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**Lansingburgh Central School District  
Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, January 27, 2025  
Turnpike Elementary School - Cafeteria**

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, Talia Pallozzi, Daniella Richards, Jason Shover, Jessica Vartigian, and Thomas Zakrzewski were present.

**ROLL CALL**

Others present include Angela Mauriello, Lindsey Gibson (on behalf of the LTA), Amanda Gregory, Tiffany Wysocki, Donny Miller, Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There was one member of the public present.

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 #1-01/27/2025  
Approve Meeting  
Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the meeting agenda for January 27, 2025.

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Mr. Shover reported for the Audit Committee. Tonight we met with Roland Guilz, our Internal Claims Auditor. The claims auditor is responsible for ensuring that only legitimate claims against the district are paid. The claims auditor approves vouchers or invoices prior to payment by the district to ensure proper documentation is attached, the payment is for a proper school district purpose, and the purchase was properly authorized. Approximately \$2.5 million in purchases flows through Roland's hands each year. This is another checks and balances process that we use and it gets better and better each year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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We continue using Ed Data as our purchasing software. This is a good platform for our teachers for purchasing supplies. This past year we saved more than \$60,000 in buying from bulk with this service.

Mr. Cusack now serves as a board member on the Troy IDA. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21. Currently the only ongoing item relating to the District is the former Catholic Central High School building.

Motion by Mrs. Vartigian:

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

**RESO #2-01/27/2025  
Approve Financial Reports**

Second: Mr. Zakrzewski

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 16, 2024.

**RESO #3-01/27/2025  
Approve Minutes**

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

## **PERSONNEL – CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby confers tenure upon the following teachers:

**RESO #4-01/27/2025  
Grant Tenure**

Name	Tenure Area	Building	Action	Effective Date
Susan Alberino	Reading	TES	Grant Tenure	February 13, 2025
Amanda Gregory	Reading	TES	Grant Tenure	March 26, 2025

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

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

**RESO #5-01/27/2025  
Accept Resignations**

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Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Kathleen Zarou	Teacher	TES	Resignation	January 17, 2025
Christina Limson-Harvey	Teacher	KMS	Resignation	February 5, 2025

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #6-01/27/2025**  
**Appoint Instructional Staff**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following instructional staff members:

Name	Position	Building	Tenure Area	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step
Meghan Howard	Long term substitute teacher	KMS	N/A	Temporary	1/6/2025 - 2/28/2025	\$255.86/day
Casey Byrne	Substitute Teacher	DISTRICT	N/A	Annual	SY 2024-2025	\$145/day (certified)
Savanna Caldwell	Substitute Teacher	DISTRICT	N/A	Annual	SY 2024-2025	\$145/day (certified)
Savanna Caldwell	Long term substitute teacher	RPES	N/A	Temporary	2/10/2025 - 6/30/2025	\$255.86/day
Amanda Hepp	Teaching Assistant	RPES				\$1,000 added to base (prorated)
Anthony Combs	Substitute Teacher	DISTRICT	N/A	Temporary	12/23/24- 6/20/25	\$125/day (uncertified)

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #7-01/27/2025**  
**Leave of Absence**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following unpaid leave of absence:

Name	Position	Building	Term
Madison Teta	Teaching Assistant	LHS	1/17/2025 - 5/31/2025

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

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Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #8-01/27/2025**  
**Approve Agreement**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves an Agreement with Employee #2020, dated December 13, 2024.

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

**PERSONNEL –**  
**NON-**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #9-01/27/2025**  
**Accept Resignation**

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

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Caitlin Milligan	Long Term Sub Nurse (RN)	KMS/LHS	Resignation	12/23/2024

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #10-01/27/2025**  
**Appoint Non-**  
**Instructional Staff**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following non-instructional staff:

Name	Position	Building	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step	Effective Date
Stephanie O'Brien	Human Resource Specialist	District	Permanent	6 Month Probationary Period (8/19/2024 - 2/18/2025)	\$57,289	8/19/2024
Sherrie Wilson	Noon Aide	District	Annual	SY 2024 - 2025	\$17.04/hr.	12/10/2024
Sarah Huls	Typist	RPES	Permanent	6 Month Probationary Period (12/23/2024 - 6/22/2025)	Step 3 - \$23.09	12/23/2024
Sharon Frazee	Typist	KMS	Permanent	6 Month Probationary Period (12/23/2024 - 6/22/2025)	Step 2 - \$22.19	12/23/2024
Caitlin Milligan	Substitute Nurse (RN)	District	Annual	SY 2024 - 2025	Step 1 - \$31.17/hr.	12/24/2024
Tiffany West	Substitute Custodian	District	Annual	SY 2024 - 2025	\$24.71/hr.	1/13/2025

