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**Lansingburgh Central School District  
Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, June 16, 2025  
Boardroom – District Office**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Others present include Lindsey Gibson (on behalf of the LTA), Michael Drinkwine, Donny Miller, Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty and Dr. Antonio Abitabile. There were no others 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 Ms. Richards:

**RESO #1-06/16/2025  
Approve Meeting  
Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the revised meeting agenda for June 16, 2025.

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Mr. Shover on behalf of the Audit Committee:

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

- We are in good shape as we are nearing the end of the fiscal year.
- We are looking at looking at long-range planning.
- Transfers for field trips and sports trips are normal for this time of year.

Ms. Richards stated there was no Policy Committee meeting this evening. The committee will meet again on July 7 to review the cell phone policy recommendations received from NYSSBA.

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Motion by Ms. Richards:

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

**RESO #2-06/16/2025  
Approve Financial Reports**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Zakrzewski:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 20, 2025 and the minutes of the special meetings held on May 6, 2025 and May 20, 2025.

**RESO #3-06/16/2025  
Approve Minutes**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

## **PERSONNEL – CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

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

**RESO #4-06/16/2025  
Accept Resignations**

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Jennifer Gardy	Science Teacher	LHS	Resignation	June 30, 2025
Jessica Sisti	Band Teacher	RPES/KMS	Resignation	June 30, 2025
Madison Wolfe	Elementary Teacher	TES	Resignation	June 30, 2025
Aliza Fane	Elementary Teacher	TES	Resignation	June 30, 2025
Jamie Byrne	Teaching Assistant	RPES	Retirement	June 30, 2025

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

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

**RESO #5-06/16/2025  
Appoint Instructional Personnel**

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Name	Position	Building	Tenure Area	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step
Kirsten Levesque	Reading Teacher (Library)	KMS	Reading (same)	Probationary	6/27/25 - 10/4/26	
Sheila Shover	Teaching Assistant	TES	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	9/1/25 - 9/1/28	Step 13 \$29.86 + \$1,000 for level 3
Aidan Gwinn	Substitute Teacher	District		Annual	6/16/25 - 6/30/25	Uncertified \$125
Aidan Gwinn	Substitute Teaching Assistant	District		Annual	6/16/25 - 6/30/25	Teaching Assistant \$125
Sara Mentipty	Teacher	TES	Elementary	Probationary	9/1/25 - 8/31/28	Step D - \$56,605

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

- A. Fairhurst – Abstain
- J. Shover – Abstain
- C. Curtis – Aye
- M. Cusack – Aye
- J. Manupella – Aye
- D. Richards – Aye
- J. Vartigian – Aye
- T. Zakrzewski - Aye

Motion Carried 6-0-2

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves a Feinerman Agreement for employee #866 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**RESO #6-06/16/2025**  
**Approve Feinerman Agreement**

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
 Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

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

**RESO #7-06/16/2025**  
**Approve Unpaid Leave**

Name	Position	Building	Term
Elyse Weichold	Teacher	KMS	9/2/25 - 11/3/25

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
 Unanimously

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Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #8-06/16/2025  
Approve Additional  
Assignments**

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

Name	Position / Purpose	Building	Appointment Type	Term	Compensation
Meaghan Burke	Tutor	RPES	Temporary	06/02/2025 - 06/26/2025	\$30/hr.
Lori Filarecki	TOSA - Summer Work Days	TES	Annual	Up to 18 days	1/200th of Salary
Jessica Dusenberry	TOSA - Summer Work Days	TES	Annual	Up to 18 days	1/200th of Salary
Mary Hadock	TOSA - Summer Work Days	RPES	Annual	Up to 18 days	1/200th of Salary
Kelly Juliano	TOSA - Summer Work Days	RPES	Annual	Up to 18 days	1/200th of Salary
Colleen Buff	TOSA - Summer Work Days	KMS	Annual	Up to 18 days	1/200th of Salary
Eileen Culliton	TOSA - Summer Work Days	LHS	Annual	Up to 18 days	1/200th of Salary
Lindsey Gibson	TOSA - Summer Work Days	District	Annual	Up to 18 days	1/200th of Salary
Maggie Higgins	Kindergarten Screening - Summer Work Days	TES	Annual	Up to 20 days	1/200th of Salary
Kristyn Garger	EPK/UPK Screening - Summer Work Days	TES	Annual	Up to 20 days	1/200th of Salary
Sabrina Devine	Secretary - Summer Work Days	TES	Annual	Up to 10 days	Hourly Rate
Sarah Huls	Secretary - Summer Work Days	RPES	Annual	Up to 7 days	Hourly Rate
Colleen Thomas	Secretary - Summer Work Days	KMS	Annual	Up to 15 days	Hourly Rate
Sharon Frazee	Secretary - Summer Work Days	KMS	Annual	Up to 6 days	Hourly Rate
Giovanna Gavin	Secretary - Summer Work Days	LHS	Annual	Up to 10 days	Hourly Rate
Edda Sacco	Guidance - Summer Work Days	KMS	Annual	Up to 15 days	1/200th of Salary
Phil Faseun	Guidance - Summer Work Days	KMS	Annual	Up to 15 days	1/200th of Salary

