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**Lansingburgh Central School District  
Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, June 21, 2021  
Turnpike Elementary School - LGI**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jason Shover at 6:00 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board of Education Members, Marie Cole, Michael Cusack, Rob Morris, Daniella Richards, Jason Shover, Michelle Speanburg, James Spear, and Jeffrey White were present. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Shover acknowledged that this is Sam and Marie's last meeting and thanked them for their service to the District.

Others present include Jillian Manupella, Lindsey Gibson (on behalf of the LTA), Matthew Van Dervoort, Carrie Phelan, Katie Stalker, Ian Knox, Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There were 15 others present.

A graduation ceremony was held for Kenneth David Smith. While in high school, Mr. Smith played football and was selected as an All City football player, pitched for the baseball team, played trombone in the school band and orchestra, sang in the choir and claims he holds the record for attending the most proms in the area. He left high school during his senior year and signed up for the Army and then became a Paratrooper in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne "Screaming Eagles". **GRADUATION**

Mr. Van Dervoort stated it is truly an honor to recognize Mr. Smith as the first graduate to receive his high school diploma this year.

The 2021-2022 Foundation Aid Learning Plan and the ARP Preliminary Plan have been posted on the District website asking for public comment. No one from the public gave any comments about the plans this evening. **CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Tina Rysedorph who will fill the remainder of Mrs. Kelley Bristol's term. Mrs. Resedorph signed her Executive Session acknowledgment form that will be filed with the District Clerk. **SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBER**



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Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School, effective June 30, 2021.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Judith Zlotnick, Teaching Assistant at Lansingburgh High School, for the purpose of retirement effective July 3, 2021 in accordance with the terms of the CSEA contract for teaching assistants.

**RESO #5-06/21/2021**  
**Accept Resignation –**  
**Judith Zlotnick**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Jenna Gragnano, English Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School, effective July 4, 2021.

**RESO #6-06/21/2021**  
**Accept Resignation –**  
**Jenna Gragnano**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Jenna Retell, Teaching Assistant at Knickerbacker Middle School, effective June 14, 2021.

**RESO #7-06/21/2021**  
**Accept Resignation –**  
**Jenna Retell**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Dorothy Hathaway, Teaching Assistant at Knickerbacker Middle School, effective June 30, 2021

**RESO #8-06/21/2021**  
**Accept Resignation –**  
**Dorothy Hathaway**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #9-06/21/2021**  
**Appoint Special**  
**Education Teacher –**  
**Gregory Pasos**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Gregory Pasos 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:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021  
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – August 31, 2025  
Certification Status – SWD 7-12 Generalist, Professional  
Salary (A) - Step 17 \$65,851  
Masters 450  
Grad Credits 96 4,000  
\$70,301

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #10-06/21/2021**  
**Appoint 2021**  
**Elementary Summer**  
**School Staff**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following 2021 Elementary Summer School instructional staff members:

Ashley Giaquinto  
Emma Closson  
Maryanne DeNault  
Chris Huttner (substitute teacher)  
Reene McGreevy (Nurse)

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #11-06/21/2021**  
**Appoint 2021**  
**Secondary Summer**  
**School Staff**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following 2021 Secondary Summer School instructional staff members:

Margaret Battles      Robert Dorn (TA)  
Kelly Borden      Penny Tobias (Nurse)  
John Ravalli      Alexis Hughes  
John Dundon      Emily Gioia  
Alana Nadeau      Mackenzie LeVan  
Kathleen Testo      Karryn Bohley  
Mary Kate Graham  
Nina DelPrado (substitute teacher)  
Reanna Terano (substitute teacher)

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #12-06/21/2021  
Appoint 2021 ESY  
Staff**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following staff for the 2021 Extended School Year Program (July 6 through August 13), with stipends in accordance with the LTA contract:

Teachers: Emily Ascoti, Emily Wild, Briana Conroy, Chris Retell, Katie Baril, Samantha Kulzer, Elise Weichold

