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**Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, October 27, 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, Catherine Curtis, Michael Cusack, Andrea Fairhurst, Jillian Manupella, Daniella Richards, Jason Shover, and Thomas Zakrzewski were present. Student Board Member Emma Turley was also present. Michael Drinkwine was absent from the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Others present include Theadora Hines, Lindsey Gibson (on behalf of the LTA), Donny Miller, Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There were 3 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 #1-10/27/2025
Appoint Board
Member – Theadora
Hines**

Be it resolved that Theadora Hines is hereby appointed as Member of the Lansingburgh Central School District Board of Education effective October 27, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

The District Clerk administered the oath of office to Ms. Hines. Ms. Hines signed the Executive Session acknowledgment form that will be filed with the District Clerk.

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Motion by Ms. Richards:

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

**RESO #2-10/27/2025
Approve Meeting
Agenda**

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Zakrzewski

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Ms. Richards reported for the Policy Committee. The following policies were reviewed:

- 4321.12-R - Timeout and Physical Restraint Regulation
- 5300.55 -Corporal Punishment
- 5405 – Student Wellness

The Student Wellness policy still needs more work, but the other two policies will be placed on the next agenda for Board approval.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Ms. Fairhurst reported for the Audit Committee. She thanked Thea Hines for attending.

- School tax payments are arriving.
- There is an increase in Charter School tuition this year.
- Large increase in health insurance premiums.

Ms. Fairhurst reported for the Facilities & Safety Committee which met for the first time at this month’s workshop. Thanks extended to Bob Schongar for attending and providing information on the movement in positions in the Maintenance Department, and an explanation of how a maintenance request is processed. The committee also discussed the LHS and KMS vestibules, and some small issues with the RPES building project.

Mr. Cusack reported for the Troy Planning Board. There is nothing new that affects Lansingburgh CSD. The 2026 Budget was approved. The committee meets again at the end of next month.

**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

Motion by Mr. Shover:

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

**RESO #3-10/27/2025
Approve Financial
Reports**

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

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Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESO #4-10/27/2025
Approve Minutes

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 22, 2025.

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

PERSONNEL – CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESO #5-10/27/2025
Accept Resignation

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

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Nina Flynn	Art Teacher	KMS	Resignation	November 11, 2025

Second: Mrs. Curtis

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESO #6-10/27/2025
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
Elizabeth Wing	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$150/day retired teacher
Brendan O'Keefe	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$145/day certified teacher
Chelsey Bartlett	Substitute (Non-Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	SY 2025-2026	\$125/day uncertified teacher
Danielle Ballard	Teaching Assistant	RPES	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	10/27/2025 - 10/26/2029	Step 8
Julia Patrick	Teaching Assistant	TES	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	10/27/2025 - 10/26/2029	Step 10

Second: Mrs. Curtis

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESO #7-10/27/2025
Approve Salary
Adjustments

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the October 2025 Inservice Salary Increment Report and further authorizes additional compensation in accordance with the LTA salary schedule effective September 1, 2025.

Second: Mrs. Curtis

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
 Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESO #8-10/27/2025
Approve Leave of
Absence

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

Name	Position	Building	Term	Note
Alyssa Lyman	School Counselor	RPES	11/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	Unpaid LOA for remainder of SY 25-26

Second: Mrs. Curtis

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
 Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESO #9-10/27/2025
Approve Additional
Assignments

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

Julie Allen	Planning Preparation	KMS	Temporary	Up to 7 hours per week	Hourly rate	
Sabrina Devine	Clubs Auditor/Treasurer	TES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Stipend of \$8,250	
Colleen Buff	Educational Liaison - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$5,000 stipend	
Casondra Bariteau	Nurse - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Dawn Hamel	Nurse - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Debra Tietjen	Nurse - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Jenna Sherman	Nurse - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	

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Luz-Mariane Lilchin	Nurse - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Riley Bulmer	Nurse - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Al Canty	Security Monitor - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Bill Bowles	Security Monitor - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Chr.is Eaton	Security Monitor - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Devan Miller	Security Monitor - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Jeff Pasinella	Security Monitor - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Joe Hunter	Security Monitor - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Kemanni Gang	Security Monitor - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Mark Smith	Security Monitor - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
O'Neil Keels	Security Monitor - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Sophie Teta	Student Worker - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Minimum wage	
Vincent Gragnano	Substitute Secretary - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Angela Mauriello	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
April Kilmer	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Bethany Spencer	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Chr.is Corr	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Chr.is Huttner	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Cody Fitzgerald	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	