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Amber Brower	Guidance - Summer Work Days	KMS	Annual	Up to 15 days	1/200th of Salary
Katie Secore	Social Worker - Summer Work Days	KMS	Annual	Up to 7 days	1/200th of Salary
Stephanie Moryl	Social Worker - Summer Work Days	LHS	Annual	Up to 10 days	1/200th of Salary
Dave Merrill	Summer Work Days	LHS	Annual	Up to 8 days	1/200th of Salary
Laura Gallagher	Guidance - Summer Work Days	LHS	Annual	Up to 19 days	1/200th of Salary
Catherine Bragg	Guidance - Summer Work Days	LHS	Annual	Up to 19 days	1/200th of Salary
Kelsea Royce	Guidance - Summer Work Days	LHS	Annual	Up to 19 days	1/200th of Salary
Donna Welcome	Textbooks and Purchasing	District	Annual	Up to 20 days	Hourly Rate
Colleen Moak	TA/Aide - ESY 2025	District	Annual	4 hrs. daily for 30 days	Hourly Rate
Jenna Sherman	School Nurse (LPN)	RPES	Annual	Up to 2 days	Hourly Rate
Heather Ladd	Substitute Teacher - ESY 2025	District	Annual	As needed	\$30/hr.
Meghan Burke	School Suspension Tutoring	District	Temporary	6/2/25 - 6/26/25	\$30/hr.
Eric Sinko	Teacher - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	\$30/hr.
Heather McFarlane	Teacher - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	\$30/hr.
Angela Mauriello	Teacher - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	\$30/hr.
Andrew Ferris	Teacher - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	\$30/hr.
Elaine Dodson	Teaching Assistant - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate
Kathleen Eaton	Teaching Assistant - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate

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Destinee Reed	Teaching Assistant - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate
Kelli Genthner	Aide - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate
Joseph Hunter	Security Monitor - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate
Betsy Isager	Nurse - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate
Luz-Marina Lilchin	Nurse - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate
Nicole Cotugno	Instructional Substitute - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate
Erin Teta	Instructional Substitute - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate
Corrina Pelkey	Instructional Substitute - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate
Silva Marquez	Instructional Substitute - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate
Margaret Rabben	Instructional Substitute - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate
Mary Leak	Instructional Substitute - 21st Century Summer Staff	District	Annual	7/7/25 - 8/15/25	Hourly Rate

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #9-06/16/2025**  
**Accept Resignations**

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

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Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Erin Goodale	School Nurse (RN)	RPES/LHS	Resignation	6/30/2025
Donna Keegan	Noon Aide	LHS	Resignation	6/30/2025
Penny Tobias	School Nurse (RN)	RPES/LHS	Retirement	6/30/2025

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

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

**RESO #10-06/16/2025**  
**Appoint Non-Instructional Personnel**

Name	Position	Building	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step	Effective Date
Jenna Sherman	School Nurse (LPN)	RPES	Probationary	9/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	Step 8 - \$30.32/hr.	9/2/2025
Nick Farley	STEP Worker	District	Temporary	6/16/2025-6/16/2026	\$15.50/hr.	6/16/2025
Jacob Millington	STEP Worker	District	Temporary	6/16/2025-6/16/2026	\$15.50/hr.	6/16/2025

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

**ACTION ITEMS**

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

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

**RESO #11-06/16/2025**  
**Accept Donations**

From	Amount	Purpose
Ronald McDonald House	\$120.55	TES Dress a Knight
Christina Huttner	\$250.00	Student Summer Camp Scholarship
Coldwell Banker Properties	\$250.00	Student Summer Camp Scholarship
Leroy Bordick	\$1000.00	Lee Bordick Scholarship
The Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$50.00	Miscellaneous #1
The Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$50.00	Miscellaneous #2
Michelle Burkhart	\$985.00	Denny & Kathy Haughney Scholarship
CSEA	\$300.00	Denny & Kathy Haughney Scholarship
Miscellaneous	\$495.00	Denny & Kathy Haughney Scholarship

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves an Employment Contract with Joseph Lopez as a per diem administrator for the period of June 16, 2025, through October 10, 2025.