TAs: Kristin Griswold, Julie Allen, Alexis Burke, Darcy Munhall, Diane Murray, Karen Lafore, Kathleen O'Meila, Colleen Moak, Mia Rockwell

1:1 Aide Casey Wangler

Service Providers: Kelsey Matturro, Gretchen Murphy, Mary Legnard, Lisa Dillman (substitute)

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #13-06/21/2021  
Appoint Job Coach –  
Laurie Ryan**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Laurie Ryan as a job coach for the Rensselaer County Summer Youth Work Program with terms as set forth below:

Program Dates: July 6, 2021 – August 13, 2021

Terms: 5 days per week / 4.5 hours per day / \$17.06 per hour

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #14-06/21/2021  
Appoint KMS 2021-  
2022 Extracurricular  
Advisors**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following extracurricular advisors for Knickerbacker Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year, with stipends in accordance with the LTA contract:

After School Supervision-Matt Loatman

Breakfast-Elaine McHargue

Morning Supervision- Darcy Munhall

Odyssey of the Mind-Robin Delaney

Olympics of the Visual Arts-Nina delPrado

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KMS National Junior Honor Society-Meg Holdsworth and  
Matt Loatman  
8th Grade Advisor-Rachel Walkuski  
KMS Student Council Co-Advisors-Kate Hill and April  
Kilmer  
Middle School Drama Club-Chris Rowlands  
Ski Club-Andrew Ferris  
STEAM Club-Courtney Hynes (Grant Funded)  
Teacher Mentors- Cat Stockton and Kate Hill (Grant Funded)

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #15-06/21/2021**  
**Appoint KMS 2021-**  
**2022 Extracurricular**  
**Advisors**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following extracurricular advisors for Lansingburgh High School for the 2021-2022 school year, with stipends in accordance with the LTA contract:

LHS Senior Play- Chris Rowlands  
LHS School Play Art Advisor- Chris Rowlandd  
LHS Play Music Advisor- Andrew Sudduth  
LHS Honor Society- Justine Fazziola/Eileen Culliton  
Freshman Class Advisor- Margaret Battles/ Leighann Biddle  
Sophomore Class Advisor- Ashley Snyder  
Junior Class Advisor- Cathleen Peter  
Senior Class Advisor - Pam Baldassari  
LHS Swing Choir- Andrew Sudduth  
LHS Student Government Council- Pam Baldassari  
O.M.(Odyssey of the Mind) Advisor (LHS) (2)- Robin Delaney  
O.V.A. (Olympics of the Visual Arts) (LHS/KMS)-John Bergmann  
Art Club-John Bergmann  
Lansingburgh Improvement Team- Derek Shuttleworth  
LHS Yearbook Co-Advisor (2 released periods per week)- Christina Penman  
LHS Trivia Team Advisor- John Ravalli  
S.A.D.D. Advisor- Justin Peltier  
Robotics- Adam South  
Knightly News- Adam South  
Book Club (LHS)- Lily Ringler/Caitlin Kortokrax  
Breakfast Supervisor (LHS)- Tracy Spaulding  
Afterschool Supervisor (LHS)-Mark Duncan (Jim Jurcsak substitute)  
Homework Club LHS(1)- Mike Kramek  
Detention Supervisor (LHS) (1)- Randi Behrens

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Mock Trial- Derek Shuttleworth

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the request of Colleen Sutton, Elementary Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, for an unpaid leave of absence beginning June 2, 2021 and ending June 25, 2021, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act.

**RESO #16-06/21/2021**  
**Approve Unpaid Leave**  
**– Colleen Sutton**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the request of Samantha Mahoney, Elementary Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, for an unpaid leave of absence beginning June 11, 2021 and ending June 25, 2021.

