

**Lansingburgh Central School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
January 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
Turnpike Elementary School - Cafeteria**

**AGENDA**

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. 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.*
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. INVITATION FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
- V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA
- VI. DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS
  - A. Treasurer's Report
  - B. Budget Transfers
  - C. Monthly Report
- IX. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
    - Regular Meeting held on December 20, 2021.
  - B. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL
    1. Appointments
      - a. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board revise the appointment of Audra Colliton 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 –November 22, 2021  
 Expiration of Probationary Appointment – November 21, 2025  
 Certification Status – Chemistry 7-12, Initial (pending)  
 Salary – Step 1           \$44,227  
 33 Grad Credits           1,375  
                                      \$45,602

- b. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board revise the appointment of Christopher Landry to a probationary teaching position at Turnpike Elementary School in the tenure area of Physical 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 –December 23, 2021  
 Expiration of Probationary Appointment – December 22, 2025  
 Certification Status – Physical Education, Initial  
 Salary – Step 2           \$44,734  
 30 Grad Credits           1,250  
                                      \$45,984

- c. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Brian Kerwin 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:

Commencement of Service – January 24, 2022  
 Expiration of Probationary Appointment – January 23, 2026  
 Certification Status – Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6, Initial  
 Salary – Step 9           \$48,287  
 Masters                     450  
 48 Grad Credits           2,000  
                                      \$50,737

- d. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Jessica Cosgrave as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School to fill multiple maternity leaves, 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 – February 1, 2022  
 Expiration of Service – June 30, 2022  
 Certification Status – Childhood Education 1-6, Initial (Pending)  
 Daily Rate 1/200<sup>th</sup> Step 1

- e. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Kristy Jarosz as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School to fill the position of Danielle French, 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 – January 18, 2022  
Expiration of Service – June 30, 2022  
Certification Status – Biology 7-12, Professional  
Earth Science 7-12, Professional  
Daily Rate 1/200<sup>th</sup> Step 1

- f. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Matthew Holden to a probationary position at Lansingburgh High 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 – January 3, 2022  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – January 2, 2026  
Certification Status – English Language Arts 7-12, Initial  
Salary – Step 9 - \$22.67 per hour  
36 Graduate Credits - \$600

- g. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Seth Bussing 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 – January 24, 2022  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – January 23, 2026  
Certification Status – Teaching Assistant, Level I  
Salary – Step 4 - \$18.64 per hour

- h. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Kristie Keary 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 – January 24, 2022  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – January 23, 2026  
Certification Status – Teaching Assistant, Level I  
Salary – Step 5 - \$19.38 per hour

- i. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Karen Vincent as School Nurse (RN) at Turnpike Elementary School, 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 – January 14, 2022  
NYS Licensure Status – Registered Professional Nurse  
Salary – Step 3 - \$30.24 per hour

- j. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint the following 2022 spring coaches with stipends in accordance with the LTA contract:

Reappointments:

Varsity Baseball – Matt Cater  
Varsity Lacrosse – Jeremie Wilson  
Head Varsity Boys Track – James Gordon  
Head Varsity Girls Track – Dallas Foard  
Modified Softball – Nicolas Van Vorst  
Modified Track – Matthew Loatman

New Appointments:

Assistant Varsity Girls Track – Caitlin Zautner  
Assistant Varsity Boys Track – Michael Olicer  
Modified Track – Tiffany Ainsworth  
Varsity Softball – Jim Swab  
JV Softball – Samantha Casale  
Modified Baseball – Devan Miller

Volunteer Appointments:

Volunteer Baseball Coach – Cody Cater

- k. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Kendra Ferris as School Play Choreographer for the 2021-2022 school at the hourly rate of \$25.00 (up to 4 hours per week) funded through ARP.
- l. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Anna Pellicone as Art Club Advisor for the 2021-2022 school year with a stipend of \$2,000 paid from the Title IV grant.
- m. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve Melinda Rose as a tutor for a KMS student (1-hour per school day) beginning January 18, 2021 until CSE placement can be established.

2. Other

- a. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board terminate the employment of Kristen Craig, Reading Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective February 24, 2022.
- b. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the request of Emily Burns, Elementary Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, for an unpaid leave of absence beginning December 21, 2021 through February 11, 2022.
- c. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the request of Kerry Figiel, Elementary Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, for an unpaid leave of absence beginning January 3, 2022 through January 14, 2022.
- d. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the request of Elizabeth Thorpe, Elementary Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, for an unpaid leave of absence beginning February 7, 2022 through February 18, 2022.

C. PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

1. Resignations

- a. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept the resignation of Daneyia Thompson, Teacher Aide at Turnpike Elementary School, effective January 14, 2022.

2. Appointments

- a. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Britney Dolan as a Teacher Aide at Turnpike Elementary School with compensation and benefits as per the CSEA Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – January 10, 2022

Salary – Step 4 / \$19.68 per hour

- b. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint the following breakfast / noon aides for the 2021-2022 school year at the hourly rate of \$13.20:

Cathie Close – TES

Candace Williams – TES

Julissa Carrington – TES

Lois Thomas

Gladys Thomas

D. PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATIVE ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

- 1. Be it resolved that Robert Schongar be appointed as Chemical Hygiene Officer effective January 24, 2022.