**RESO #12-06/16/2025**  
**Approve Employee**  
**Contract – J. Lopez**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the First Amended Restated Employment Agreement with Rebecca McGrouty, Assistant Superintendent for School Improvement, expiring June 30, 2028.

**RESO #13-06/16/2025**  
**Approve Employee**  
**Agreement – R.**  
**McGrouty**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Second Amended Agreement with Linda Klime, School Business Official, expiring June 30, 2028.

**RESO #14-06/16/2025**  
**Approve Amended**  
**Agreement – L. Klime**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mrs. Vartigian:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the First Amended Terms and Conditions of Employment with Donald Miller, Human Resources Manager, expiring June 30, 2028.

**RESO #15-06/16/2025**  
**Approve Amended**  
**Agreement – D.**  
**Miller**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves participation in the 2025 Summer Youth Employment Program effective July 1, 2025; and further authorize the SYEP worksite application be submitted.

**RESO #16-06/16/2025**  
**Approve 2025**  
**Summer Youth**  
**Employment Program**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

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Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #17-06/16/2025  
Award Bid**

Based upon the final results from the Food Service Equipment Replacement RFP-024-004 that opened on May 28, 2025, the Board of Education hereby awards the bid to Saratoga Restaurant & Equipment Sales. The contract will be active beginning June 17, 2025.

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Zakrzewski:

**RESO #18-06/16/2025  
Award Bid**

Based upon the final results for the School Physician RFP 24-003 that opened on June 5, 2025, the Board of Education hereby awards the bid to The Locum Company, LLC. The contract will be active from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 pending Board approval.

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #19-06/16/2025  
Approve Change  
Order**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves Change Order SC-005 for the purpose of additional cost for drilling tension backstop foundations at Knickerbacker Middle School.

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Vartigian:

**RESO #20-06/16/2025  
Approve Change  
Order**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves Change Order #SC-006 for the purpose of additional cost for deleting curb islands and installing HD asphalt at Knickerbacker Middle School.

Second: Mr. Zakrzewski

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Ms. Richards:

**RESO #21-06/16/2025  
Approve First  
Reading of Policies**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the first reading of the following policies:

- 1500-E.2. – Insurance Requirements – Use of Facilities
- 4001 - Concurrent Enrollment Programs
- 5431 – Suicide
- 5431-R – Suicide Regulation

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- 9521 – Managerial Confidential Employee Benefits

Second: Mrs. Vartigian

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #22-06/16/2025**  
**Authorize Disposal of**  
**Assets**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby authorizes the disposal/transfer of the following assets:

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Asset</u>	<u>HD?</u>	<u>Disposed (Y or N)</u>
Dynex	CRT TV	N/A	200888	N	Y
Dynex	CRT TV	N/A	200807	N	Y
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211226	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	212644	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	212645	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	212749	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211145	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211129	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	210511	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211127	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211250	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	212642	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211133	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211146	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211159	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	1452	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	212815	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	212628	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211160	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211249	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211444	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211208	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211174	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211207	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211204	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211128	Removed	

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HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211178	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211230	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	210525	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	20200774	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	2UA6431X28	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	2UA6051FKB	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	210513	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	212650	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	212779	Removed	
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211204	Removed	
Acer	AIO	C24-865	1072	Wiped	
Smart	Document Camera	DC-330	201821	NA	
Smart	Document Camera	DC-330	202624	NA	
Smart	Document Camera	DC-330	202634	NA	
Smart	Document Camera	DC-330	201716	NA	
Dynex	CRT TV	DXR24TV	200425	NA	
Phillips	DVD/VCR	DVP3345	201208	NA	
Smart	Smart Board	SB685-M2	202728	NA	
Smart	Smart Board	SB685-M2	201927	NA	
Smart	Smart Board	SB685-M2	201904	NA	
Smart	Smart Board	SB685-M2	SB685-M2-A07723	NA	
Smart	Smart Board	SB685-M2	210742	NA	
Smart	Smart Board	SB685-M2	20140065	NA	
Smart	Smart Board	SB685-M2	202675	NA	
Smart	Smart Board	SB685-M2	202676	NA	
Smart	Smart Board	SB685-M2	202671	NA	
Smart	Smart Board	SB685-M2	202950	NA	
Sharp	LCD TV	PN-C703B	43551	NA	
Sharp	LCD TV	4T-B70CT1U	1133	NA	
Epson	Projector	685W	20200126	NA	

