assessment that align with the NextGen standards and are formatted like the new science state test.</p>			
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LHS Board Report by Mr. Van Dervoort:

- US History Regents and Earth Science practical will be administered on June 1
- Senior Awards June 7th
- Senior Picnic June 9
- Prom June 10
- Regents Exams and School Finals June 15th
- Regents proctoring and accommodations all set
- Graduation June 24

- End of year curriculum review has begun
- Progress reports are due this week
- We had our May FAC Meeting- Joe Otter and Rebecca McGrouty presented

- Beginning candidate review for open positions

- Play was this past weekend and the students did great.
- We are getting back to a normal end of year with activities
- Ross Chastain and his #4 "Protect Your Melon" NASCAR show car visited LHS as part of the campaign to raise awareness for the need to wear seatbelts.
- Physics Class is taking a trip to The Great Escape
- Thanks extended to Derek Shuttleworth and his wife for coordinating a trip for students to take a campus tour of St. Rose.

- Summer planning meetings will be held with KMS guidance for summer interventions
- Mr. Sheehan has been working hard on summer school planning and staffing
- We are already beginning scheduling for 2022-2023.