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**Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, September 22, 2025
Turnpike Elementary School – Knights Corner**

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, Michael Cusack, Andrea Fairhurst, Jillian Manupella, Daniella Richards, Jason Shover, and Thomas Zakrzewski were present. Catherine Curtis and Michael Drinkwine were absent from the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Others present include Angela Mauriello (on behalf of the LTA), Emma Turley, Matthew Van Dervoort, Carrie Phelan, Lexi Nelson, Tiffany Wysocki, Donny Miller, Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There were 9 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.

By Ms. Richards:

**RESO #1-09/22/2025
Appoint Student Board Member – Emma Turley**

RESOLVED, Emma Turley is hereby appointed as Student Member of the Lansingburgh Central School District Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Second: Mr. Zakrzewski

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

The District Clerk administered the oath of office to the newly appointed student board member.

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #2-09/22/2025
Approve Meeting Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the meeting agenda for September 22, 2025.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

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**PERSONNEL –
CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #5-09/22/2025
Confer Tenure**

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

Hayes, Cassidy 09/01/2021 - 10/07/2025 Special Education, TES
Rice, Katherine 10/21/2021 - 10/20/2025 Mathematics, LHS

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #6-09/22/2025
Accept Resignation**

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

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Natalie Russo	Teacher	TES	Resignation	August 31, 2025

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #7-09/22/2025
Appoint Instructional
Staff**

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

Name	Position	Building	Tenure Area	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step
Caileigh Monagan-Dean	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	SY 2025-2026	
Colleen Thomas	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	SY 2025-2026	
Karissa Conyers	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	SY 2025-2026	
Tracy Spaulding	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	SY 2025-2026	
Zachary Eldred	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$125/day

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Teagan Breton	Substitute (Instructional long-term)	RPES	N/A	Temporary	11/24/25 - 3/16/26	\$258.42/day x 3 days per week
Elsie Ray	Teaching Assistant	TES	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	9/15/2025 - 9/14/2029	Step 10 - \$26.55
Jennifer Shields	Teaching Assistant	TES	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	9/1/2025 - 8/31/2029	Step 13 - \$29.86 + \$1,000 for degree

Motion Carried Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #8-09/22/2025
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	Funding Source
Kirsten Levesque	Summer work - library media center	KMS	Up to 2 days	SY 2025-2026	\$30/hr.	Title I
Kathleen Eaton	Summer work - library media center	KMS	Up to 2 days	SY 2025-2026	Hourly rate	Title I
Jonathan Baxter	High school orientation	LHS	Temporary	up to 6 hours	\$30/hr.	Title I - Parent and Family Engagement
Christina Penman	High school orientation	LHS	Temporary	up to 6 hours	\$30/hr.	Title I - Parent and Family Engagement
Margot Tanner	High school orientation	LHS	Temporary	up to 6 hours	\$30/hr.	Title I - Parent and Family Engagement
Lauren DeMarco	High school orientation	LHS	Temporary	up to 6 hours	\$30/hr.	Title I - Parent and Family Engagement
Kevin Carey	3rd grade orientation	RPES	Temporary	up to 3 hours	\$30/hr.	Title I - Parent and Family Engagement
Mary Haydock	3rd grade orientation	RPES	Temporary	up to 3 hours	\$30/hr.	Title I - Parent and Family Engagement
Sean Daley	Assistant Coach - Varsity Boys Soccer	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Elaina Moisisdis	Varsity Assistant Coach - Girls Volleyball	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual Stipend	

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Eric Loudis	Boys Basketball - Varsity Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Quashawn McFarlane	Boys Basketball - Varsity Assistant Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Sean Daley	Boys Basketball - J.V. Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Anthony Emanuel	Boys Basketball - Modified Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Kemanni Gang	Girls Basketball - Varsity Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Meaghan Burke	Girls Basketball - J.V. Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Kayla Rooney	Girls Basketball - Modified Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Tony Faraci	Boys Bowling - Varsity Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Tony Faraci	Girls Bowling - Varsity Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Spencer McLellan	Bowling - Volunteer Assistant Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Volunteer	
Cathleen Peter	Unified Bowling - Varsity Head Co-Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Dallas Foard	Boys Indoor Track - Varsity Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Monica Jerry	Girls Indoor Track - Varsity Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Willie Short	Indoor Track - Varsity Assistant Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Chris Corr	Boys Wrestling - Varsity Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Chris Corr	Girls Wrestling - Varsity Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Dan Bechand	Boys Wrestling - Varsity Assistant Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	