**RESO #17-06/21/2021**  
**Approve Unpaid Leave**  
**– Samantha Mahoney**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following staff for 2021 summer hours:

**RESO #18-06/21/2021**  
**Appoint 2021 Summer**  
**Hours for**  
**Instructional Staff**

Purpose	Employee	# DAYS	Compensation	Funding Source
KMS ELA PD	April Kilmer Allison Anglim Angela Mauriello Chris Jura Karen Roche Juaneika Agyeman Reanna Terano Molly Fryer Kelly Quinn Michelle Coon Katlyn Hill	18 hours each	\$35 per hour	SIG Grant
KMS Math PD	Ed Classen Hill Anderson Brooke Chandler Steve Caruso Patrick Amyot Jeff Nadeau Reanna Terano	18 hours each	\$35 per hour	SIG Grant

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	Melinda Rose Molly Fryer Kelly Quinn Michelle Coon Katlyn Hill			
KMS Science PD	Daniella French Sean Gunderman	18 hours each	\$35 per hour	SIG Grant
KMS Social Studies PD	Cat Stockton Camille Amodeo Andrew Ferris Dallas Foard	12 hours each	\$35 per hour	SIG Grant
KMS Instructional Coach PD	Guy DiBacco Jessica Foley Mary Kate Graham Jill Anderson Allison Anglim	2 hours each	\$35 per hour	SIG Grant
KMS AIS Co-Teaching Planning	April Kilmer Kathleen Prechtl Karen Roche Kristina LaVerde Brook Chandler	6 hours each	\$35 per hour	SIG
LHS Science PD	Melissa Cox Ashley Snyder Sam Tanner Barb Mancuso Chrissy Penman Kimberly Stevens	12 hours each	\$35 per hour	Title I
Skills ELA Curriculum Mapping	Lisa Langlois	12 hours	\$35 per hour	Title I
Spanish Curriculum Mapping	Karen Porpeggia Lucia Gutierrez Penelope Falcon KMS – TBD	18 hours each	\$35 per hour	Title I
TES Kindergarten Curriculum Updates	TBD Megan Nolan Ashley Burke Maggie Higgins Maryanne DeNault Lynne Miles Bianca Covello	10 hours each	\$35 per hour	Title I
RPES Foundations	Lindsey Winterbourne Jamie Deso Darlene Walzer Dave Hamilton TBD (Intensive) TBD (Gr. 3 ELA) Kim Ellison Kristen Craig Robin Delaney Kelly Juliano Rachel Janos TBD (Reading) Megan Hupfl Devon Schwartz Jane Robertson	5 hours each	\$35 per hour	ARP



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RPES Writing Workshop	Lindsey Winterbourne Theresa Eckler Nichole Usher (Day 1) Rob White (Day 2)	12 or 6 hours each	\$35 per hour	Title I
RPES Intensive Classroom Curriculum	Rob White Theresa Eckler Kelly Juliano	12 hours each	\$35 per hour	ARP
TES Writing Workshop	Bianca Covello Aliza Fane Maggie Higgins Megan Nolan Lynne Miles Maryanne DeNault Sue Alberino Jodi McNutt Jodi Cataldo Kayla McHugh Angela Herba Nicole Heritage Julie Van Sickle Jaime Cavanaugh Carly Feldman Maureen Mahoney Samantha Brown Alexa Reyes Amanda Squires	6 hours each	\$35 per hour	Title I
Lansingburgh Equity Alliance	Juaneika Agyeman Theresa Eckler Philp Faseun Laura Gallagher Lindsey Gibson Kelly Juliano Lisa Langlois Stephanie Moryl Sara Plummer Catherine Stockton Rachel Walkuski	9 hours each	\$35 per hour	ARP
Special Education Curriculum Mapping	Samantha Kulzer Emily Ascoti Katie Baril Chris Retell Michelle Burkhart Emily Wild Briana Conroy Chris Huttner Jennifer Gula Chris Miron Stephanie Whalen Mindy Rose Mike Kramek	8 hours each	\$35 per hour	Title I
ENL Curriculum Mapping	Michelle Sidoti Jane Robertson	18 hours each	\$35 per hour	Title I

