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**Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

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 Drinkwine, Andrea Fairhurst, Theadora Hines, Jillian Manupella, Daniella Richards, Jason Shover, and Thomas Zakrzewski were present. Catherine Curtis, Michael Cusack, and Student Board Member Emma Turley were absent from the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Others in attendance include Angela Mauriello (on behalf of the LTA), Matthew Van Dervoort, Carrie Phelan, Lexi Nelson, Tiffany Wysocki, Donny Miller, Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There were approximately 40 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 Mr. Drinkwine:

RESO #1-05/19/2026

Approve Meeting Agenda

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the meeting agenda for May 19, 2026.

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

The Board recognized the top 10 academic students from the Class of 2026:

Recognition of Top 10

1. Guiliana Patregnani - Valedictorian
2. Ella Ponzo - Salutatorian
3. Muhammad Abdullah Qurashi - Honor Graduate
4. Fatima Younas
5. Alys Lowell
6. Elijha Mathes

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7. Elizabeth Brown
8. Muhammad Ahmed Qurashi
9. Amelia Cordero
10. Cy Serrano

Motion by Mr. Drinkwine:

RESO #2-05/19/2026
Award 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:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>
Staci Fisher	09/01/2026	Elementary, TES
Ethan Griswold	09/01/2026	ELA, LHS
Monica Jerry	09/01/2026	Elementary, KMS
Daniella Micallef	09/01/2026	Special Education, RPES
Jonathan Baxter	09/01/2026	Social Studies, LHS
Hannah Tryon	09/01/2026	Science, KMS
Anna Zibro	09/01/2026	Elementary, RPES
James Hoteling	09/01/2026	Special Education, KMS
Kelly Borden	09/01/2026	Art, KMS
Trista Bugbee	09/01/2026	Special Education, RPES
Belinda Mackay	09/26/2026	Special Education, TES
Marydalia Coriano	03/29/2026	Teaching Assistant, RPES
Kennedy Morrissey	09/01/2026	Teaching Assistant, RPES
Paul Contento	09/01/2026	Teaching Assistant, KMS
Audrey Carter	09/01/2026	Teaching Assistant, KMS
James Swab	09/01/2026	Teaching Assistant, LHS
Lisa Strubel	09/01/2026	Teaching Assistant, RPES

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Audit Committee Update by Mr. Drinkwine:

- Budget Transfers- Tuition for resident students attending other public schools are being invoiced. Special Ed retroactive tuition requests are starting to be invoiced for past years. Health services for resident students attending other schools are being invoiced. Special Ed contracts for hospitalized tutoring.
- Revenue April – Received unpaid taxes by County which includes late fees. Continue to earn above expected interest.
- Expenses April – Tuition payments as well as BOCES and Transportation.

COMMITTEE
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IDA Update from Mr. Cusack:

- Chairman Position is still Vacant. Meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chair Alex Carlton.
- Deputy Executive Director Randy Coburn presented the Outside Project Evaluator Storrs Associates has been engaged to provide analysis of the "Rodval" Project. This is the project at the former Uncle Sam Parking Garage site. The most recent proposed project "Gateway" was generally discussed, too early in process for significant discussion.

CRC Notes:

- Grant Assistance to the Troy Dance Factory for their annual event held downtown was approved (\$4,000.00)
- Grant Assistance to the Hudson Mohawk Gateway Project (Burden Iron Works) for a Mural was approved (\$10,000.00)
- RPI Bond Fees should be posted next month.

By Mrs. Manupella:

The Board of Education hereby accepts the committee reports.

Second: Mr. Drinkwine

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

**RESO #3-05/19/2026
Accept Reports**

Motion Carried
Unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Drinkwine:

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

Second: Mr. Shover

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

**RESO #4-05/19/2026
Approve Financial
Reports**

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Drinkwine:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 21, 2026, and the special meeting held on May 11, 2026.