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Dan Bechand	Boys Wrestling - Modified Head Coach	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Lisa Puckey	Proctor/Grader - Summer School Instruction Program	LHS/KMS	Annual	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	\$30/hr. Correction from 8/11	
Alexa Molinelli	Proctor/Grader - Summer School Instruction Program	LHS/KMS	Annual	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	\$30/hr.	
Margot Tanner	Proctor/Grader - Summer School Instruction Program	LHS/KMS	Annual	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	\$30/hr.	
Katherine Rice	Proctor/Grader - Summer School Instruction Program	LHS/KMS	Annual	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	\$30/hr.	
Cortlandt Tisch	Proctor/Grader - Summer School Instruction Program	LHS/KMS	Annual	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	\$30/hr.	
Schlane Borthwick	Proctor/Grader - Summer School Instruction Program	LHS/KMS	Annual	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	\$30/hr.	
Leighann Biddle	Proctor/Grader - Summer School Instruction Program	LHS/KMS	Annual	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	\$30/hr.	
Suzette Wood	Proctor/Grader - Summer School Instruction Program	LHS/KMS	Annual	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	\$30/hr.	
Nicholas Foglia	Proctor/Grader - Summer School Instruction Program	LHS/KMS	Annual	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	\$30/hr.	
Samantha Casale	Proctor/Grader - Summer School Instruction Program	LHS/KMS	Annual	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	\$30/hr.	
Dana Mahoney	Proctor/Grader - Summer School Instruction Program	LHS/KMS	Annual	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	\$30/hr.	
Derek Shuttleworth	Proctor/Grader - Summer School Instruction Program	LHS/KMS	Annual	7/21/25 - 8/18/25	\$30/hr.	
Kelsey Matturro	Medical leave coverage	District	Temporary	Additional 5 hours/wk. up to 10 weeks	Hourly rate	

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Melissa Taylor	Medical leave coverage	District	Temporary	Additional 5 hours/wk. up to 10 weeks	Hourly rate	
Jack Moser	Part-time Athletic Trainer	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$200/event	
Philip Faseun	Mental Health First Aid Trainer	District	Temporary	8 hours	\$30/hr. Project Aware	
Catherine Stockton	New Staff Orientation - Bus Tour	KMS	Temporary	5 hours	\$30/hr. Title I	
Melissa Watts	Counseling Lesson Planning	RPES	Temporary	2 hours	\$30/hr. Title I	
Alyssa Lyman	Counseling Lesson Planning	RPES	Temporary	2 hours	\$30/hr. Title I	
Edward Classen	Morning Gym	KMS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Andrew Ferris	Morning Gym	KMS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual stipend	
Dave DeMarco	Sixth period assignment	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Contractual rate	
Dave Hamilton	Just Run Program	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$30/hr.	
Darlene Walzer	Just Run Program	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$30/hr.	
Michelle Foster	Just Run Program	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$30/hr.	
Melissa Watts	Just Run Program	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$30/hr.	
James Jursak	Unified Bocce Supervision	LHS	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Hourly rate	
Tracy Krom	Card Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$30/hr.	
Daniella Micallef	Yoga Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$30/hr.	
Linda Lockrow	Homework Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Hourly rate	
Colleen Moak	Book Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Hourly rate	
Chelsey Horner	Music Club	TES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$2,000 Stipend	Title IV

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Cassidy Hayes	1st Grade STEAM	TES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$2,000 Stipend	Title IV
Maureen McLoughlin	2nd Grade STEAM	TES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$2,000 Stipend	Title IV
Jason Blackmur	3rd Grade STEAM	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$2,000 Stipend	Title IV
Peter Allen	4th Grade STEAM	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$2,000 Stipend	Title IV
Joseph Roman	5th Grade STEAM	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$2,000 Stipend	Title IV
Megan Greene	Art Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$2,000 Stipend	Title IV
Kelly Borden	Art Club	TES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$2,000 Stipend	Title IV
Samantha Kelso	PE Club	TES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$2,000 Stipend	Title IV
Daniella Micallef	Soccer Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Up to 35hr.s @ \$30/hr.	Title IV
David Hamilton	Lacrosse Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Up to 35hr.s @ \$30/hr.	Title IV
Jason Blackmur	Grade 4 Math	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Up to 35hr.s @ \$30/hr.	Title IV
Emma Closson	Dance Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Up to 35hr.s @ \$30/hr.	Title IV
Olivia Williams	Operation Character Quest	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Up to 35hr.s @ \$30/hr.	Title IV
Jason Blackmur	Garden Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Up to 35hr.s @ \$30/hr.	Title IV
Erika Wittman	Canva Creators	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Up to 35hr.s @ \$30/hr.	Title IV
Olivia Williams	Korean Club	RPES	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Up to 35hr.s @ \$30/hr.	Title IV

