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**Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, August 11, 2025
District Office – Board Conference Room**

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by Board Vice President, Daniella Richards 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, Michael Drinkwine, Jillian Manupella, Daniella Richards, Jason Shover and Thomas Zakrzewski were present. Andrea Fairhurst and Jessica Vartigian were absent from the meeting

ROLL CALL

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

Ms. Richards 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 #1-08/11/2025
Approve Meeting
Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the meeting agenda for August 11, 2025.

Second: Mrs. Curtis

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Mr. Cusack reported that the Troy Planning Board met this month, and discussions included community resources.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

**RESO #2-08/11/2025
Approve Minutes**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 21, 2025.

Second: Mr. Drinkwine

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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Ms. Richards announced that Mrs. Vartigian is resigning as a board member. Mrs. Vartigian will be supporting the District in a new capacity as an instructional and non-instructional substitute. We thank her for her continued commitment to our students, staff, and school community.

Motion by Mr. Drinkwine:

The Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Jessica Vartigian as member of the Board of Education, effective August 8, 2025.

Second: Mrs. Curtis

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

**RESO #3-08/11/2025
Resignation of Board
Member**

Motion Carried
Unanimously

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion by Mr. Shover:

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

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Reanna Guerette	Teacher	KMS	Resignation	July 31, 2025
Jamie Desso	Teacher	TES	Resignation	August 31, 2025
Isabella Fanning	Teacher	KMS	Resignation	August 31, 2025
Timothy Hepp	Teacher	LHS	Resignation	August 31, 2025
Christopher Landry	Teacher	TES	Resignation	August 31, 2025

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

**RESO #5-08/11/2025
Appoint Instructional
Staff**

Motion by Mr. Shover:

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

Name	Position	Building	Tenure Area	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step	Masters	Credits
Leah Bowers	Long-term Substitute	TES	N/A	Temporary	9/1/2025 - 12/1/2025	\$258.42/day		

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Leah Bowers	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	12/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	\$145/day (certified)		
Rylee Desso	Teacher	TES	Elementary	Probationary	9/1/2025 - 8/31/2029	Step D - \$56,605	Y	30
Kaitlyn Strangis	Teacher	TES	Elementary	Probationary	9/1/2025 - 8/31/2029	Step F - \$59,888	Y	42
Stephanie Vozzo	Long-term Substitute	RPES	N/A	Temporary	9/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	\$258.42/day		
Jessica Vartigian	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	9/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	\$125/day (uncertified)		
Jessica Vartigian	Substitute (Non Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	9/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	Per contract		
Alvaro Perez de Paco	Teacher (Spanish)	LHS	World Languages	Probationary	9/1/2025 - 8/31/2029	Step D - \$56,605	Y	Y
Abigail Fletcher	Teacher	KMS	Science	Probationary	9/1/2025 - 8/31/2029	Step D - \$56,605		
Kathryn O'Brien	Teaching Assistant	KMS	Teaching Assistants	Probationary	9/1/2025 - 8/31/2029	Step 6 - \$22.69		

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby confers tenure upon the following instructional staff member, who has successfully completed the required probationary period:

Bruni, Olivia 09/13/2021 - 09/12/2025 Speech, TES

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves salary adjustments for the following staff:

RESO #6-08/11/2025
Grant Tenure – Olivia Bruni

RESO #7-08/11/2025
Approve Salary Adjustments

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Name	Position	Effective Date	Graduate Credits Awarded	Masters Awarded	Transcript Received
John Natalie	Teaching Assistant	September 1, 2025	15	N	Y
Maria Inserra	Teacher	September 1, 2025	25	N	Y
Megan Washock	Teacher	September 1, 2025	12	N	Y
Emma Closson	Teacher	September 1, 2025	31	Y	Y