Second: Ms. Hines

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

**RESO #5-05/19/2026
Approve Minutes**

Motion Carried
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PERSONNEL – CONSENT AGENDA

RESO #6-05/19/2026 Accept Resignations

Motion by Ms. Richards:

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

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Michelle Dolan	Teacher	RPES	Resignation	04/29/26
Lynne Miles	Teacher	TES	Retirement	06/30/26
Elizabeth Renfrew	21st Century Grant Coordinator	KMS	Resignation	06/30/26
Christopher Corr	Teacher	KMS	Resignation	06/30/26
Katie Secore	Social Worker	KMS	Resignation	06/30/26

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Ms. Richards:

RESO #7-05/19/2026 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	Masters	Credits
Quashawn McFarlane	Teaching Assistant	LHS	N/A	Temporary	04/20/26 - 06/30/26	Step 3 - \$20.17		
Carol Cooke	Teaching Assistant	TES	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	04/27/26 - 04/26/30	Step 9 - \$25.52		
Patricia Barrett	Teaching Assistant	TES	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	04/27/26 - 04/26/30	Step 10 - \$26.55		
Vannesa Angel	Teaching Assistant	TES	N/A	Temporary	04/29/26 - 06/30/26	Step 5 - \$21.82		
Sophia McKee	Teaching Assistant	TES	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	05/04/26 - 05/03/30	Step 8 - \$24.52		
Tyler Cuthbert	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	05/11/26 - 06/30/26	\$125/day (uncertified)		
Alexandra Jackowska	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	05/11/26 - 06/30/26	\$125/day (uncertified)		
Declan Flanagan	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	05/15/26 - 06/30/26	\$125/day (uncertified)		

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Elizabeth Poletto	Speech Pathologist	RPES	Speech	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step D - \$57,172	Y	Y
Emma Endres	Teacher	TES	Special Education	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step C - \$55,514	Y	Y
Emma Price	Teacher	RPES	Special Education	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step C - \$55,514		
Margaret Smith	Speech Pathologist	TES	Speech	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step C - \$55,514	Y	Y
Marleigh Philo	Teacher	KMS	Business Education	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step C - \$55,514	Y	Y
Summer Quinn	Teacher	KMS	Special Education	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step C - \$55,514	Y	Y
Kayla Smith	Teacher	TES	Special Education	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step G - \$62,143	Y	Y
Stephanie Vozzo	Teacher	RPES	Elementary	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step D - \$57,172	Y	Y

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Ms. Richards:

RESO #8-05/19/2026
Approve MOA

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves a Memorandum of Agreement with Employee #1636, effective May 7, 2026.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Ms. Richards:

RESO #9-05/19/2026
Approve Leaves of Absence

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

Name	Position	Building	Term	Note
Megan Hupfl	Teacher	RPES	03/19/26 - 04/24/26	Unpaid LOA
Chelsea Horner	Teacher	TES	04/15/26 - 05/27/26	Unpaid LOA
Kylie Calacone	Teacher	KMS	05/06/26 - 05/13/26	Unpaid LOA
Halley Dollard	Teacher	RPES	06/09-26 - 06/30/26	Unpaid LOA

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

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Motion by Ms. Richards:

RESO #10-05/19/2026 Authorize Salary Adjustment

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

Name	Position	Effective Date	Graduate Credits Awarded	Masters Awarded	Transcript Received
Kennedy Morrissey	Teaching Assistant	April 29, 2026	42	Y	Y

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Ms. Richards:

RESO #11-05/19/2026 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
Nicholas Foglia	Tutor	LHS	Temporary	03/09/2026 - 04/01/2026	\$30 per hr. / up to 2 hours per day
Katie O'Bryan	Tutor	KMS	Temporary	04/27/2026 - 06/26/2026	\$30 per hr. / up to 5 hours weekly
Katie O'Bryan	Teacher - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	\$4,100 stipend
Peter Allen	Teacher - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	\$4,100 stipend
Corrina Pelkey	Teacher - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	\$4,100 stipend
Emma Price	Teacher - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	\$4,100 stipend
Sarah Green	Teacher - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	\$4,100 stipend
Kathleen O'Melia	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Nikki Santiago	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Lauren Whalen	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate

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Lynn Connally	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Olivia Hepp	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Kaela Franklin	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Karen Koblensky	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Linda Lockrow	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Julie Allen	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Colleen Moak	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Breanna Mysliwicz	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Emma Laughlin	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Louise Sullivan	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Marydalia Coriano	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Silva Marquez	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Diane Murray	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
John Pelletier	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Ann Nolin	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Nicole VanCott	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate