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

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Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #23-06/16/2025  
Approve Adjustments  
to Unassigned Fund  
Balance**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approve the following adjustments to the unassigned fund balance to be made no later than June 30, 2025:

General Ledger Account	Reserve Fund	Balance 6/30/24	Purpose	2024-25 Additions	2024-25 Interest (estimated to 6/30/25)	Date of Establishment	Maximum Funding Level
A814	Workers' Compensation Reserve	\$209,953.90	To pay for compensation and benefits, medical, hospital, or other expenses authorized by Article 2 of the Workers' Compensation Law and to pay the expenses of administering a self-insurance program.	0	\$2,109.81	05/23/2011	Additional Funding approved by the Board
A827	Reserve for State and Local Retirement System	\$529,364.21	To fund employer retirement contributions to the Employees' Retirement System (ERS)	0	\$21,860.47	05/23/2011	Additional Funding approved by the Board
A827A	TRS Subaccount Reserve	\$1,643,633.00	To fund employer retirement contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)	0	0	05/29/2019	10% of all eligible TRS Salaries from prior year
A864	Tax Certiorari Reserve	\$772,772.33	To pay judgements and claims in tax certiorari proceedings in accordance with Article seven of the Real Property Tax Law	0	\$7,775.13	06/21/2010	Reasonable estimate based on current claims
A867	Reserve for Employee Benefits	\$422,841.23	To pay for any accrued "employee benefit" due to an employee on termination of the employee's service.	0	\$4,248.68	05/23/2011	Additional Funding approved by the Board
A878 *	Reserve for Capital Construction Fund	\$1,530,497.11	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued by, or for the objects or purposes of, a school district pursuant to the Local Finance Law.	\$500,000.00	\$15,411.48	5/16/2023	\$5,000,000.00
A882	Reserve for Repairs	\$1,005,808.58	To pay for certain repairs to capital improvements or equipment. The type of repairs must not recur annually or at shorter intervals	0	\$10,123.77	06/26/2015	\$1,000,000.00
	Total	\$6,114,870.36		\$500,000.00	\$61,529.34		

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Second: Mr. Zakrzewski

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

TES Report by Ms. Wysocki – See pages 14-15

RPES Report by Mr. Lopez – See pages 16-17

KMS Report by Ms. Phelan – See pages 18-19

## Principal's Reports

Motion by Mr. Shover:

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at  
6:32 p.m.

## RESO #24-06/16/2025 Adjourn

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Antonio Abitabile  
Clerk Pro Tem

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## TURNPIKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Turnpike Attendance		
Grade	June	YTD, 2024-2025
UPK	92%	91%
K	90%	89%
1	90%	90%
2	94%	91%
TES	91%	90%

District Goal	
SEL & TSS	<p>Our school continues progress toward becoming a trauma-sensitive environment, focusing on four key areas:</p> <p><b>Safe &amp; Predictable Spaces (PBIS):</b> Continued reinforcement of Bee Expectations, positive cafeteria incentives (Silver Spoon Award), and development of Check-In/Check-Out supports.</p> <p><b>Restorative Practices:</b> Staff flowchart created, meetings expanded to include all staff, ongoing newsletters and planning for integrating RP into announcements.</p> <p><b>Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion:</b> Monthly DEI resources shared with staff and continued efforts to create a welcoming, inclusive school community.</p> <p><b>Positive Behavior Supports (Character Ed):</b> Ongoing monthly character trait focus with assemblies, staff resources, and integrated messaging in weekly announcements.</p> <p>All committees are tracking progress and adjusting plans to meet goals in alignment with our TSS checklist.</p>
Family & Community Engagement	<p>We continue to foster strong connections with our families and community partners. On May 30th, we held a successful Special Olympics event—thank</p>