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESO #8-08/11/2025
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
Joseph Sousa	St Colemans 1 on 1 aide support		Temporary	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	Hourly rate
Jason Blackmur	Ski Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Jason Blackmur	Enrichment Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Robert White	Detention	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Robert White	Wrestling Assistant	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Gary Pascucci	Morning Gym	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Adam Gregoire	Ski Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Adam Gregoire	Wrestling Assistant	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Adam Gregoire	Morning Gym	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Elizabeth Jamison	RPES Literary Magazine	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Annette Hopkins	Ski Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Annette Hopkins	Enrichment Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Robin Delaney	Student Council	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Dave Hamilton	Student Council	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend

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Emma Closson	Odyssey of the Mind	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Delmarie Giminiani	Odyssey of the Mind	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Peter Allen	Morning Gym	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Robert Mikucki	Summer- nighttime custodian	District	Temporary	07/01/24-08/23/24 07/01/25-08/25/25	Hourly rate plus night differential Hourly rate plus night differential
Justin Simon	Project Based Learning	DISTRICT	Temporary	7/8, 7/9 & 7/10 Project AWARE	\$30.00 per hour
Nichole Collard	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
Randi Behrens	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
Eric Loudis	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
Regina Felio	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
Elizabeth Castiglione	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
Adam South	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
John Bergmann	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
Jesse Guyer	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
Patricia Hurley-Dyer	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
Justine Fazziola	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
Pamela Baldassari	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
Christina Penman	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
Matthew Loatman	Sixth period assignment	LHS/KMS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate
Christopher Rowlands	Sixth period assignment	LHS/KMS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate

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Christopher Rowlands	LHS Senior Play	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Christopher Rowlands	LHS School Play Art Advisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Andrew Sudduth	LHS Play Music Advisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Eileen Culliton	LHS Honor Society	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Justine Fazziola	LHS Honor Society	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Leighann Biddle	Freshman Class Advisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Ashley Snyder	Sophomore Class Advisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Cathleen Peter	Junior Class Advisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Pamela Baldassari	Senior Class Advisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Andrew Sudduth	LHS Swing Choir	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Pamela Baldassari	LHS Student Government Council	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Jenna Tyler	Odyssey of the Mind	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Katherine Rice	Odyssey of the Mind	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
John Bergmann	Olympics of the Visual Arts	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
John Bergmann	Art Club	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Derek Shuttleworth	Lansingburgh Improvement Team	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Christina Penman	LHS Yearbook Co-Advisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Jonathan Baxter	LHS Trivia Team Advisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Jonathan Baxter	S.A.D.D. Advisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Adam South	Robotics	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Adam South	Knightly News	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Leighann Biddle	LHS Book Club	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Dana Mahoney	LHS Book Club	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Leighann Biddle	LHS Newspaper	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend

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Mark Duncan	LHS Breakfast Supervisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Mark Duncan	LHS Afterschool Supervisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
James Jursack	LHS Afterschool Supervisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Anthony Emanuel	LHS Homework Club	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Randi Behrens	LHS Detention Supervisor	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Derek Shuttleworth	Mock Trial	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Stephanie Moryl	LGBTQ Alliance	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Adam South	Ski Club	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Adam South	Trap Team	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Christopher Rowlands	Marching Band	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Christopher Rowlands	Jazz Ensemble	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Christopher Rowlands	All County	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Kendra Ferris	LHS Drama Club	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend
Jennifer Gardy	Proctor - August Regents	LHS	Temporary	August 2025	1/200th of salary
Lisa Puckey	Proctor - August Regents	LHS	Temporary	August 2025	1/200th of salary
Halley Eacker	SEL Orientation	RPES	3 hours	August 2025	\$30/hr. Title I
Breanna Lott	SEL Orientation	RPES	3 hours	August 2025	\$30/hr. Title I
Melissa Watts	SEL Orientation	RPES	3 hours	August 2025	\$30/hr. Title I
Danielle Koetzner	SEL Orientation	RPES	3 hours	August 2025	Hourly rate
Marydalia Coriano	SEL Orientation	RPES	3 hours	August 2025	Hourly rate
Tamara Lewis	SEL Orientation	RPES	3 hours	August 2025	Hourly rate
Julie Allen	MD Orientation	RPES	3 hours	August 2025	Hourly rate
Katie Baril	MD Orientation	RPES	3 hours	August 2025	\$30/hr. Title I
Jessica Bouchard	8th Grade Advisor	KMS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual Stipend