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Corrina Pelkey	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Courtney Hynes	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Dave Hamilton	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
David DeMarco	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Eric Sinko	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Hannah Tryon	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
James Gordon	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Jennifer Talma	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Katie Lozo	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Lindsay Tedesco	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Nina Flynn	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Paul Brown	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Paul Wright	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Willie Short	Teacher - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$30.00/hr.	
Kelli Riley	Teacher Aide - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Diane Murray	Teaching Assistant - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Elaine Dodson	Teaching Assistant - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Erin Teta	Teaching Assistant - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Kasondra Ray	Teaching Assistant - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	

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Kathy Eaton	Teaching Assistant - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Kristie Keary	Teaching Assistant - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Lauren Whalen	Teaching Assistant - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Margaret Rabben	Teaching Assistant - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Nicole Cotugno	Teaching Assistant - 21st Century Program	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	Hourly rate	
Michelle Canning	Registration Supervisor	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	\$8,000 Stipend	
Shalea Hull Jones	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	TES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Sheila Shover	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	TES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Kayla Lucey-Franklin	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	TES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Patricia Barrett	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	TES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Miranda Wilson	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	TES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Kristen Root	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	TES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II

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Danielle Koetzner	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	TES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Jennifer Shields	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	TES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Madison Teta	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	TES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Chelsea Mason	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	RPES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Katelyn Norton	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	RPES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Lauren Whalen	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	RPES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Christopher Tergliafera	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	RPES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Hayden Teta	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	RPES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Danielle Ballard	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	RPES	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Audrey Carter	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	KMS	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their	Title II

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					contractual rate	
Anthony Thompson	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	KMS	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Kiran Chaudry	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	KMS	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Alyse Carpenter	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	KMS	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Kate O'Brien	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	KMS	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Mariah Davis	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	LHS	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Margaret Rabben	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	LHS	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Priscilla Mercado	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	LHS	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Christopher Forette	Teaching Assistant Coaching Program	LHS	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 10 hours at their contractual rate	Title II
Sarah Greene	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Digital Behavior Tracking	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II

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Jodi McNutt	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Digital Behavior Tracking	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Maggie Higgins	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Book Bonanza	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Maryanne Denault	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator PK-5 Teacher Roundtable	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Jodi McNutt	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator PK-5 Teacher Roundtable	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Lindsey Gibson	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Your PD Playlist (Elementary)	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Jessica Dusenberry	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Intervention Compass Unpacked	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Elizabeth Anderson	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator LivFIT Nutrition and Wellness	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Christina Huttner	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Writing Revolution Book Study	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Lindsey Gibson	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Getting Started with Kami	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Mary Haydock	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Building Critical Thinking	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Lindsey Gibson	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Building Critical Thinking	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Kimberly Ellison	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Book Study: 7 Mighty Moves	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II

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Reilly Schug	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Make Your Whole Group Instruction Sparkle	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Dana Mahoney	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Banned Books YA Book Club	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Catherine Bragg	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Banned Books YA Book Club	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Catherine Bragg	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Current NYS Graduation Requirements: The Basics	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Lindsey Gibson	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Your PD Playlist (Secondary)	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Eileen Culliton	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Implementing EduProtocols in 6-12 Classrooms	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Lindsey Gibson	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Implementing EduProtocols in 6-12 Classrooms	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Corrina Pelkey	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator The Resilient Mind	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Judy Higgins	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator What does an SLP do?	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Judy Higgins	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Story Champs	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Rachel Walkuski	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Trivia Maker	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II