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Olivia Brangman	Noon Aide	District	Annual	SY 2024 - 2025	\$17.04/hr.	1/13/2025
Steven Seebald	Noon Aide	RPES	Annual	SY 2024 - 2025	\$17.04/hr.	1/27/2025
Nicholas Darrigo	Substitute Aide	District	Annual	SY 2024 - 2025	Step 1 - \$18.65/hr.	1/27/2025
Patricia Davenport	Substitute Aide	District	Annual	SY 2024 - 2025	Step 1 - \$18.65/hr.	1/27/2025
Levi DeSalvatore	Student Worker / 21st Century	LHS	Annual	SY 2024 - 2025	\$15.50/hr.	
Kendra Losee	Student Worker / 21st Century	LHS	Annual	SY 2024 - 2025	\$15.50/hr.	
Sophie Teta	Student Worker / 21st Century	LHS	Annual	SY 2024 - 2025	\$15.50/hr.	
Larry Phillips	Student Worker	District	Annual	SY 2024 - 2025	\$15.50/hr.	

Motion Carried Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #11-01/27/2025**  
**Additional Assignments**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following additional assignments:

Name	Position / Purpose	Building	Appointment Type	Term	Compensation
Diana Petralia	Math Club	RPES	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr.
Diana Petralia	Current events club	RPES	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr.
Erika Wittmann	Canvas Creators Club	RPES	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr.
Christina Huttner	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator (winter catalog)	District	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (up to 5 hours under Title II)
Maggie Higgins	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator (winter catalog)	District	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (up to 5 hours under Title II)

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Courtney Laughlin	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator (winter catalog)	District	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (up to 5 hours under Title II)
Mary Legnard	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator (winter catalog)	District	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (up to 5 hours under Title II)
Christina Huttner	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator (winter catalog)	District	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (up to 5 hours under Title II)
Mary Haydock	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator (winter catalog)	District	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (up to 5 hours under Title II)
Tiffany Ainsworth	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator (winter catalog)	District	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (up to 5 hours under Title II)
Joe Otter	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator (winter catalog)	District	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (up to 5 hours under Title II)
Kelly DeLeon	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator (winter catalog)	District	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (up to 5 hours under Title II)
Gina Fusco	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator (winter catalog)	District	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (up to 5 hours under Title II)
Lindsey Gibson	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator (winter catalog)	District	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (up to 5 hours under Title II)
Christine Martinelli	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator (winter catalog)	District	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (up to 5 hours under Title II)
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Alejandro Williams	SY 2024 - 2025 All County Festivals	KMS/LHS	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	Contractual Stipend - \$550 per festival (limit of 2)
Kendra Ferris	Drama Club	KMS/LHS	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	Contractual Stipend
Natalie Russo	Enrichment Club (Reader's Theatre)	TES	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (under Title IV)
Amanda Squires	Enrichment Club (Typing)	TES	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (under Title IV)

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Corrina Pelkey	Enrichment Club (Book Club)	TES	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (under Title IV)
Amanda Balsamo	Enrichment Club (ENL)	TES	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (under Title IV)
Lindsey Hoose	Enrichment Club (Math, 2nd Grade)	TES	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (under Title IV)
Reilly Schug	Enrichment Club (Academic Crafts)	TES	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. (under Title IV)
Christopher Corr	Head Coach - Varsity Girls Wrestling	KMS/LHS	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	Contractual Stipend
Louise Sullivan	OT Service Provider (for student awaiting placement)	TES	Temporary	10/01/2024 - TBD	Hourly Rate
Meaghan Burke	Tutor (for student awaiting placement)	RPES	Temporary	01/13/2025 - TBD	\$30/hr.
Rosabell Plusch	Cheerleading Club (up to an additional 8 hours)		Annual	2024-2025 School Year	\$30/hr. - 21st Century Grant
Diane Murray	Cheerleading Club (up to an additional 8 hours)		Annual	2024-2025 School Year	Hourly pay - 21st Century Grant
Christopher Tergliafera	Substitute for after school program	RPES	Annual	2024-2025 School Year	Hourly pay