Motion Carried Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

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

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Approve Leaves of Absence**

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Name	Position	Building	Term
Matthew Hopper	COTA	TES	1/1/2026 - 6/30/2026
Jennifer Lastrup	Teacher	RPES	4/22/2026 - 5/14/2026

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board authorizes the following salary adjustments:

Name	Position	Effective Date	Graduate Credits Awarded	Masters Awarded	Transcript Received
Emily Brady	Teacher	September 1, 2025	15	N	Y
Maria Inserra	Teacher	September 1, 2025	31	Y	Y

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

RESO #10-09/22/2025
Authorize Salary Adjustment

**PERSONNEL –
NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mr. Shover:

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
Keith Hull	Building Maintenance Mechanic	District	Permanent / Labor Class	Permanent	Step 5	9/15/2025
Sabrina Devine	Clerk	TES	Permanent / Non-Competitive (NY HELPS)			8/25/2025
Robert Mikucki	Custodian	District	Permanent / Non-Competitive (NY HELPS)			8/25/2025
Donald Miller	Human Resource Manager	District	Permanent / Non-Competitive (NY HELPS)			8/25/2025
Erica Drinkwine	Secretary 1	LHS	Permanent / Non-Competitive (NY HELPS)			8/25/2025

RESO #11-09/22/2025
Appoint Non-Instructional Staff

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Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESO #14-09/22/2025 Authorize Disposal of Assets

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to dispose/transfer of the following items from the District Office. Item(s):

Tag # 20200073, Shredder, LHS 164- Disposal
Tag # 000260, Kitchen Cart – Disposal

Second: Mr. Zakrzewski

Ayes – 6

Nays - 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

TES Report by Ms. Wysocki – See pages 13-15.
RPES Report by Ms. Nelson – See pages 16-18.
KMS Report by Ms. Phelan – See pages 19-20.
LHS Report by Mr. Van Dervoort – See page 21.

Principal’s Reports

By Ms. Emma Turley:

Student Board Member Report

- Students have been using the Yondr pouches. Students are more academically and socially engaged.
- All four grades had their officer elections.
- Senior parent information meetings, very good turn out and feedback from parents.
- Planning for homecoming week and spirit week (sent out already).
- Colleges have already begun visiting guidance with many more coming in for the first semester.
- Fall Sports off and doing well. Two new teams include Golf and Unified Bocci.
- Senior Sunrise (Year 2) very good turnout.
- Clubs will be setting up tables at lunches for recruitment.
- Open house Thursday for KMS and LHS.

By Dr. Abitabile:

Superintendent Report

- Building Level Meetings are held with the administrators of each building and the Superintendent each month. This month the principals are focusing on no shows and are happy to report that the numbers are down which means we have disenrolled those students who failed to show up for school and have forwarded their records to whichever school district they moved to.
- Building Principals are meeting with new hires to make sure they feel supported and have everything they need to be successful.

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- The Superintendent continues to work with the administrators on their annual goals with staff, with students and for themselves. These guiding points will be used to support them going through the school year.
- I am working with Questar to get students and families early access to all of the different programs available for high school students. We want to get them on campus to see the programs earlier and allow them time to make their decision to enroll.
- The policy committee is reviewing criteria for students attending STEM High School. Questar formerly provided the criteria. This is now up to the individual districts.
- Our first Board Facilities Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14. We will be reviewing the School Improvement Plan. The District Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for the Thursday prior.

The Board of Education held a Q&A session with potential board members to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Vartigian’s resignation in August. Candidates included: Octavia Maxwell; Theadora Hines; Andrew Piotrowski; and Jennifer Goyette.

Q&A

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #15-09/22/2025
Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 7:26 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: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

**RESO #16-09/22/2025
Adjourn**

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 7:58 p.m.