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Theresa Eckler	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Brain Breaks	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Peter Allen	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Brain Breaks	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Jonathan Baxter	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator School AI	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Derek Shuttleworth	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Building Our Traditions	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Catherine Bragg	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Current NYS Graduation Requirements	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Matthew Loatman	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Nearpod	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Cathleen Peter	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator AI Tools for Teachers	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Cathleen Peter	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Teacher Research Opportunities	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Kristyn Garger	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator SpEd Process in Elementary Buildings	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Michelle Foster	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator SpEd Process in Elementary Buildings	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Mary Legnard	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator School Based PT	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Courtney Laughlin	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator School Based PT	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
April Kilmer	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Book Creator	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II

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Ethan Griswold	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator The Enhanced English Teacher	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Margot Tanner	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator The Enhanced English Teacher	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Gretchen Murphy	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator School Based OT	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Caitlin Wolf	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator School Based OT	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Kaitlyn Gonsel	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator EduProtocol Power!	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Olivia Williams	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator EduProtocol Power!	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Bianca Covello	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator TES Level Up Your Lessons	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Chelsey Horner	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator TES Level Up Your Lessons	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Maryanne Denault	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator TES Level Up Your Lessons	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Lindsey Gibson	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Passport to Anywhere	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Christina Huttner	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Learning by Mistake	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Kelsey Matturro	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Supporting Executive Functioning	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Patrick Wilson	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II

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	LHS Level Up Your Lessons					
John Ravalli	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator LHS Level Up Your Lessons	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Chad Lastrup	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator LHS Level Up Your Lessons	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Christina Penman	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator LHS Level Up Your Lessons	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Angela Corey	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Get Your Students to do the Work!	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Nicole Collard	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Get Your Students to do the Work!	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Catherine Stockton	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator National Board Certification	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Melissa Watts	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Zones of Regulation Overview	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Kevin Sheehan	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Let's Make Things Easier	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Colleen Buff	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Supporting Students of Concern	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Erinne Flanigan	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Exploring the IEP	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Tiffany Ainsworth	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Exploring the IEP	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II

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Ashley Snyder	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Using Padlet in your Classroom	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Catherine Eldred	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Using Padlet in your Classroom	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Ashley Snyder	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Engaging Students in Scientific Thinking	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Colleen Buff	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Test Corrections, Re-Takes, Re-Assessments	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Colleen Buff	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Planning for Small Groups	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Chrystyna Tsuvanyk	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Click, Drag, Teach	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Dave Merrill	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Preventative Strategies	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Derek Shuttleworth	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Literacy Strategies	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Cathleen Peter	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator Literacy Strategies	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Mary Haydock	Lansingburgh Academy Facilitator iReady Liftoff Crash Course	District	Annual	2025-26 School Year	up to 5 hours at \$30/hour	Title II
Christina Retell	Homecoming Dance Chaperone	LHS	Temporary	2025-26 School Year	\$30/hr..	
Jeff Nadeau	Sixth period assignment	KMS	Temporary	11/1/25 - 1/1/26	Contractual rate	
Mary Kate Graham	Sixth period assignment	KMS	Temporary	11/1/25 - 1/1/26	Contractual rate	

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Kate Hill	Sixth period assignment	KMS	Temporary	11/1/25 - 1/1/26	Contractual rate
Ed Classen	Sixth period assignment	KMS	Temporary	11/1/25 - 1/1/26	Contractual rate
Carly Betts	Sixth period assignment	KMS	Temporary	11/1/25 - 1/1/26	Contractual rate

Samantha Casale	Athletic Event Operations Staff	District	Annual	SY 2025-2026	Timekeeper: \$65 Double Header (JV/V) \$40 Single Contest Chaperones: \$65 Double Header (JV/V) \$40 Single Contest Announcer: \$65 Double Header (JV/V) \$40 Single Contest Shot Clock: \$65 Double Header (JV/V) \$40 Single Contest Ticket Taker: \$40 Event
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Second: Mrs. Curtis

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0
Abstain – Mr. Shover

Motion Carried 7-0-1

PERSONNEL – NON- INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

**RESO #10-10/27/2025
Accept Resignations**

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

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Danielle Ballard	Teacher Aide	RPES	Resignation	10/27/2025
Brenda Alderman	Secretary (12 month)	LHS	Resignation	10/27/2025
Vincent Gagnano	Typist (10 month)	KMS	Resignation	10/27/2025
Shelly Snyder	Typist (12 month)	RPES	Resignation	10/27/2025
Linda Lynch	Typist (12 month)	TES	Resignation	10/27/2025
Sabrina Devine	Clerk (10 month)	TES	Resignation	10/27/2025