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #19-06/21/2021  
Appoint 2021 Summer  
Days**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following staff for 2021 summer work days:

CSE/CPSE Chairpersons	Erinne Flanigan Tiffany Ainsworth	20 each	LTA Contractual Rate
School Psychologists	Michele McGivern (KMS) Michelle Foster (RPES) Ericka Darling (TES)	2 each +5 with CARES	LTA Contractual Rate
Social Worker	Stephanie Moryl	10	LTA Contractual Rate
Guidance Counselors	Meghan Holdsworth Phil Faseun Amie Maguire	15 each	LTA Contractual Rate
COTA Supervision - ESY	Stephanie Martinelli	3	LTA Contractual Rate
LHS Attendance	Giovanna Gavin	6	CSEA Contractual Rate
Guidance Secretarial Services	Ellen Gordon	15	CSEA Contractual Rate
KMS Attendance	Shelly Snyder	6	CSEA Contractual Rate
KMS Secretarial Services	Colleen Thomas	15	CSEA Contractual Rate
RPES Attendance	Ashley Simmons	15	CSEA Contractual Rate
TES Secretarial Services	Michelle Canning	15	CSEA Contractual Rate

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TES Attendance	TBD	6	CSEA Contractual Rate
LCSD School Nurses	Reene McGreevey Penny Tobias Christine Young Sue Anthony	7 each	CSEA Contractual Rate
CCHS School Nurse	Julie Ann Welch	5	CSEA Contractual Rate
DO - Purchasing	Donna Welcome	15	CSEA Contractual Rate

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

## PERSONNEL – NON- INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of George Bennett, Jr., security monitor at Knickerbacker Middle School, effective June 30, 2021.

**RESO #20-06/21/2021**  
**Accept Resignation –**  
**George Bennett, Jr.**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following breakfast/noon aides with compensation at the hourly rate of \$12.50:

**RESO #21-06/21/2021**  
**Appoint**  
**Breakfast/Noon Aides**

Jadelina Bujol – RPES – effective 6/4/2021 through 6/25/2021

Vicki Buchanan – RPES – effective 6/10/2021 through 6/25/2021

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #22-06/21/2021  
Appoint Student  
Workers**

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

Arthur Clark – STEP Program  
Paul Neddo – STEP Program  
Nyjae Parker – STEP Program  
Robert Boyle – Summer Grounds

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #23-06/21/2021  
Appoint Secondary  
Non-Instructional  
Substitutes**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following 2021 Secondary Summer School non-instructional substitutes:

Joe Hunter, substitute security  
Tyler Leppanen, substitute security  
Mark Smith, substitute security  
George Bennett, substitute security

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #24-06/21/2021  
Appoint 2021-2022  
Non-Instructional  
Substitutes**

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

Marcia Barringer – typist  
George Benett Jr.-custodial  
George Bennett, security  
Kandie Bleau – teacher aide  
Celeste Bova- teacher aide  
Karen Broderick-typist  
Carol Cooke – custodial, teacher aide  
Joe Cunningham-noon aide  
Britney Dolan-typist  
Michael Drinkwine Jr. – security  
Anthony Faraci- custodial (summer & breaks)  
Corey Hadden-custodial  
Donald Hardy - custodial  
Deborah Hoffman- noon aide, teacher aide

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Joe Hunter, security  
Donna Keegan- custodial  
Barbara Kewley- noon aide, teacher aide  
Joseph Kulzer- custodial  
Warren Lansing - custodial  
Catherine Lynch – noon aide, teacher aide  
Salena Major- noon aide  
Michael Parker-custodial  
Jeffrey Pasinella- custodial (summer & breaks)  
Scott Powers- custodial  
Kenneth Retell Sr.-custodial  
Laurie Ryan-custodial  
Lance Senecal – custodial  
Laurel Sheehy-typist  
Ashley Simmons-typist (summer & breaks)  
Barbara Smollin-typist  
Jay Snyder- custodian  
Mary Surprenant – typist, teacher aide  
Richard Teta-custodial  
Rashad Tyson-custodial, security  
Andrea VanDervoort-typist, teacher aide  
Danielle Welcome-typist (summer & breaks)  
Nicole Welcome-typist (summer & breaks)  
Taylor Welcome-typist (summer & breaks)  
Christine Wilcox-typist