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education

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TURNPIKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Turnpike Attendance		
Grade	September	YTD, 2025-2026
UPK	95%	95%
K	92%	92%
1	94%	94%
2	92%	92%
TES	93%	93%

District Goal	
Attendance	In addition, one of our goals this year is increasing student attendance. To be proactive and transparent, each Friday we are posting weekly attendance updates by grade level on ParentSquare, along with information and data to help families understand why strong attendance is so important. Our support team is also developing grade-level attendance initiatives that will give students opportunities to participate in fun challenges and earn positive recognition for their efforts.
SEL & TSS	<p>This month we launched several initiatives to support our district goal of strengthening SEL and trauma-sensitive practices.</p> <p>Trauma Sensitive Schools (TSS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met after school today. • Four subcommittees this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Character Education ○ Restorative Practices ○ Student Support & Success

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diversity, Equity & Inclusivity (DEI) • Subcommittees began setting goals, which will be shared out at our October TSS meeting. • Our character trait of the month for October is Respect. Over the summer, we worked with Rensselaer Park Elementary to align our monthly traits so students experience consistency across both buildings. <p>Social Emotional Learning (SEL):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second-Step Program has started in Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms. • New this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mini follow-up lessons for teachers to reinforce skills. ○ “Brain Builder” activities for families—quick, fun games that strengthen focus, memory, and self-control while encouraging family connection. • These efforts help us create safe, supportive environments where our youngest learners can grow socially, emotionally, and academically.
<p>Family & Community Engagement</p>	<p>One of our district goals is Family & Community Engagement, and we’re focusing heavily on outreach this year. In our K-2 building, we have been intentional about strengthening partnerships and creating opportunities for families to feel connected to our school community.</p> <p>On September 24th, we will host our annual Open House, which has grown so successful that we extended the time this year to better accommodate families. Upon arrival, each student will receive a “passport” with different stops around the building where they can collect stamps as they tour classrooms, meet faculty, and visit the spaces where their children learn.</p> <p>In the gymnasium, families will also have the chance to meet many of our community partners, including St. Anne’s, MVP Insurance, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Troy Public Library, Troy Patriots & Cheer, Lansingburgh Connects, and Russell Sage STEM. While the RPI Engineering Ambassadors were unable to attend the Open House, they will be visiting Turnpike on October 3rd to work with first- and second-grade students on hands-on presentations in engineering and space exploration. Students who complete their passports at Open House will be entered into a grade-</p>

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	<p>level raffle to win Turnpike swag and other fun prizes thanks to our PTA.</p> <p>We will also be promoting our first-ever Color Run and Back to School Bash on Friday, September 26th—a true community celebration featuring food trucks, music, snow cones, and plenty of family fun. We’re excited to welcome families to both events as we continue building strong school-community connections.</p> <p>In addition, we’ve identified growing needs among our students for developmental evaluations and physicals. Families often faced long wait times—sometimes up to seven months for developmental pediatric appointments—as well as barriers with transportation. To address this, we have partnered with a locum company to bring services directly to our schools. A developmental clinical psychologist is now available at Turnpike twice a week to conduct evaluations, ensuring appropriate diagnoses for outpatient therapy or in-school support. We also have a physician providing physicals weekly at Turnpike and across all Lansingburgh buildings, which helps support our students, families, and athletes by making healthcare more accessible.</p>
Data Collection and Implementation to Drive Curriculum and Instruction	<p>This year, we are really focusing on using meaningful data to guide our curriculum decisions and strengthen instruction in every classroom. In September, we’ve been working on strengthening our Tier 1 MTSS process so that early interventions are both consistent and grounded in data. These steps are giving us a clearer picture of what our students need and helping us respond more effectively in the classroom. Our long-term goal is to build a system that is streamlined, responsive, and ensures every learner is supported through the intentional use of data.</p>

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RENSSELAER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

RPES Attendance		
Grade	September (so far)	YTD, 2025-2026
3	93%	
4	93%	
5	94%	
RPES	93%	

District Goal	
Attendance	<p>We began the school year with 30 students who had not yet started school on time. Thanks to Mrs. Huls’ outreach efforts, we are now down to 1 student, who is registering in Troy.</p> <p>We held our first attendance meeting of the year last week to review students who have already missed a few days of school. Teachers are reaching out to those families to check in. We also identified students who had chronic attendance concerns last year but have not missed a single day so far this year. To celebrate their progress, we plan to recognize them with a certificate for attending every day this month.</p>
SEL & TSS	<p>Character Education</p> <p>September’s character trait is Community. Teachers have been reinforcing what it means to be a positive community member, both in school and beyond. This theme is also highlighted in our Monday Mindset on our morning show, where I welcome students back each week and connect the message to our character trait.</p> <p>New this year, the morning show will feature a “Skill of the Week”, giving students specific examples of how to demonstrate community within school. Classes can use this as a discussion topic during class meetings, and students who exhibit the skill can be recognized with REACH tickets.</p> <p>Tomorrow, September 23rd, we will hold our first assembly of the year focused on the Lansingburgh community. Mr. Blackmur has been working with</p>