Second: Mrs. Curtis

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

**RESO #11-10/27/2025
Appoint Non-
Instructional Staff**

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

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Name	Position	Building	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step	Effective Date
Stacie Sawyer	Noon Aide	TES	Annual	SY 2025 - 2026	\$17.04/hr.	9/26/2025
Kenneth Retell III	Building Maintenance Mechanic	District	Probationary (12-week period)	10/13/2025 - 1/4/2026	Step 2	10/13/2025
Chelsey Bartlett	Substitute (Non-Instructional)	District	Annual	SY 2025 - 2026		10/1/2025
Brenda Alderman	Secretary 1 (12 month)	LHS	Non-Competitive Probationary (NY HELPS)	26-week probation 10/27/25 - 4/24/26	Step 4	10/27/2025
Vincent Gragnano	Secretary 1 (12 month)	KMS	Non-Competitive Probationary (NY HELPS)	26-week probation 10/27/25 - 4/24/26	Step 3	10/27/2025
Shelly Snyder	Secretary 1 (12 month)	RPES	Non-Competitive Probationary (NY HELPS)	26-week probation 10/27/25 - 4/24/26	Step 4	10/27/2025
Linda Lynch	Secretary 1 (12 month)	TES	Non-Competitive Probationary (NY HELPS)	26-week probation 10/27/25 - 4/24/26	Step 4	10/27/2025
Sabrina Devine	Typist (10 month)	TES	Non-Competitive Probationary (NY HELPS)	26-week probation 10/27/25 - 4/24/26	Step 5	10/27/2025

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Curtis

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

RESO #12-10/27/2025
Accept Donations

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

From	Amount	Purpose
Blackbound Giving Fund	\$ 40.00	Drama Club
Consigli Construction Co.	\$1,000.00	School Supplies
School-wide Collection	\$ 214.00	Anything is Possible Scholarship (in memory of Ayshawn Davis)

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESO #13-10/27/2025
Appoint Impartial
Hearing Officer

WHEREAS, the Parent of Student #14461690, has initiated a due process complaint and requested a hearing under federal and New York State laws pertaining to students with disabilities; and

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

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

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

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

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Zakrzewski:

RESO #14-10/27/2025
Approve SCEP

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the 2025-2026 School Comprehensive Education Plan for Rensselaer Park Elementary School.

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESO #15-10/27/2025
Approve First
Reading of Policies

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby accepts the first reading of the following policies:

- 1120-R, School District Records Regulation
- 4001, Concurrent Enrollment Programs
- 4751, Class Rank and GPA
- 5500, Student Records
- 5500-R, Student Records Regulation
- 5550, Student Privacy Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment
- 8635, Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification

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- 8635-R, Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification Regulation

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Zakrzewski

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESO #16-10/27/2025
Authorize Auction of
Surplus

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board declares the following items as surplus and authorizes them to be auctioned:

- 2011 Ford EC3 Van
- 2006 Howe Trailer

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESO #17-10/27/2025
Authorize Disposal of
Assets

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

Tag # 201090- Refrigerator, TES Health Office

Tag # 210775- Refrigerator, KMS, Rm 311

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Asset</u>	<u>HD?</u>
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211136	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	211475	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	212611	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	215577	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	212780	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211219	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	212778	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211179	Removed

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HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	212706	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	212625	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211202	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	212762	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	212764	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	212774	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	20200845	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	212911	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	212755	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	212744	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	215593	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	20200850	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	212769	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	212663	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G1	211229	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	212630	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	20200844	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	20200773	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	20200839	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	215580	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	211437	Removed