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board terminates the employment of Marah Tague, breakfast/noon aide, effective May 19, 2021 due to abandonment of her position.

**RESO #25-06/21/2021**  
**Terminate**  
**Employment – Marah**  
**Tague**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board terminates the employment of Leigh-Anne Brunick, breakfast/noon aide, effective May 19, 2021 due to abandonment of her position.

**RESO #26-06/21/2021**  
**Terminate**  
**Employment – Leigh-**  
**Anne Brunick**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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## ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

### **RESO #27-06/21/2021 Accept Donations**

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

Warren Lansing	\$50.00	Denny & Kathy Haughney Scholarship
Darlene Sampson	\$70.00	Denny & Kathy Haughney Scholarship
Staff Fundraising	\$697.00	Denny & Kathy Haughney Scholarship
3K Family Run/Walk	\$110.40	Scholarship

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 9      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

### **RESO #28-06/21/2021 Adopt Deferred Compensation Plan**

WHEREAS, The Lansingburgh Central School District wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the “Plan”) for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, The Lansingburgh Central School District is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law\* and

WHEREAS, The Lansingburgh Central School District has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with The Lansingburgh Central School District by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that The Lansingburgh Central School District hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials of The Lansingburgh Central School District are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further







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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 authorize and direct the District Treasurer to fund the Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability in the amount of \$416,926.16, an increase of \$104.50 as permitted under Section 6-p of General Municipal Law.

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESOLVED, the Board approves an increase the 2020-21 General Fund Appropriations and Revenues in the amount of \$273.58 for the Pepsi Funds/LCSD Education Foundation, that such funds be used to provide scholarships, health and safety initiatives, student field trips and other activities and other purchases as approved by the Board of Education.

**RESO #34-06/21/2021  
Increase to General  
Fund**

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

There was discussion regarding the LCSD Education Foundation. The Board asked the Superintendent to get an update and look into what the funds are being used for. The Board would like to help out the Foundation.

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board approves an increase the 2020-21 General Fund Appropriations and Revenues in the amount of \$500.00 for Dress a Knight at Turnpike School and that such funds be used to provide scholarships, health and safety initiatives, student field trips and other activities and other purchases as approved by the Board of Education.

**RESO #35-06/21/2021  
Increase to General  
Fund**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board authorizes the Purchasing Agent to surplus 320 sports uniforms due to their age and poor condition.

**RESO #36-06/21/2021  
Authorize Surplus**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #37-06/21/2021  
Approve Correction**

RESOLVED, the Board approves a correction to the agenda.

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9      Nays – 0

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #38-06/21/2021  
Award School  
Physician RFP –  
Whitney Young Health**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board awards the School Physician RFP 20-004 to Whitney Young Health with a total composite score of 100. The contract will be active from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 9      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

**RESO #39-06/21/2021  
Annual  
Reorganizational  
Meeting**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby establishes Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time for the Annual Reorganizational Meeting to be held in the District Office.

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 9      Nays – 0

LHS Update by Mr. Van Dervoort – see page 23.

**BUILDING  
PRINCIPAL  
REPORTS**

KMS Update by Ms. Phelan – see page 24 & 25.

RPES Update by Mrs. Stalker – see page 26.