Motion Carried Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

## ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #12-01/27/2025**  
**Accept Donations**

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

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Edward & Gail Weber	\$ 50.00	Dress a Knight
Lansingburgh Football Club	500.00	Anything is Possible Scholarship (in memory of Ayshawn Davis)

Motion Carried Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

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Motion by Mr. Zakrzewski:

**RESO #13-01/27/2025  
Adopt Policies**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the second reading and hereby adopts the following policies:

- 0120 – Formal Title IX Complaint Procedure
- 1120 – School District Records
- 8130 – School Safety Plans and Teams
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Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Shover

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mrs. Vartigian:

**RESO #14-01/27/2025  
Dispose of Surplus**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board authorizes the Purchasing Agent to dispose/transfer the following items from the District Office:

- Tag # 201994, Motorola 6550 Radio, LHS Gym- Disposal
- Tag # 201980, Motorola 6550 Radio, LHS Office- Disposal
- Tag # 201948, Motorola 6550 Radio, LHS Secretary- Disposal
- Tag # 201944, Motorola 6550 Radio, Spare Maintenance- Disposal
- Tag # 212397, Motorola 6550 Radio, KMS- Disposal
- Tag # 212379, Motorola 6550 Radio, TES- Disposal
- Tag # 201954, Motorola 6550 Radio, Maintenance spare- Disposal
- Tag # 001254, Toro 4110 Grandmaster, B&G- Transfer/Trade in

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

**RESO #15-01/27/2025  
Accept Final Tax  
Warrant**

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 2024-2025 collection period:



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TES Report by Ms. Wysocki – See pages 12-14.  
RPES Report by Mr. Lopez – See pages 15-16.  
KMS Report by Ms. Phelan – See pages 17-18.  
LHS Report by Mr. Van Dervoort – See page 19.

## Principal's Reports

By Mrs. McGrouty:

## Assistant Superintendent Report

- End of the second quarter Meeting with Year 1 teachers for quarterly meetings, and year 2 and 3 for their mid-year check-in. Teachers feel very supported.
- Spring Catalog course offerings and book studies were sent out to faculty.
- World Read Aloud Day is February 5
- UPK Audit tomorrow. This includes Tier 1, Speech, OT/PT and special areas. They will also spend approximately 10-15 minutes in each of the 3 year old and 4 year old classrooms.

By Dr. Abitabile:

## Superintendent Report

### 2025-2026 School Calendar:

- I had a meeting this morning regarding next school year's calendar. We made some good decisions. A calendar meeting with the union heads is scheduled for February 10. I hope to have a final draft to the Board for adoption at the February board meeting.

### Ban on Cell Phones:

- The Governor's proposal goes into effect for schools beginning the 2025-2026 school year. The plan includes:
  - No use of smartphones and other internet-enabled personal devices on school grounds in K-12 schools for the entire school day, including classroom time and other settings like lunch and study hall periods.
  - Allows schools to develop their own plans for storing smartphones during the day giving administrators and teachers the flexibility to do what works best for their buildings and students.
  - Requires schools to give parents a way to contact their kids during the day if needed.
- This will need to be budgeted for because the expenses will be returned to districts by reimbursement.
- We have begun researching options. We will need feedback from our families on the best way for our schools to move forward.

### 2025-2026 School Budget Development

- First run of State Aid was distributed to the board. This reflects a 4.78% increase in Foundation Aid for Lansingburgh.

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- A first draft of our 2025-2026 school budget was distributed to the board. With the Foundation Aid increase, based upon the Governor’s proposal, our Tax Cap is limited to 1.36% with equates to roughly \$226,000.
- Assemblymember John McDonald will be in attendance at our February 10 workshop.

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #7-01/27/2025  
Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent’s contract and real estate negotiations.

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Shover

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

The Board moved from the Turnpike cafeteria to the board conference room in the District Office.