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HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	20200777	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	212667	Removed
HP	Desktop Computer	800 G2	211472	Removed
Dell	LCD Monitor	P2219H	1313	NA
Dell	LCD Monitor	P2219H	20200953	NA
Dell	LCD Monitor	P2219H	1365	NA
Dell	LCD Monitor	P2219H	FT5BBF3	NA
Smart	Document Camera	DC-330	201751	NA
Smart	Document Camera	DC-330	201777	NA
Smart	Document Camera	DC-330	201742	NA
Smart	Document Camera	DC-330	202664	NA
Eagle Eye	Network Switch	EN-SW28g	SW28g230300091	NA
Toshiba	Laptop	Satellite L70-B	212532	Wiped
Toshiba	Laptop	Satellite L70-B	8E096027C	Wiped
Toshiba	Laptop	Satellite L70-B	212883	Wiped
Technics	Receiver	SA-ES110	202420	NA
RCA	CD Changer	RP8078	202419	NA
Sony	Cassette Deck	TC-WE305	202418	NA
Dell	Chromebook	11 (3180)	210912	Deprovisioned
Dell	Chromebook	11 (3180)	213352	Deprovisioned
Dell	Chromebook	11 (3180)	20200628	Deprovisioned
Dell	Chromebook	11 (3180)	3y61sn2	Deprovisioned
Dell	Chromebook	11 (3180)	Dly15q2	Deprovisioned
Dell	Chromebook	3100	1755	Deprovisioned
Dell	Chromebook	3100	1777	Deprovisioned

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Dell	Chromebook	3100	1794	Deprovisioned
Dell	Chromebook	3100	216148	Deprovisioned
Dell	Chromebook	3110	211508	Deprovisioned
Dell	Chromebook	3110	211636	Deprovisioned
Dell	Chromebook	3110	216379	Deprovisioned
Dell	Chromebook	3110	216403	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	1164	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	1919	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	214082	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	214188	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	214291	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	214307	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	214327	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	214429	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	214489	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	214618	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	214638	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	214671	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	215018	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	215068	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	215071	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	215141	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	215356	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	215481	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	20200364	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	20200380	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	5cd9350y37	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	5cd9350ygy	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	5cd93514cd	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	5cd9357z5c	Deprovisioned

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HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	5cd9370dsy	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11 G7 EE	5cd9370g0l	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11A G8 EE	20200462	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11A G8 EE	20200543	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11A G8 EE	20200567	Deprovisioned
HP	Chromebook	11A G8 EE	20200793	Deprovisioned
Lenovo	Chromebook	N21	210431	Deprovisioned
Lenovo	Chromebook	N21	210434	Deprovisioned
Lenovo	Chromebook	N21	210449	Deprovisioned
Lenovo	Chromebook	N22	210824	Deprovisioned
Lenovo	Chromebook	N22	210825	Deprovisioned
Lenovo	Chromebook	N22	210826	Deprovisioned
Lenovo	Chromebook	N22	20200671	Deprovisioned
Lenovo	Chromebook	N42	213566	Deprovisioned
Samsung	Chromebook	Chromebook 4+	1204	Deprovisioned
Samsung	Chromebook	Chromebook 4+	215810	Deprovisioned
Apple	Tablet	iPad 7th Gen 10.2-inch Wi-Fi	F9GZLRP8MF 3M	Wiped
Apple	Tablet	iPad 10th Gen	CGFGWMX7T 3	Wiped

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

A Public Hearing was held regarding the 2025-2026 District Wide Safety Plan. The document was posted on the website for the required 30-day period. No public comments were received. Mrs. Klime stated that there were minor changes to the document reflecting the changes in staff and the cardiac arrest regulations were added.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Ms. Richards:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves and adopts the 2025-2026 District Wide Safety Plan.

RESO #18-10/27/2025 Adopt District Wide Safety Plan

Second: Mr. Shover

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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TES Report submitted by Ms. Wysocki – See pages 27-29.

RPES Report submitted by Ms. Nelson – See pages 30-32.

KMS Report submitted by Dr. Phelan – See pages 33-34.

