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**Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, November 12, 2024
Lansingburgh High School – Library Media Center**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Andrea Fairhurst at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

Board of Education Members, Catherine Curtis, Michael Cusack, Andrea Fairhurst, Jillian Manupella, Jason Shover, Jessica Vartigian, and Thomas Zakrzewski were present. Talia Pallozzi and Daniella Richards were absent from the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Angela Mauriello (on behalf of the LTA), Matthew Van Dervoort, Mike Robbins, Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty and Dr. Antonio Abitabile were also present. School Attorney Jeffrey Honeywell arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Ms. Fairhurst 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 Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #1-11/12/2024
Appoint IHO – Edgar
DeLeon, Esq.**

WHEREAS, the Parent of Student #14461564, has initiated a due process complaint and requested a hearing under federal and New York State laws pertaining to students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the District is required by law to appoint an impartial hearing officer (“IHO”) to hear and decide this matter; and

WHEREAS, Edgar DeLeon, Esq., has been selected to serve as an IHO and has agreed to do so, pursuant to procedures established by the New York State Education Department (“SED”);

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that Edgar DeLeon, Esq. is appointed as IHO to hear and issue a written determination with respect to the parent’s due process complaint; and it is further

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RESOLVED, that Mr. DeLeon shall be compensated for his services in accordance with the terms of SED regulations set forth at 8 N.Y.C.R.R. § 200.21.

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #2-11/12/2024
Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 7:20 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: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

The Board reconvened to regular session at 8:24 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #3-11/12/2024
Appoint Interim
Building Principal**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Joseph Lopez as Interim Building Principal at Rensselaer Park Elementary School beginning November 25, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with an employee agreement dated November 8, 2024.

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. :

**RESO #4-11/12/2024
Adjourn**

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 8:25 p.m.

Second: Mr.

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Antonio W. Abitabile
Clerk Pro Tem