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #8-01/27/2025  
Adjourn**

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

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams  
Clerk to the Board of Education

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## TURNPIKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Turnpike Attendance		
Grade	January	YTD, 2024-2025
UPK	88.2%	91%
K	86%	89%
1	86%	90%
2	87%	91%
TES	87%	90%

District Goal	
SEL & TSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Character Education Subcommittee:</b>                      The January character trait is <i>Cooperation and Teamwork</i>. Teachers received resources to foster discussion and practice these skills in class. The monthly assembly will take place on Thursday, January 30th.                 </li> <li> <b>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Subcommittee:</b>                      Students are learning about and celebrating <i>Lunar New Year</i> this month. Teachers were provided with books, videos, and activities to support this learning.                 </li> <li> <b>Building Beautification Subcommittee:</b>                      Supplies for making the school vestibule more welcoming are arriving, and updates will be completed soon. Plans are also underway to display more "BEE Posters" in stairwells to reinforce our expectations: <i>Be Safe, Be Kind, Be My Best</i>.                 </li> <li> <b>Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) Subcommittee:</b>                      Following the holiday break, teachers focused on re-teaching and practicing BEE Expectations, creating a positive reset for students. Students are excelling in meeting expectations in common areas.                 </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Restorative Practices Subcommittee:</b>            Justin Simon continues his classroom visits and <i>Attendance Circle</i> initiatives. The subcommittee is working on launching a Restorative Practices Newsletter to share tips and promote restorative approaches in classrooms.         </li> </ul>
<p>Family &amp; Community Engagement</p>	<p>In January, we continued our efforts to strengthen family and community engagement through several key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>PTA Meeting:</b>            Our January PTA meeting had a strong turnout, with over 20 attendees participating in discussions and planning efforts.         </li> <li> <b>Family Advisory Committee Meeting:</b>            We held a joint Family Advisory Committee meeting with Rensselaer Park Elementary School, which was attended by 13 participants. This collaborative effort allows us to align goals and initiatives across schools.         </li> <li> <b>PTA "Skate Knight" Event:</b>            On January 24th, the PTA hosted a highly successful <i>"Skate Knight"</i> at Guptill's Arena, drawing over 200 attendees. This event fostered a sense of community and provided a fun and engaging experience for families.         </li> </ul> <p>These events reflect our commitment to creating opportunities for families to connect with one another and with our school community.</p>
<p>Data Collection and Implementation to Drive Curriculum and Instruction</p>	<p>As we continue to focus on enhancing our educational practices, significant strides have been made in our efforts to collect and effectively implement data to drive curriculum and instruction at the primary level. In January, we took several important steps forward:</p> <p><b>Collaborative Data Review:</b> We established scheduled data review sessions where educators collaborate in teams to analyze student progress. These sessions foster a culture of continuous improvement and enable teachers to align instructional strategies based on real-time student data.</p> <p><b>Curriculum Adjustments:</b> Data insights are already influencing curriculum adjustments. Our focus on standards-based instruction allows for curriculum tweaks to better meet the diverse needs of our primary students.</p>

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	<p>We will continue to refine these processes in the coming months to ensure that every child receives the personalized attention and resources needed for success.</p>
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## RENSELAER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Rensselaer Park Attendance

Grade	January, 2025	YTD, 2024-25
3rd	86.9%	90.8%
4th	87.6%	91.4%
5th	87.3%	91.3%
RPES	87.2%	91.2%
District Goal		
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The students' attendance continues to be closely monitored by teachers and the SST Attendance Committee. As anticipated, the weather has had a negative impact upon the students' attendance.</li> <li>Increased attention has been placed on administration making phone calls to the homes of students with high absent rates.</li> <li>The school has set a goal of 92% daily student attendance. Each day's attendance is posted for comparison to the goal.</li> </ul>	
SEL & TSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Emotional Learning               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second Step lessons are still happening</li> <li>assistance from Mr. Otter.</li> <li>Two of the staff members who provide the Second Step lessons will shortly be going on maternity leave and Mr. Otter will be working with their leave replacements to continue the program.</li> <li>Potential career awareness and interests has been a focus of student discussions in January.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Trauma Sensitive Schools               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions continue to be held to address the role that trauma may be having on students' learning difficulties at school.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Family & Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As an initiative from the RPES Student Council, weekly theme days were identified for January. The themes were <i>College Day</i>, <i>Gnome Day</i>, <i>Dress for Success Day</i> and <i>Flannel Day</i>.</li> <li>Regular use of Parent Square continues to be a resource for the faculty to communicate with the students' parents.</li> <li>Information on items related to the school was shared at the Family Advisory Committee Meeting held on January, 16th.</li> <li>After school clubs are fully in swing at RPES. At this time there are 35 clubs and activities, with 31 faculty members participating as advisors.</li> </ul>	
Data Collection and Implementation to Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The mid-year assessment of the students' progress has been in the process of being conducted during the last two weeks of January. The I-Ready Math and Reading diagnostic assessments were completed this week, with the I-Ready</li> </ul>	