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Tammy Williams	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Carol Cooke	Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Mary Legnard	Physical Therapist - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Kaley Lafond	Occupational Therapist - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Sophia LaPosta	Speech Pathologist - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Margaret Smith	Speech Pathologist - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Emily Turriglio	Substitute Teacher - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Michelle Burkhart	Substitute Teacher - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Heather Ladd	Substitute Teacher - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Elsie Ray	Substitute Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Audrey Carter	Substitute Teaching Assistant/Aide - ESY Summer Program (2026)	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Cassidy Hayes	Teacher - Elementary Summer Success Academy (2026)	TES	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/06/2026	Contractual Stipend
Jason Blackmur	Teacher - Elementary Summer Success Academy (2026)	TES	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/06/2026	Contractual Stipend
Kaitlyn Strangis	Teacher - Elementary Summer Success Academy (2026)	TES	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/06/2026	Contractual Stipend
Kelly Juliano	Teacher - Elementary Summer Success Academy (2026)	TES	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/06/2026	Contractual Stipend
Lindsay Tedesco	Teacher - Elementary Summer Success Academy (2026)	TES	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/06/2026	Contractual Stipend
Megan Washock	Teacher - Elementary Summer Success Academy (2026)	TES	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/06/2026	Contractual Stipend

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Meghan Burke	Teacher - Elementary Summer Success Academy (2026)	TES	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/06/2026	Contractual Stipend
Olivia Williams	Teacher - Elementary Summer Success Academy (2026)	TES	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/06/2026	Contractual Stipend
Robert White	Teacher - Elementary Summer Success Academy (2026)	TES	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/06/2026	Contractual Stipend
Caileigh Monagan-Dean	Substitute Teacher - Elementary Summer Success Academy (2026)	TES	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/06/2026	\$30/hr.
Caitlin Garrity	Substitute Teacher - Elementary Summer Success Academy (2026)	TES	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/06/2026	\$30/hr.
Abby Fletcher	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	KMS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Andrew Ferris	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	KMS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Angela Mauriello	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	KMS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Cody Fitzgerald	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	KMS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Edward Classen	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	KMS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Jessica Bouchard	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	KMS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Joshua White	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	KMS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Kerry Wania	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	KMS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Bethany Spencer	Substitute Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	KMS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	\$30/hr.
Lindsay Tedesco	Substitute Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	KMS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	\$30/hr.
Jeffrey Pasinella	Security Monitor - Summer School Program (2026)	KMS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Hourly Rate
Kendra Ferris	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Dana Mahoney	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend

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Leighann Biddle	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Katherine Rice	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Alexa Molinelli	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Schlane Borthwick	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Samantha Casale	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Nicholas Foglia	Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Anthony Emanuel	APEX Teaching Assistant - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Contractual Stipend
Robert Dorn	Teaching Assistant - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Hourly Rate
Suzette Wood	Teaching Assistant - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Hourly Rate
Al Canty	Security Monitor - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Hourly Rate
Jonathan Baxter	Substitute Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	\$30/hr.
Patricia Hurley-Dyer	Substitute Teacher - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	\$30/hr.
James Swab	Substitute Teaching Assistant / Aide - Summer School Program (2026)	LHS	Temporary	07/13/26 - 08/13/2026	Hourly Rate
Casandra Bariteau	School Nurse - Summer School Program	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Dawn Hamel	School Nurse - Summer School Program	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate
Riley Bulmer	School Nurse - Summer School Program	District	Temporary	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026	Hourly Rate

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Abstain: Mr. Shover

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Motion Carried 6-1-0

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PERSONNEL – NON- INSTRUCTIONAL

RESO #12-05/19/2026 Accept Resignations

Motion by Ms. Richards:

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

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date	Notes
Carol Cooke	Teacher Aide	TES	Resignation	04/27/26	Promoted to certified TA
Patricia Barrett	Teacher Aide	TES	Resignation	04/27/26	Promoted to certified TA
Sophia McKee	Teacher Aide	TES	Resignation	05/04/26	Promoted to certified TA
Tammy Fruscio	Secretary I	DO	Retirement	07/07/26	