By Mrs. McGrouty:

**ASSISTANT  
PRINCIPAL REPORT**

- We were awarded 2 years of the Siemens FUSE Grant. Two years of professional development will be available to our Technology Staff Members, Courtney Hynes and Christopher Corr. The class will be offered to the students as an elective starting the 21-22 school year. Thanks is extended to Mr. Rashford for working hard to adjust schedules.
- Summer will be very busy. We will be working with Questar III on our Critical Concepts Document.
- Stakeholder Group Meetings will be held to determine the best usage for our Federal Grants (Titles I, II, III and IV).
- July 19 we have a DCEP Committee Meeting.
- August 25 is New Teacher Orientation

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Mrs. McGrouty reviewed Joe Otter's Trauma Sensitive Schools Initiative Report to the Board of Education. The report can be found on pages 21 and 22.

By Dr. Abitabile:

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Two options were presented to the Board for the Rensselaer Park Project. Busing is a major issue for the building.
- The outdoor portion of the project will be to help with the busing issues, install a new playground and we are also looking at installing turf on 2 softball fields.
- The indoor portion of the project will focus on a new cafeteria (the cafeterium will stay), a new kitchen, updates to the gym, remodeling the locker rooms so the space can be utilized for OT/PT, new art room, new music room, installing a new elevator in the nook by the entry, and installing new water fountains.
- December 7, 2021 is the target date for the project vote.
- The budget for the project was based on today's prices. We will not go out to bid for 2 years.
  
- With additional state and federal funds coming to the district, we need to develop a plan to spend the money strategically with the ability to remove it from the budget if the funding does not continue.
  
- \$2 million of our annual budget is going to Charter Schools. We pay \$11,000 for every one of our resident students that attends a Charter School. We need to determine why parents are choosing a Charter School over our schools. It may have to do with aftercare programs.
  
- We will apply for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant when it becomes available again. We will use it to put a program together for afterschool clubs and activities, late bus transportation and afterschool snacks in an attempt to keep the kids here until 5:30 every day.
  
- We will ask teachers to come back with ideas for afterschool clubs and activities with stipends attached to them. The additional money may help with teacher retention.
  
- We have posted for and are receiving applications for the College and Career Ready Coordinator position. Our vision is

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that we will have one person dedicated to making sure our kids leave the District with a viable life plan.

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #40-06/21/2021  
Adjourn**

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 7:35 p.m.

Second: Mrs. Cole

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams  
Clerk to the Board of Education

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## *Trauma Sensitive Schools Initiative Report to the Board of Education - June 2021*

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### District TSS

Accomplishments for this year included:

- The Trauma Sensitive Schools District Leadership Team met three times this year with consultant Rebekah Magin to develop a mission statement and goals for the team, create an action plan for the 2021-2022 school year and identify data sources to measure our work.
- Being awarded participation in the *National Center for Safe, Supportive Schools Learning Collaborative* (NCS3LC). The *National Center for Safe Supportive Schools* is part of the *National Child Traumatic Stress Network*. Lansingburgh Schools is one of fifteen districts nationwide selected to participate in this opportunity. The collaborative offers two years of participation in free professional development and consultation from national experts on how to develop culturally responsive, trauma-informed, school mental health systems.
- The *Reopening Committee - Trauma Sensitive Schools and Social Emotional Learning Strand* provided resources and guidance to all district schools on how to reopen in ways that were trauma sensitive and responsive to the stress experienced by students, families and staff

### Turnpike Elementary School:

Accomplishments for this year included:

- Students and families came up with their hopes and dreams for this school year, both to allow for self expression and to share their vision of a better year with the staff. There were some very creative displays in the hallways showing these hopes and dreams!
- Over a two week period students were challenged to do simple & kind gestures for fellow students or staff. The instances of simple & kind gestures were read over the morning announcements, recognizing the students for their actions.
- The TSS Team provided regular venues for staff to connect and support one another, both virtually and in-person. This included self-care challenges and positive, inspiring messages to one another.