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Curriculum and Instruction	<p>Reading Fluency assessment scheduled to be conducted the week of January 27th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An important component of preparing the students to take the mandated NYS Math, Reading and Science Assessments are the school's efforts to familiarize the students' with the formats of the different assessments and the "tools" that will be available for their use. Towards that end on January 27th the students will participate in a Math Assessment Simulation during their math blocks.</li><li>• In recent years the fourth and fifth grade students have participated in the NYS assessments electronically. This year, the third grade students will also be taking their assessments electronically. Beyond their instruction on content, classroom teachers of all grades have been providing regular guidance to the students in order to prepare them for this task.</li><li>• Meetings continue to be scheduled to provide guidance to the teachers not only on how to obtain achievement data on their students but also with regards to effectively utilizing the data in planning their instruction. Special attention has been placed on the tools available to the faculty to effectively and logically organize the information that is being obtained.</li></ul>
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## KNICKERBACKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Building Goal	Action/Initiatives
Curriculum and Instruction	<p>January 14-17 KMS completed midterms in all content areas. Midterms assess content from Sept.-Jan. We will be comparing data to the November benchmarks and determining areas of need moving forward.</p> <p><u>ELA</u>- PD continues in January to focus on guided practice. This will assist with targeting skills and giving students more practice in order to make gains.</p> <p><u>Math</u>- PD will continue in February focusing in on increasing the level of cognitive demand within small group lessons.</p> <p><u>Science</u>-PD continues in January focused on increasing the use of Pear Assessment in order to give more experience with computer based testing and higher level questioning.</p>
SEL/School Climate	<p>KMS had their second school dance of the year on January 23rd from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.</p> <p>School counselors continue to push into first period classes for their SEL monthly lessons. Counselors will also be meeting with small groups as well.</p>
Chronic Absenteeism	<p>Attendance Data</p> <p>YTD</p> <p>6-88%</p> <p>7-93%</p> <p>8-89%</p> <p>Overall-90%</p> <p>Mrs. Sacco and Miss Phelan will be attending the second half of the CASDA Attendance Workshop in the beginning of February.</p>

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Parent Engagement  
and Community  
Engagement

The KMS/LHS Family Advisory Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 22nd at 6pm. KMS talked about our new electronic hall pass system as well as giving our attendance, academic and safety reports. There were 20 attendees for this meeting.

KMS held parent teacher conferences on Friday, January 24th. This was an opportunity for parents to meet with teams either remote or in person to discuss any academic concerns.

21st Century  
Program

The 21st Century Program is collaborating with Hudson Valley Community College and the Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club to provide any LCSD student K-12 with swim instruction and lifeguard certification for FREE through NY Swims Grant. Be on the look out for more information as the budget gets approved. All information will be shared with families in Parent Square.

After school programming continues to grow with 225 students registered at KMS and LHS. We will be adding programming from the Arts Center- Photography and Drawing and Illustrations and additional music workshops from the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

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## LANSINGBURGH HIGH SCHOOL

### Attendance

- 9th- 83%
- 10th 82%
- 11th 86%
- 12th 81%
- LHS Year to Date 86%

### Regents Exams

- First time testing all 11th graders in January
  - 40 earned Alg credit
  - 123 earned ELA credit
- Overall testing went well, determining which students will take which science exams in June this month

### SEL:

- M-Power Program with Rebekah Magin begins 1/27 and runs for 6 weeks with the 10th graders
- Project Aware (Ryan Kelly) will be conducting a Universal Mental Health Screener with the 10th grade students on 2/10 and 2/11. These students completed the teen Mental Health First Aid Program in the Fall.

### Academic Data Tracking - LHS

- Teachers are collecting data on standards successes in classes based on Regents scores from June 2024. They plan to update them for the 3rd quarter and do a data analysis of midterm exams to drive instruction for the second semester.

### Civic Seal Committee:

- Met on 1/22/25
- Students in Civics Class on track
- Looking at dates for the [poster presentations in the Spring
- Cell Phones:
- Working on continuing to enforce the policy