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**Lansingburgh Central School District  
Minutes of the  
Workshop of the Board of Education  
Monday, October 13, 2020  
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, Daniella Richards, Jason Shover, James Spear and Jeffrey White were present. Kelley Bristol, Rob Morris and Michele Speanburg were absent from the workshop.

## **ROLL CALL**

Others present include Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. Joe Otter, Linda Klime and Lindsey Gibson participated virtually.

Reflection points from the Board Retreat:

## **2020 Board Retreat**

- Jim Spear stated that he thinks it is important for the board to hear repeatedly that individual school board members have no inherent powers and do not represent any particular group of people.
- Jeff White appreciated the chain of command discussion. Individual school board members have the same rights as any other parent or district resident. If parents or residents come to one of us with a complaint, we need to follow the chain of command and allow the administration to do their job.
- Jason Shover said the review of the eight characteristics of a good board member provided a good lesson. He also believes the board should continue to self-evaluate and monitor goals.

Committee Discussion:

## **Committees**

- Grievance Committee – This committee was abolished because the board will hear grievances collectively.
- Audit Committee – Kelley Bristol will continue to chair this committee. Sam Speanburg and Jason Shover will also be members of this committee along with Linda Klime and Lisa Kyer. COVID and the status of state aid will be discussed regularly.

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- Parent & Family Engagement Committee – Mike Cusack, Jim Spear, Jeff White and Marie Cole will continue as members of this committee. Mike Cusack stated that they are very pleased with Joe Otter’s mission. Joe is very receptive to our questions and concerns.
- Curriculum & Technology Committee – The Superintendent does not feel the need for the Board to have this as a separate committee. The District has paid experts in these fields and they should be the driving force behind both curriculum and technology. Curriculum is always evolving and the technology we use continues to evolve too. Mr. Spear stated that he would like to see a technology report more often because it would help the board in making financial decision for an area in which they do not have a lot of knowledge.
- The Superintendent would like each principal to provide a showcase of their building (one building per quarter) to highlight the strides they are making with curriculum and technology. This will provide the board members with a snapshot of each building. Students, teachers and administrators would be part of these hour-long presentations.
- Policy Committee – The entire Board will review policies rather than having a committee. The Superintendent wants policy review to become a larger part of regular board meetings. Discussion of policies will be held at workshops and then the board can take action on those policies at the next board meeting. This past Friday, the Board was given several policies to review. These policies will discussed and adopted at the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. :

**RESO #1-10/13/2020  
Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 7:07 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.

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #2-10/13/2020  
Adjourn**

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 07:59 p.m.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams  
Clerk to the Board of Education