2. Be it resolved that Benjamin Seymour be appointed as the Privacy Official for HIPAA effective January 24, 2022.
3. Be it resolved that Benjamin Seymour be appointed and hereby is designated to represent the Lansingburgh Central School District as its Trustee under the Self-Insurance Plan for the Workers Compensation Trust; and be it further resolved that Kathleen Napples be and hereby is designated to serve as alternate Trustee under the plan effective January 24, 2022.
4. Be it resolved that Linda Klime and Dr. Antonio Abitabile be appointed to act as the Board's designees for the purposes of determining student residency pursuant to 8NYCRR section 100.2(y).
5. Be it resolved that Shaun Paolino be appointed as Title VI Compliance Officer for the 2021-2022 school year.

X. ACTION ITEMS

A. Donations

1. Accept Donations

Recommendation:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept the following donations:

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Warren W. Fane	\$550	TES Dress a Knight
Knights Toy Drive	\$100	Anything is Possible Scholarship (in memory of Ayshawn Davis)

B. Contracts

1. Third Amended Employment Contract

Recommendation:

RESOLVED, the Board approves the Third Amended Employment Contract with Dr. Antonio Abitabile; and the President of the Board is authorized and directed to execute the Third Amended Employment Contract with Dr. Antonio Abitabile in the form provided to the Board on January 21, 2022.

2. Contract for Police Manpower

Recommendation:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a contract by and between the City of Troy and the Lansingburgh Central School District for Troy Police manpower at Boys and Girls Basketball home games for the 2021-2022 season.

C. Other

1. Authorize School Tax Refund

Recommendation:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and in compliance with the decision of the Rensselaer County Supreme Court, the Board of Education hereby authorizes a revision in assessment and tax for the 2020-2021 school tax year and authorizes a refund in the amount of \$1,875.55 to Riverview of Troy, LLC.

2. Adopt Budget Development Calendar

Recommendation:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board adopt the schedule for 2022-2023 School Budget Development and Public Vote.

3. Adopt Revised 2021-2022 School Calendar

Recommendation:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board adopt the revised 2021-2022 school calendar (revision 1.24.22).

4. Approve First Reading of Revised Policies

Recommendation:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the first reading of the following revised policies:

- 1230 – Public Comment at Board Meetings
- 2342 – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
- 4000 – Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines
- 8110 – School Building Safety
- 8112 – Health and Safety Committee
- 8220 – Building and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection

5. Approve First Reading of New Policies

Recommendation:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the first reading of the following new policies:

- 1230-E – Public Comment at Board Meeting Exhibit
- 8505 – “Charging” School Meals and Prohibition Against Shaming

6. Create Additional School Nurse Position

Recommendation:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve creating an additional School Nurse (RN) position at the Turnpike Elementary School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

7. Create Additional Security Monitor Position

Recommendation:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve creating an additional security monitor position at the Lansingburgh High School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

8. Provide New York State Real Property Tax Law 485-v abatement on school taxation for improvements to certain residential and mixed property

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansingburgh Central School District hereby elects to participate in the abatement of Lansingburgh Central School District school property taxes as outlined in New York State Real Property Tax Law Abatement for improvements to 1-4 unity property in certain census tracts under Article 4, Title 2 section 485-v of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, attached as EXHIBIT A effective immediately.

9. Accept Final Tax Warrant Report from Tax Collector

Recommendation:

WHEREAS, the Education Law provides that the Tax Collector shall be relieved of responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax list, pending a complete list of delinquent tax items to be certified to the Board of Education, and pending the Tax Collector affixing her affidavit to such warrants and lists.



NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the following Final Tax Warrant Report from the Tax Collector for the 2021-2022 collection period:

<u>Lansingburgh Central School District 2021 - 2022 Tax Collection</u>		Jane Luskin, Tax Collector	
Total Taxes Collected to Date		\$13,475,602.75	
Total Penalties Collected to Date		\$8,147.25	
Total Odd Cent Over/Under		\$2.74	
<i>Total Collection</i>		<i>\$13,483,752.74</i>	
Uncollected Taxes	Tax	Penalty	Total
Lansingburgh	\$792,430.30	\$15,848.61	\$808,278.91
Brunswick	\$78,941.72	\$1,578.83	\$80,520.55
Schaghticoke	\$95,483.03	\$1,909.66	\$97,392.69
Pittstown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$966,855.05</i>	<i>\$19,337.10</i>	<i>\$986,192.15</i>
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Total Warrant - Tax Collector (Approved August 23, 2021 )			\$14,437,836.38
Adjustments to Tax Warrant Due To Assessment or Clerical Error:			
Less: Warrant Changes			\$0.00
<i>Total Final Warrant</i>			<i>\$14,437,836.38</i>
Total Star Savings (Approved August 23, 2021)			\$1,710,481.62
Adjustments to Star Savings:			
Less: Star Changes			\$0.00
<i>Total Star Savings</i>			<i>\$1,710,481.62</i>
Total Tax Levy (Approved August 23, 2021)			\$16,148,318.00
Total Tax Collected			-\$13,475,602.75
Total Tax Uncollected			-\$966,855.05
Total Prorated Taxes			\$4,621.42
Assessment Adjustments			\$0.00