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	<p>you to our families, Board of Education members, and community stakeholders who came out to cheer on and support our students and staff.</p> <p>As we approach the final days of school, we're wrapping up our ABC Countdown and are incredibly grateful to our PTA for providing fun snacks and activities that have made each day special for our students.</p> <p>Looking ahead, we're excited for our Pre-K and 2nd Grade End-of-Year Concerts on June 18th. That same evening, our PTA will host the June Jamboree—a festive end-of-year celebration for all.</p> <p>Finally, our Color Run, postponed due to weather, will now take place the evening of June 20th—we look forward to ending the year on a high-energy, colorful note with our school community!</p>
Data Collection and Implementation to Drive Curriculum and Instruction	<p>Out of 414 K–2 students assessed in reading using i-Ready, the school achieved a median progress of 94% toward Typical Growth. In math, 397 students were assessed, with a median progress of 81%. Typical Growth represents the average annual growth for a student at their grade and baseline placement level. While some assessments are still ongoing, the school is proud of the strong growth shown so far.</p>

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## RENSSELAER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Attendance

Grade	June, 2025	YTD, 2024-25
3rd	91.5%	91.3%
4th	91.7%	91.9%
5th	92.5%	91.2%
RPES	91.9%	91.3%

District Goal	
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the improved weather the students' attendance continues to be strong. On a number of times the students' attendance has reached the school's identified goal of 93%. For the 2025-26 school year, the SST Attendance Committee will continue its proactive efforts to address student absence and tardiness.</li> </ul>
SE SEL & TSS	<p>Social Emotional Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Second Step program has wrapped up for the 2024-25 school year. Feedback received from the faculty and parents has been positive with regards to the impact that the program has had on the students. We have completed our digital responsibility and personal safety lessons. All teachers have completed the Strengths and Difficulties on their students so we can identify students that may benefit from additional SEL intervention in the form of small group counseling, starting in October.</li> </ul> <p>Trauma Sensitive Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Trauma Responsive School Implementation Assessment has been administered to the faculty. Data and comments from this assessment will be used to draft the focus for the 2025-26 school year.</li> </ul>
Family & Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The trip to the ValleyCats game was a huge success on a number of levels. Beyond their being able to attend a professional sporting event,</li> </ul>

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Engagement	<p>many students experienced for the first time an activity outside of the Lansingburgh community. I am proud to share that the RPES students were the best behaved students in attendance at the game. A big THANK YOU goes out to the RPES PTA for taking care of the cost of the tickets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• With formal assessments completed, and the field trip season firmly upon us, parent involvement has increased at the school. This is due to the teachers having identified opportunities for parents to participate as chaperones and also as helpers at school activities.</li><li>• At the June Character Education Assembly students were recognized for their outstanding attendance during the school year. In addition, the Mary Breton Award and the Bill Davey Award were each presented to a fifth grade boy and girl who were deemed to best represent the attributes associated with these individuals. The families of the students who received recognition at the assembly were invited to attend.</li></ul>
Data Collection and Implementation to Drive Curriculum and Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We have continued to strengthen our use of data to inform instructional planning and support student growth. Teachers have engaged in targeted data discussions during data planning meetings, using diagnostic and formative assessment results to guide groupings and instructional priorities. The data is now housed in the Intervention Compass data dashboard, a digital platform that allows the data to follow each student throughout their Lansingburgh career, supporting continuity in instructional decision-making.</li><li>• Additionally, we've emphasized consistency in progress monitoring and the use of data protocols to ensure instructional decisions are timely and aligned to student needs. These efforts have laid a strong foundation as we plan for next year's instructional priorities (on the SCEP Plan).</li><li>• With the school year drawing to a close, the final utilization of instructional data was in the process leading up to the establishment of draft class lists for the 2025-26 school year. The goal of the process this year was to create classes that across each grade were as balanced as possible. To achieve this, classroom teachers reflected upon their students' achievement and behavior at school and indicated a series of ratings on a student information card. These cards have been used to create tentative class lists, which have been shared with the faculty for feedback and possible revision.</li></ul>
Final thoughts	<p>As I conclude my time as the Interim Principal at the Rensselaer Park Elementary School, I would like to share a few thoughts with you. First off, I would like to thank Dr. Abitabile for the opportunity to be a part of RPES and</p>

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the Lansingburgh Central School District. I feel that it has been a positive experience for me and I have appreciated the opportunity to become acquainted with the program that is offered to the students. As members of the Board of Education you have a great deal to be proud of in the district. Secondly, I have greatly appreciated the time that I have spent with the students, their parents, and especially the faculty at RPES. They are a special group of educators who put in a phenomenal effort for their students. Finally, I would like to express my opinion that Mrs. Alexandra Nelson is ready to be the RPES Principal. Lexi possesses the skill, drive and commitment needed to be an effective instructional leader at the school. I have every faith that she, and the new Assistant Principal, Mr. Brad Hupfl, will make a dynamic team at RPES.

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