### Rensselaer Park Elementary School:

Accomplishments for this year included:

- The team established virtual calming corners with different videos, activities and other calming resources that students can use on their Chromebooks when they would usually need to go to the calming corner in the classroom.
- The School Counselor developed a google form for students to fill out when they are feeling overwhelmed or having issues at school or at home so that they can meet with her and discuss.
- The social worker and art teacher incorporated trauma sensitive language and self-calming strategies for students to use into the school's morning show that is viewed by all staff and students as a community. Teachers can then reinforce students using these skills, including

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self-control, positive thinking and positive behavior during the school day. The Assistant Principal also has a segment called "Monday Mindset" where she gives students a goal or skills to practice for the week.

## **Knickerbacker Middle School:**

Accomplishments for this year included:

- The TSS Team held a series of virtual lunch opportunities while the middle school students were remote to allow them to mingle with their peers that they may not have been able to see during quarantine or after they were placed into pods. Several TSS members held regular club meetings throughout remote learning to provide students with an opportunity to socialize with one-another and experience remote learning in a different light.
- Faculty were provided with a host of classroom resources to use when working with students who are displaying the symptoms of trauma in the classroom. These resources were collected into go-bags for each and every classroom and will be made available to each classroom for use for next year as well.
- The middle school implemented the *Ally Program* this year to increase student attendance and engagement. Each student was provided with an Ally, a staff member that is there for that student for any problem the student may have, personal, academic or social. The Ally can serve as a sympathetic ear, an advocate or cheerleader for that student.

## **Lansingburgh High School:**

Accomplishments for this year included:

- The TSS Team developed and piloted *The Cafe*, a virtual space staffed by faculty during the school day that students can access if they need assistance when they are feeling overwhelmed or having issues at school or at home. *The Cafe* provides the consistent presence of a supportive adult for students.
- Faculty were provided with a host of classroom resources to use when discussing traumatic topics, both local and national, with students and for assisting students with personal concerns.
- The high school implemented the *Ally Program* this year to increase student attendance and engagement. Each student was provided with an Ally, a staff member that is there for that student for any problem the student may have, personal, academic or social. The Ally can serve as a sympathetic ear, an advocate or cheerleader for that student.

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LHS Update by Mr. Van Dervoort

Graduation Update:

- Mandatory dress rehearsal for the Seniors is on Thursday, June 24th at 9:00AM.
- Tickets / Caps and Gowns will be given out at rehearsal.
- Each graduate will be given 6 guest tickets.
- Doors open at 5:30 and it is first come first serve for seating.
- There are no balloons, signs or noise making devices allowed due to visibility and noise.
- All bags are subject to a search.
- Unvaccinated guests are required to wear a mask.

2021-2022 School Year

- After much review with Mr. Rashford, we will be going back to a traditional schedule for the upcoming school year. The block schedule that was the best fit for the hybrid model we used this year, is not a true block schedule and will not meet the needs of our students. We want to get the kids used to being back in the building and changing classes using a traditional schedule.

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KMS Update by Ms. Phelan:

Area of Focus	ELA	Math	SEL- Respect/Climate/Culture	Attendance	Parent Communication
<p><b>Initiatives/ Actions</b></p>	<p>Continued PD with Kisten Widmer Summer curriculum work for writer's workshop</p> <p>Getting books into students hands, assisting with getting students library cards</p>	<p>Continued PD with Brian Rayman Summer curriculum work to include inquiry based learning in the classroom</p>	<p>Last focus virtue was acceptance</p> <p>We gave out 99 certificates to students who showed respect, responsibility, citizenship or displayed an act of kindness</p>	<p>March 2021-June 2021</p> <p>88.8%</p> <p>Month of June 2021</p> <p>82%</p>	<p>-4th Quarter KMS Newsletter to be shared with families</p> <p>-4th Quarter Ongoing Survey was shared with parents to receive feedback</p> <p>-Questions were added to Ongoing survey to ask about satisfaction with communication and safety in regards to reopening</p> <p>STEM Club &amp; Student Council hosted Virtual Stem night on June 9th. Students were given kits to put together STEM projects at home then joined the google meet to share out their experiments. Counselors continued to push into 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classrooms to conduct SEL lessons.</p>