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Vincent Gragnano	Training for new position	KMS	Annual	Up to 7 summer days	Hourly rate
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Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESO #9-08/11/2025
Approve Summer
Curriculum Work

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the following summer curriculum work and authorizes payment for same:

Building	Participant Name	Purpose	Dates	Number of Hours	Per Hour	Funding Source
District	Tiffany Ainsworth Jonathan Baxter Catherine Bragg Bianca Covello Philip Faseun Laura Gallagher Lindsey Gibson Ethan Griswold Liz Jamison Tracy Krom Dana Mahoney Stephanie Moryl Sara Plummer Edda Sacco Katie Secore Bethany Spencer, Rachel Walkuski, Rob White	IDEAL	TBD	6	\$30.00	Title I
RPES	Melissa Watts Olivia Williams Delmarie Giminianni Rachael Barber Emma Closson Michelle Foster Kelly Juliano Mary Haydock Rob White	Streamlining Behavior	7/21	4	\$30.00	Title I
RPES	Melissa Watts Michelle Foster Lori Filarecki	MTSS Summit	7/29 and 7/30	12	\$30.00	Title I
RPES	Daniella Micallef	SPED Collaboration	TBD	SPED- 5.5 Gen. Ed.- 2.5	\$30.00	Title I
TES	Rylee Desso Caitlyn Clark	2nd Grade Writing Curriculum	8/14	5	\$30	Title I

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TES	Rylee Desso	2nd Grade Math Curriculum	8/20	5	\$30	Title I
TES	Kaitlyn Strangis Rianna Ferrara	1st Grade Math Curriculum	8/14	5	\$30.00	Title I
TES	Natalie Russo Kaitlyn Strangis	Arts and Letters PD Pilot Curriculum	Up to 5 days TBD	30	\$30.00	Title I
TES	Emily Ascioti	K-1 Skills Curriculum	7/30-7/31 8/5-8/7	5	\$30	Title I

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following Lansingburgh Academy Class Facilitators for the 2025-2026 school year:

RESO #10-08/11/2025
Approve
Lansingburgh
Academy Class
Facilitators

Staff	Class Facilitated	Compensation	Funding Source
Emma Closson	iReady Incentives	\$30/hour	Title II
Lisa Kentris	Work Life Balance For Teachers	\$30/hour	Title II
Lisa Kentris	Classroom Management - Strategies that WORK	\$30/hour	Title II
Mary Haydock	Clear Space, Clear Mind: Minimalist Classroom for Success	\$30/hour	Title II
Christina Huttner	Writing Revolution	\$30/hour	Title II
Kelly Juliano	Stop, Collaborate and Listen 3.0	\$30/hour	Title II
Theresa Eckler	Stop, Collaborate and Listen 3.0	\$30/hour	Title II
Jessica Dusenberry	Intervention Compass 101	\$30/hour	Title II
Lori Filarecki	Intervention Compass 101	\$30/hour	Title II
Derek Shuttleworth	Building Our Traditions	\$30/hour	Title II
Maureen McLoughlin	Organize Your Google Drive	\$30/hour	Title II
Corrina Pelkey	Trauma-Informed Sensitive School's Behavior Tips	\$30/hour	Title II