Principal's Reports

By Mrs. McGrouty:

- Thanks extended to all of the Principals in honor of School Principal Month.
- Thanks extended to Donny Miller for providing a professional development session for our paraprofessionals (all TAs and teacher aides) on navigating the TEACH website to obtain certification. We have many staff who have been hired as teacher aides and completed the necessary steps to transition to a teaching assistant. We received great feedback.
- November 10th - District-Wide Conference Day
The day begins with two required, district-wide presentations in the Auditorium:
 - FULL STAFF SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESENTATION (8:00–8:30): The topic is Time Out and Physical Restraints, and the audience is ALL STAFF.
 - CONFERENCE DAY WELCOME ADDRESS (8:30–9:00): The audience for the welcome is ALL STAFF.
 - Breakout Sessions: The day is divided into three 45-minute breakout sessions covering a variety of topics with a strong focus on Special Education, Technology/AI, Literacy, Instructional Strategies, and Staff Well-being/Behavior Management.

Assistant Superintendent Report

By Emma Turley:

Misc.

- Cell phones and Yondr pouches are progressing well and student feedback is receptive. Equitably enforced– classes and students seem to be continuing in a more socially and academically engaging way.
- NHS is hosting their annual blood drive this Thursday in the LHS Gym, hoping to meet the number of donors that we get each year!

Athletics

- Fall Sports are progressing well and fall season(s) coming to an end.
- Almost every Fall Sport has had their annual Senior Nights– with the Varsity Football Team hosting theirs this Thursday night at 6PM.
- Winter Sports registration is out!
- Almost every Fall Sports Team advanced to Sectionals!
- Participation numbers in sports are up!
- First year of Golf and Unified Bocce went exceptionally well.
- The High School Winter Musical has been announced (SIX), and rehearsals have started.

Student Board Member Report

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Senior Class Activities

- Senior Class Officers have organized the annual Halloween Party, taking place during 11th period this Friday.
- It is currently 'Free SUNY Week' for Seniors applying to colleges (October 20th-November 3rd).

By Dr. Abitabile:

Superintendent Report

Board of Education

- I met with Thea Hines last week for her school board orientation. I provided her with a lot of information. She will be registered to participate in the state mandated training provided by NYSSBA.

Rensselaer Park

- Some workers showed up to finish up the sidewalks at RPES on Saturday, but due to a housefire at one of their houses, they had to leave before the work was completed.

HVCC Sophomore Signing

- I attended the signing today at HVCC. This is for students in an accelerated program who sign an obligation committing to a pathway for graduation.

Principal Recognition Month

- Thanks extended to all of our hardworking principals.

Administrators' Meeting

- At our administrators' meeting on Wednesday, the FBI will be attending to provide an overview of the swatting incident that occurred at Bethlehem Schools last year.

Knickerbocker Park

- We found out from a social media post on Friday evening that the bus that was being provided from the county to pick up kids and take them to Knickerbocker Park did not show up. I reached out to our Transportation Supervisor, Michelle Canning, who quickly contacted First Student. Thanks extended to Michelle and First Student for providing a bus on such short notice.

Anything Is Possible Scholarship

- We are doing a hats and scarves sale to raise money for the scholarship. The scarves arrived. Hats are due in soon.

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

**RESO #19-10/27/2025
Adjourn**

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 6:30 p.m.

Second: Mr. Shover

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education

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TURNPIKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Turnpike Attendance		
Grade	October	YTD, 2025-2026
UPK	89%	93%
K	88%	91%
1	89%	92%
2	89%	91%
TES	89%	91%

District Goal	
Attendance	<p>Our building continues to focus on improving student attendance as part of our school-wide goals. Throughout October, our social worker has maintained consistent communication with families through ParentSquare posts that include attendance tips, morning and evening routine guides, and encouragement for maintaining regular attendance. A few families have reached out requesting additional copies of the AM/PM routine charts and books for their children, showing that our outreach efforts are making an impact.</p> <p>While overall daily attendance remains a focus area, we continue to see a significant drop in attendance on scheduled half days. Our most recent half day showed attendance at only 66%, which is notably lower than our building average. This trend is concerning, as instructional time remains critical even on shortened days. We plan to continue promoting consistent attendance through ongoing communication and family engagement, and we will monitor whether these efforts lead to improvement during the next half day.</p> <p>Our goal remains to build consistent routines and reinforce the message that every day of learning matters.</p>