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Ms. Richards:

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

RESO #13-05/19/2026 Appoint Non- Instructional Staff

Name	Position	Building	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step	Effective Date
Brendan Miller	Director of Athletics	DO	Exempt Class (M/C) - 6 Month Probationary	07/01/26 - 12/31/26	\$100,000	07/01/26

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Ms. Hines:

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

RESO #14-05/19/2026 Accept Donations

From	Amount	Purpose
Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$ 525.00	Music Program

Second: Mrs. Manupella

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
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Motion by Ms. Richards:

RESO #15-05/19/2026
Award Competitive
Bid

Based upon competitive bids opened in the District Office on April 23, 2026, the Board of Education hereby awards the following contract for the Lansingburgh Outdoor Classroom Canopy at Rensselaer Park Elementary School:

MJG Construction Group LLC
Base Bid: \$348,500
No Alternates
Total Contract Award: \$348,500

Second: Mr. Drinkwine

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

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TES Report by Ms. Wysocki – See pages 14-16.

RPES Report by Ms. Nelson – See pages 17-18.

KMS Report by Ms. Phelan – See pages 19-20.

Building Principal
Reports

By Dr. Abitabile:

Superintendent
Report

- We had a good meeting this week with CHArch about the The Clean Green Schools Initiative which offers competitive funding for New York public schools to efficiently modernize their buildings, reduce energy costs and harmful greenhouse gas emissions, and create healthier, more resilient learning environments. Eligible projects include comprehensive retrofits, electrification readiness projects, and conversion of central heating and cooling plants to heat pumps. They have a grant writer who will help with our application. A single building project can receive funding of up to \$5 million. A multiple building project can receive funding of up to \$10 million. The application is due in August. We are optimistic and intend to include Jen Nelson's on the job training services for students as part of our application.
- I will ask the developer of The Lansingburgh Gateway Project to come in and speak to the Board over the summer and answer some questions.
- The Board will reconvene at 8:00 p.m. tonight in the Turnpike gymnasium to accept the results of the School Budget Vote, Capital Project Vote, and Board Member Election.

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

RESO #16-05/19/2026
Adjourn

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 6:24 p.m.

Second: Ms. Hines

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

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Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education

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TURNPIKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATE

Turnpike Attendance		
Grade	May	YTD, 2025-2026
UPK	91%	90%
K	90%	89%
1	92%	91%
2	92%	91%
TES	91%	90%

District Goal	
Attendance	<p>Improving student attendance continues to be a major focus within our building. Through consistent communication with families, collaboration with our support teams, and school-wide attendance initiatives, we have continued to make positive progress toward our attendance goals.</p> <p>I am proud to share that our chronic absenteeism rate has decreased by 4% compared to the 2024–2025 school year. This improvement reflects the collective efforts of our staff, students, and families in prioritizing daily school attendance and student engagement.</p> <p>As part of our ongoing attendance initiative, we continue to celebrate and recognize students who demonstrate outstanding attendance habits. Our April attendance winner was Landon Blair, a Pre-K student in Maggie McLaughlin’s class.</p> <p>Additionally, our attendance team continues to participate in professional learning opportunities through Attendance Works webinars and resources. The most recent webinar focused on strengthening support for students experiencing homelessness, as these students often face significant barriers that can impact consistent school attendance. This learning opportunity provided valuable strategies and resources to help schools better support families and reduce attendance challenges for some of our most vulnerable students.</p>