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Theresa Eckler	Video Vibes	\$30/hour	Title II
Jeri Wager	Video Vibes	\$30/hour	Title II
Olivia Williams	EduProtocol Power!	\$30/hour	Title II
Kaitlyn Gunsel	EduProtocol Power!	\$30/hour	Title II
Lisa Puckey	Project Based Learning With A Real World Twist	\$30/hour	Title II
Lisa Puckey	Coffee Talk With the Old Timers	\$30/hour	Title II
Christina Huttner	Coffee Talk With the Old Timers	\$30/hour	Title II
Justin Simon	Fake It "Til" You Make It (The importance of relationship building)	\$30/hour	Title II
Rachael Barber	Design Engaging Choice Boards with Google Gemini	\$30/hour	Title II
Lindsey Gibson	Padlet: Ignite Your Classroom from Day One	\$30/hour	Title II

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

PERSONNEL – NON- INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion by Mr. Shover:

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

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Colleen Thomas	Typist (10 month)	KMS	Retirement	8/29/2025

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

RESO #11-08/11/2025 Accept Resignations

Motion by Mr. Shover:

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

Name	Position	Building	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step	Effective Date
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RESO #12-08/11/2025 Appoint Non- Instructional Staff

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Vincent Gragnano	Typist (10 month)	KMS	Probationary	9/1/2025 - 2/28/2026	Step 5 - \$25.32	9/1/2025
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Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #13-08/11/2025
Adopt Policy**

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

- 5695 – Students and Personal Electronic Devices

Second: Mr. Drinkwine

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

**RESO #14-08/11/2025
Authorize 2025 Tax
Levy**

RESOLVED, the 2025 Tax Levy be established in the amount of \$16,904,018, as authorized by the voters at the annual school district meeting held on May 20,2025; and be it further resolved that the Board of Education affix the tax rate and confirm the extension of taxes as follows:

2025-2026	Total Assessed Value per Town	Rate Per Thousand	Total Tax Levy
Lansingburgh	\$467,898,208.00	21.258580	\$9,952,794.00
Brunswick	\$ 35,903,763.00	77.071703	\$2,770,260.00
Schaghticoke	\$ 47,922,541.00	87.154853	\$4,180,578.00
Pittstown	\$ 31,050.00	12.428945	\$ 386.00
Totals			\$16,904,018.00

Tax Collection Dates:
September 1,2025 – September 30, 2025 (No Penalty)
October 1, 2025 – 2% will be added
October 31,2025 – Last Day of Collection

Second: Mr. Drinkwine

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Dr. Abitabile:

**Superintendent
Report**

- Mrs. McGrouty acknowledged Colleen Thomas for her years of service to the District.
- We still have 4 teaching positions to fill. They include a Library Media Specialist for Turnpike; PE for Turnpike; Special Education at KMS; and Special Education at LHS.

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- Thanks extended to Donny Miller for his help in securing a new Spanish teacher.
- Cell Phones: We met with Yondr last week to review our order, equipment needed and best practices. The pouches are due to arrive here on August 26. The costs so far have been about \$54,000. We will be sending communication to parents regarding the newly adopted cell phone policy.
- Lansingburgh Central School District will be purchasing some of the school supplies for students at Turnpike Elementary and Rensselaer Park Elementary this year. This is possible thanks to very generous recent donations from the following community organizations: Warren W. Fane, Inc., C.D. Perry, LLC and Callanan Industries, Inc., as well as Consigli Construction. We are grateful to them for their partnership with our district and commitment to our students!
- Transportation: Every currently enrolled student has been routed. Notification to parents with routes and times will be sent the week before school starts. This includes out-of-district students as well.
- At my last Superintendent's Meeting at Questar, the FBI was there to present on the incident that happened in Bethlehem last year due to swatting calls. I have asked them to attend one of our administrators' meetings this fall.
- We will hold a BOE Facilities/Safety Committee Meeting at Rensselaer Park on October 14 at 5:30 p.m.
- With Jess Vartigian's resignation, the Board will need to decide how we will fulfill the vacancy. The Board will need to appoint someone for the remainder of the year; or leave the position open; or hold a special election. Discussions should be held very soon.

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 6:38 p.m.

Second: Mrs. Curtis

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

RESO #15-08/11/2025
Adjourn

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education