Total Star Savings	-	\$1,710,481.62
Star Savings Adjustment		\$0.00
<i>Balance</i>		<i>\$0.00</i>

- XI. BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS
- XII. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
- XIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
- XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (If necessary.)
- XV. ADJOURN

## ATTACHMENT A

### Real Property Tax

\*§ 485-v. Residential and mixed-use investment exemption; certain cities and school districts. 1. As used in this section: (a) "residential and mixed-use real property" means any structure containing one to four units of which one unit may be for commercial or retail use, and the remaining units shall be for residential use; and

(b) "construction" means the creation, modernization, rehabilitation, expansion or other improvement of any structure but shall not include ordinary maintenance or repairs.

2. Residential and mixed-use real property constructed on or after the first day of July, two thousand twenty-one located in a city with a population of not less than fifty thousand and not more than fifty-one thousand, based upon the two thousand ten federal census, shall be exempt from city, county and school taxation as provided in this section.

3. (a) (i) Such real property shall be exempt for a period of four years to the extent of one hundred per centum of the increase in assessed value thereof attributable to such construction and for an additional period of eleven years provided, however, that the extent of such exemption shall be decreased by twenty-five per centum in year five, ten per centum in each year six through year nine, and five per centum each year during such additional period of six years and such exemption shall be computed with respect to the exemption base. The exemption base shall be the increase in assessed value as determined in the initial year of such fifteen-year period following the filing of an original application, except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.

(ii) In any year in which a change in level of assessment of fifteen percent or more is certified for a final assessment roll pursuant to the rules of the commissioner, the exemption base shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the total assessed value of the parcel on such final assessment roll, excluding any additional value derived from any physical or quantity changes to the parcel since the immediately preceding assessment roll, and the denominator of which shall be the total assessed value of the parcel on the immediately preceding final assessment roll. The result shall be the new exemption base. The exemption shall thereupon be recomputed to take into account the new exemption base, notwithstanding the fact that the assessor receives the certification of the change in level of assessment after the completion, verification and filing of the final assessment roll. In the event the assessor does not have custody of the roll when such certification is received, the assessor shall certify the recomputed exemption to the local officers having custody and control of the roll, and such local officers are hereby directed and authorized to enter the recomputed exemption certified by the assessor on the roll. The assessor shall give written notice of such recomputed exemption to the property owner, who may, if he or she believes that the exemption was recomputed incorrectly, apply for a correction in the manner provided by title three of article five of this chapter for the correction of clerical errors.

(iii) The following table shall illustrate the computation of the city, county and school district tax exemption:

Year of exemption	Percentage of exemption
1	100%
2	100%
3	100%
4	100%
5	75%

6	65%
7	55%
8	45%
9	35%
10	30%
11	25%
12	20%
13	15%
14	10%
15	5%

(b) No such exemption shall be granted unless:

(i) such construction was commenced on or after the first day of July, two thousand twenty-one or such later date as may be specified by resolution;

(ii) the residential and mixed-use real property is situated in a city with a population of not less than fifty thousand and not more than fifty-one thousand, based upon the two thousand ten federal census;

(iii) the cost of such construction exceeds the sum of seventy thousand dollars;

(iv) the property is located within the eligibility area, as designated by being located within the following U.S. census tracts:

- (A) Tract 401;
- (B) Tract 402;
- (C) Tract 403;
- (D) Tract 404;
- (E) Tract 405;
- (F) Tract 406;
- (G) Tract 409;
- (H) Tract 410; and

(v) such construction is completed as evidenced by a certificate of occupancy or other appropriate documentation as provided by the owner.

4. Such exemption shall be granted only upon application by the owner of such real property on a form prescribed by the commissioner. Such application shall be filed with the assessor of a city with a population of not less than fifty thousand and not more than fifty-one thousand, based upon the two thousand ten federal census, on or before the appropriate taxable status date of such city and within one year from the date of completion of such construction.

5. If the assessor is satisfied that the applicant is entitled to an exemption pursuant to this section, he or she shall approve the application and such real property shall thereafter be exempt from taxation by the city, and taxation by the county in which such city is located if such county passes a local law to provide for such exemption, and taxation by any school district which serves such city if such school district passes a resolution to provide for such exemption. The assessed value of any exemption granted pursuant to this section shall be entered by the assessor on the assessment roll with the taxable property, with the amount of the exemption shown in a separate column.

6. In the event that real property granted an exemption pursuant to this section ceases to be used primarily for eligible purposes, the exemption granted pursuant to this section shall cease to be applied to the property commencing with the immediately following assessment roll.

7. In the event that the real property is sold or the deed is transferred to a new owner or ownership entity differing in ownership or members, the exemption granted pursuant to this section shall cease to be applied to the property commencing on the immediately following assessment roll.

8. The exemption established pursuant to this section shall not apply to special assessments or special ad valorem levies on the property.

\* NB There are § 485-v's