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<p>SEL & TSS</p>	<p>Our TSS Committee will meet again on Monday, October 20. This month, our work has focused on promoting <i>Respect</i> as our October character trait. Teachers received lesson materials to help students practice respect in daily interactions, and we'll celebrate students who demonstrated this trait at our October 27 Character Education Assembly. The Restorative Practices subcommittee is developing staff circle topics to build collaboration and reflection, while the Student Support and Success team is creating visuals to promote our "3 Bees" — <i>Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Your Best</i> — across classrooms. Our DEI subcommittee continues to partner with the district team to highlight the diversity within our Turnpike community and ensure it's reflected throughout the building.</p> <p>In SEL, kindergarten and first grade have begun implementing the Second Step curriculum. First grade has moved from <i>Skills for Learning</i> to <i>Empathy</i>, while kindergarten is completing <i>Skills for Learning</i>. Families are receiving Home Links and Brain Builder activities to reinforce lessons at home. We've also analyzed our Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire data and started small groups using the new Second Step Tier 2 curriculum for students who need additional support. The SDQ will be given again in December and May, and families have been informed of the process.</p>
<p>Family & Community Engagement</p>	<p>In October, our building continued to prioritize family and community engagement through a variety of events and partnerships. We had a strong turnout at our PTA meeting, with 36 attendees joining to share ideas and discuss upcoming initiatives. Additionally, nine family members participated in our joint Family Advisory Committee meeting with RPES, providing valuable feedback and helping to strengthen our home-school connection.</p> <p>We are looking forward to hosting our Harvest Fest on October 30th, where students, families, and community partners will come together to enjoy crafts, pumpkin picking, and candy distribution. Earlier this month, on October 27th, we welcomed the Troy Fire Department to our Character Education Assembly in recognition of Fire Safety Month. During the assembly, Captain Henkel shared important fire safety messages, and we celebrated students who demonstrated our character trait of the month—Respect.</p> <p>Our fall Book Fair, scheduled for October 28th through 30th, is supported by family volunteers who are helping to promote literacy and engagement. On October 22nd, we partnered with Seal a Smile to provide students with access to dental screenings and preventive care. That same day, First Student conducted bus safety drills, giving students the opportunity to practice safe bus navigation and learn important safety expectations. Students also received activity books to reinforce the safety lessons.</p>

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	<p>Together, these events highlight our continued commitment to building meaningful partnerships with families and community organizations in support of our students' growth and well-being.</p>
<p>Data Collection and Implementation to Drive Curriculum and Instruction</p>	<p>During the month of October, small group reading and mathematics instruction has been fully implemented across the primary building. Classroom teachers are collaborating closely with our reading and math specialists to deliver targeted, data-driven instruction that meets students' individual learning needs. Students are also engaging in individualized i-Ready lessons in both reading and mathematics, providing adaptive practice and reinforcement aligned with their skill levels and learning goals.</p> <p>In addition, the Arts & Letters pilot launched this month, supported by professional development from Great Minds. Teachers have been provided with release time to collaborate, plan, and deepen their understanding of the program's instructional design, ensuring a thoughtful and cohesive implementation.</p>

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RENSSELAER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RPES Attendance		
Grade	October (so far)	YTD, 2025-2026
3	92.6%	93.1%
4	91.7%	92.5%
5	92.1%	93.3%
Overall	92.2%	93.0%

District Goal	
Attendance	<p>New Attendance Incentive Program</p> <p>This month, we launched a new Attendance Incentive Program to encourage consistent attendance and celebrate students who make coming to school a priority. Every six weeks, students with less than 10% absenteeism are entered into a raffle, with one winner selected from each grade level. Winners receive a Stewart’s ice cream scoop card and are recognized on the morning show, along with a certificate to take home. The goal is to promote positive attendance habits, reinforce the connection between attendance and achievement, and celebrate students for showing up each day ready to learn.</p>
SEL & TSS	<p>Character Education</p> <p>The October character trait focus has been Respect. Throughout the month, students have explored what respect looks and sounds like across different settings — in the classroom, hallways, and cafeteria. Our upcoming Character Assembly will celebrate students who consistently demonstrate respect through the recognition of our new Shining Knights. The assembly will also feature student-led interviews sharing what respect means to them and short skits showing respectful behaviors in action.</p>