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<b>Benchmark</b>	68% of grade 6-8 students will score a 70% or higher on the January Common Grade Level Benchmark	By January 2021 60% of students in grades 6, 7, and 8, will achieve an overall score of 70% or higher on the common grade level benchmark.	By January 2021, 85% of student will respond yes to the statement, “There is a teacher, counselor, or other staff member that I can talk to at school about any problem	20% or less of KMS students will be chronically absent in January 2021 than were chronically absent the year before.	77% or more of our families will respond, “Yes” to: “Staff members seek my input on how to best meet my child’s needs.”
<b>End Goal</b>	In 2020-2021 the school will achieve an ELA Academic Achievement Index of 95.1.	In 2020-2021, the school will achieve a Math Academic Achievement Index of 79.9.	By June 2021 the goal is for 90% of the student’s respond yes to the statement “There is a teacher, counselor, or other staff member that I can talk to at school about any problem.”	By June 2021 23% or less of our students will be chronically absent.	80% or more of our families will respond, “Yes” to: “Staff members seek my input on how to best meet my child’s needs.”

Links to additional documents:

[In Person Student Interview Notes QUESTIONS](#)

[Remote Student Interview Notes & Questions](#)

[Ongoing Survey Results](#)

**Promotion Ceremony-White Team June 23rd 11:30-2:30-Maroon Team June 24th 8-11**

**Summer school registration is taking place now and will be done within the next few days. Summer school will run July 6th-August 5th, Monday-Thursday from 7:30-11:30 @ KMS**

**The KMS SCEP Committee has met four times in May to draft the 2021-2022 plan. We also met with the state twice for questions and review. The SCEP was submitted this morning to State Ed.**

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RPES Update by Mrs. Stalker:

## Attendance

1. 3: 91.68%
  2. 4: 90.64%
  3. 5: 89.46%
  4. Overall: 90.44%
- The attendance committee continues to meet regularly.
  - The attendance committee plans to meet this Thursday to tier students by attendance and highlight students who will need to be monitored and/or will need an attendance plan for September. The committee will communicate and collaborate with classroom teachers.

## Curriculum and Instruction

1. 4th Graders took the NYS Science Test on June 8
2. New AIS Math teacher and AIS Reading teacher will collaborate with our instructional leadership team, which will now include the RTI Coordinator
3. New teacher meetings
4. Summer work will include taking a deeper dive into how we can use data, i-Ready and Fountas and Pinnell benchmarks, in particular, more effectively to inform our instruction.

## Social and Emotional Learning

1. Our TSS team met to finalize our TSS plan for the 2021-2022 school year
2. Summer work will include streamlining our work with TSS, PBIS, Character Education, 2nd Step in places where it makes sense and planning for a staff refresher on this work.

## Events

1. RPES was well represented at Founder's Day on May 21
2. RPES retirement party recognizing Mrs. Testo, Mrs. France, Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Reed was held on June 17
3. The PTA has organized wonderful end of the year events for students, which included the ice cream truck visiting on a different day for each grade level. They also plan to recognize the RPES staff with lunch on June 24. We are grateful for all they have done and continue to do.
4. The 5th Grade Dance was held on June 17 and was a success!
5. The 5th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony will be held virtually on Thursday, June 24

## School Leadership

1. We held a virtual "Meet the Principal" event on June 3, which counted as our 4th and final FAC event for the 2020-2021 school year
2. Finalizing room assignments and teacher schedules for the 2021-2022 school year
3. Attended the "Lansingburgh Historical Walking Tour" with Micahel Barrett through the Lansingburgh Historical Society. Michael Barrett and board members of the Lansingburgh Historical Society were excited about strengthening their partnership with RPES. We discussed meeting over the summer.