	<p>students to share “Then and Now” facts about Lansingburgh, such as RPES once being an amusement park, the brush factory by the river, and Herman Melville’s ties to the area. The assembly will conclude by spotlighting places that continue to strengthen our community today, including the library, Knickerbocker Park, and Unity House.</p> <p>Trauma-Sensitive Schools (TSS)</p> <p>Second Step SEL lessons started last week, starting with an introduction to our counselors and their roles. We have a counselor or social worker at each grade level delivering lessons. Following that, lessons will focus on healthy habits as students transition back to school, including the importance of sleep, healthy foods, and physical activity. Lessons will also address how excessive technology use can interfere with maintaining a healthy lifestyle.</p>
<p>Family & Community Engagement</p>	<p>OpenHouse:</p> <p>We had a great turnout at Open House last week! Families connected with 7 different community partners, and we raffled off backpacks with supplies and Hannaford gift cards to families.</p> <p>3rd Grade Orientation:</p> <p>87% of our third-grade families attend orientation on August 28th. Students had the opportunity to visit their classrooms and meet their teachers, while families heard from administration about RPES expectations and the transition from TES. We also raffled off one backpack with supplies to one student in each third-grade classroom.</p> <p>PTA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our first fundraiser has been sent out, along with a spirit wear order and the first PTA meeting has taken place. • Picture Day is scheduled for October 14, and the Book Fair will be held October 23–24. • Pumpkin Fest is on October 24, our biggest event of the year. Fifth graders create the annual haunted house, a beloved tradition that helps raise funds for their end-of-year field trip.
<p>Data Collection and Implementation to Drive</p>	<p>So far in September, we administered a variety of assessments, including the Eureka2 Equip, i-Ready Math and Reading Diagnostics, i-Ready Passage</p>

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Curriculum and Instruction	Reading Fluency, Uflin Foundations Intervention Placement Test, and Multisyllabic decoding inventory. We use this comprehensive information to pinpoint exactly where students are thriving and where they need more support. Our data analysis and discussions will begin in our data meetings starting this week, the week of September 22nd, which will help us tailor our instructional strategies and curriculum to meet the needs of every student.
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KNICKERBACKER MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Knickerbacker Middle School Attendance		
Grade	September	YTD, 2025-2026
6	93%	93%
7	90%	90%
8	90%	90%
KMS	91%	91%

District Goal	
Chronic Absenteeism	The KMS Support Team met in August to review last year’s attendance data and establish a system to support our chronically absent students. We also discussed the continuation of targeted attendance circles to increase students’ connectivity to school.
SEL/School Climate	The Climate Committee will convene on September 17 to outline monthly themes aligned with our building-wide goals. The committee is also developing incentive-based initiatives aimed at promoting consistent student attendance and reinforcing the school’s electronic device policy.
Family & Community Engagement	Find Your Way Day was a success with a huge turnaround of families. Students were given their schedules, then listened to a brief presentation by the principals and their guidance counselor. Students were then able to find their lockers and practice their locker combinations and locate each one of their classes. Open House will take place on September 25th at 6p.m.
Curriculum and Instruction	Professional learning communities in the middle school this year will be focusing on a building-wide theme, which is creating a culture of literacy. Each team chose a PLC goal that is aligned with the theme.

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<p>21st Century Program</p>	<p>The 21st Century Program began last week with student orientation to go over expectations and make schedules. The middle school program is off to a great start with 121 students</p> <p>We have 4 clubs (boxing, ENL Tutoring, Fiber Arts, and Life Launch) ready to get rolled out to high school students.</p>
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LANSINGBURGH HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Academic Data Tracking - LHS

- Teachers are discussing the data they would like to collect in order to drive instruction at the upcoming Conference Day in October.

Civic Seal Committee:

- will begin meeting soon

Cell Phones:

- pouches are working!

Attendance

9-89%

10-92%

11-92%

12-90%

Parent Communication

- Many teachers are still working on parent communication (parent meetings being set up to keep them on track).

Rebekah Magin - M-Power Program (ten-week) with 9 graders will begin in October. 10th graders will do a six-week program beginning in January and 12th graders will do 4 sessions throughout the year (seminar style).

Project AWARE - Teen Mental Health First Aid - began last week with 10th graders. Will run for 7 weeks.