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	<p>Second Step SEL Lessons</p> <p>This month’s Second Step lessons have focused on bullying prevention, recognizing it, reporting it, refusing it, and understanding the positive influence of being an upstander.</p> <p>Clothe A Student Program</p> <p>Referrals are now being accepted, and the program has begun purchasing cold-weather gear for students in need.</p> <p>TSS School-Wide Activity</p> <p>Our first whole-school TSS event took place this month, with each class decorating a pumpkin to be displayed at Pumpkin Fest. Attendees voted for their favorite designs, and the winning class will be announced on the morning show. A special thank-you to the Bretons for generously providing the pumpkins and decorating supplies!</p>
<p>Family & Community Engagement</p>	<p>Pumpkin Fest</p> <p>Our annual Pumpkin Fest and 5th Grade Haunted House took place on Friday evening and, as always, it was a huge success! This is one of our biggest events of the year and brings together students, families, and staff for a night of fun. The 5th graders once again led the way in creating the Haunted House, a beloved RPES tradition that helps raise funds for their end-of-year field trip.</p> <p>Knick or Treat</p> <p>RPES was well represented at the annual Knick or Treat event! We had a fantastic staff turnout, and it was wonderful to see so many of our students and families enjoying the day!</p> <p>FAC Meeting</p> <p>Together with TES, we participated in the Family and Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting last week, led by Mr. Otter. It was a great opportunity to share school updates, discuss upcoming PTA events, and connect with families about important reminders and future plans.</p> <p>PTA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 12: PTA Meeting, 6pm • November 21st, BINGO Knight, 6-7pm • November 25th: Picture Re-Take Day

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Data Collection and Implementation to Drive Curriculum and Instruction	Rensselaer Park teachers are utilizing the assessment timeline to stay on track with inputting data in Intervention Compass. Discussion at the data meetings has centered around the assessments given (that are on the timeline) along with the progress monitoring at the Tier 2 level. In addition, the teachers are analyzing, reviewing NYS state assessment scores alongside current data from i-Ready diagnostics, Passage Reading Fluency, and Eureka2 module 1, 2, and 3 equip pre-assessments. The data has driven targeted instructional adjustments and curriculum decisions as outlined in the goal.
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KNICKERBACKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Knickerbacker Middle School Attendance		
Grade	October	YTD, 2025-2026
6	92%	92%
7	90%	90%
8	90%	90%
KMS	91%	91%

District Goal	
Chronic Absenteeism	Chronic absenteeism is being addressed through a multifaceted approach that centers on parent engagement and restorative practices. Schools are implementing regular, personalized parent phone calls to quickly identify the reasons behind a student's absences, discuss the impact on their academic progress, and collaborate on solutions. For students with recurring issues, small restorative groups provide a safe space to discuss the underlying challenges contributing to their absenteeism, build a sense of belonging, and develop strategies for consistent attendance with peer and mentor support. Furthermore, targeted home visits are used as a high-impact intervention to build trust, overcome systemic barriers (like transportation or health issues), and directly connect families with necessary community resources, ensuring the support system extends beyond the classroom. These combined efforts aim to support and foster a collaborative environment for improving attendance.
SEL/School Climate	SEL push-in lessons have begun this month using Second Step. The focus for October is anti-bullying and harassment as October is National Anti-Bullying Awareness Month. Students are meeting with their school counselors for classroom lessons during period 1 tutorials to discuss different scenarios, what they can do if and when bullying or harassment is suspected, and what their rights and responsibilities as students are.
Family & Community Engagement	KMS held its first Family Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday evening from 6 pm-7 pm. We gave updates on the PLC goals for the 25-26 school year, highlighted our morning PE program, safety drill update, as well as an update on how the Yondr Pouches are working in the middle school.

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Curriculum and Instruction	<p>This year our PLCs are focused on creating a culture of literacy. Our first period team tutorials are working on building reading stamina and engaging in texts.</p> <p>ELA, Science and Math all participated in their first round of PD for the year. Each teacher set goals and is working to create engaging lessons and focus on student stamina, pacing and working through difficult tasks.</p> <p>KMS started using IXL diagnostic this year for ELA and math in order to target more specific skills, the data is also being utilized by the ELA and math AIS teachers to target specific deficits of the AIS students.</p>
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