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SEL & TSS	<p>The TSS Committee continues to promote a positive and supportive school culture through Character Education, restorative practices, and social-emotional learning initiatives. In May, the school-wide character trait focus is Honesty, with teachers utilizing lessons and activities that encourage integrity and positive decision-making. The month will conclude with a Character Education Assembly on May 29 recognizing students who consistently demonstrate this trait. Staff will also participate in the final restorative practices circle of the year, focused on strengthening the use of restorative questioning to support constructive conflict resolution with students. Additionally, the committee is finalizing a staff guidance resource to ensure responses to student behavior remain restorative, instructional, and consistent with our Bee Expectations. The DEI subcommittee continues collaborating with the Character Education team to intentionally connect monthly character traits with inclusion, cultural awareness, and belonging.</p> <p>SEL instruction through the Second Step curriculum continues in Grade 2, with students currently engaged in the Problem-Solving unit, focusing on responsibility, fairness, and conflict resolution skills. Home Links continue to be shared with families to reinforce SEL learning outside of school. In support of data-driven interventions and student transitions, Pre-K teachers will complete the e-DECA assessment to identify students' social-emotional strengths and needs, while K-2 teachers are administering the SDQ (Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire) to guide classroom placements and identify students who may benefit from additional supports. Counseling groups and interventions remain ongoing through Round 3 to provide targeted support for students with elevated social-emotional or behavioral needs.</p>
Family & Community Engagement	<p>Our school continues to strengthen family and community partnerships through student support initiatives, volunteerism, and community-based events. The Dress-a-Knight program recently completed its spring shopping trip, providing 22 students in need with spring and summer clothing and footwear based on teacher nominations and family wish lists. This effort was made possible through generous community and staff donations, as well as the support of 22 TES staff members who volunteered their time after school to shop and pack bags for students. Additional supplies were also purchased for the Nurse's Office to ensure emergency clothing and undergarments are readily available for students as needed. We extend our gratitude to the Brunswick Walmart staff for their support and hospitality, Lansingburgh Hannaford for donating handled bags, and the many community donors and TES staff members who continue to support fundraising efforts that make these opportunities possible. Families are currently coordinating the pickup and delivery of remaining Dress-a-Knight bags, with completion anticipated by Memorial Day.</p>

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	<p>Community engagement opportunities continue throughout the spring season. On May 15, TES will host its Special Olympics event, welcoming numerous community partners and local leaders, including members of the Board of Education, representatives from the Sheriff's Department, Troy Police and Fire Departments, the Mayor's Office, Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, Rensselaer County Legislature, and Senator Ashby's office. Students are also participating in several enriching experiences this month, including field trips to June Farms on May 12 and 13, the Burgh Bitty Ball event on May 14, and a Grade 2 field trip to the Palace Theater on May 18. These opportunities continue to strengthen connections between school, families, and the broader community while creating meaningful experiences for our students.</p>
Data Collection and Implementation to Drive Curriculum and Instruction	<p>Our PreK–2 teachers continue to make strong progress with curriculum implementation and data-driven instruction. Classroom teams are consistently using assessment data to monitor student growth, adjust instruction, and provide targeted support where needed. In Grade 1, student performance in Foundations and Eureka² Math remains strong, with overall class averages in the mid-80s. Grade 2 students are also demonstrating steady achievement, with overall averages in the low 80s. These results reflect the hard work of both our students and staff, as well as our continued focus on high-quality instruction and building strong foundational literacy and math skills across the primary grades.</p>

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RENSSELAER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RPES Attendance		
Grade	May (so far)	YTD, 2025-2026
3	92.58%	91.57%
4	89.89%	91.92%
5	92.99%	92.11%
Overall	91.94%	91.87%

District Goal	
Attendance	<p>The Attendance Committee continues to meet regularly to review student attendance data, with a focus on addressing chronic absenteeism. The team is examining trends, identifying gaps, and developing targeted strategies to strengthen attendance practices and supports for the upcoming school year.</p> <p>In addition, at the final Character Education Assembly in June, we will recognize students with perfect and nearly perfect attendance as a way to celebrate consistency, commitment, and positive school engagement.</p>
SEL & TSS	<p>Our SEL focus has centered on developing students' problem-solving skills and helping them better understand the "size of the problem" so they can choose appropriate strategies and know when to ask for help. Students have engaged in discussions and activities focused on empathy, compromise, and flexibility as important tools for resolving conflicts and building positive relationships with others.</p> <p>Throughout these lessons, students are working toward becoming more independent problem solvers by practicing self-regulation, communication, and decision-making skills. We also reviewed the difference between bullying and conflict to help students better recognize situations, respond appropriately, and seek support when needed.</p>
Family & Community Engagement	<p>Rensselaer Park continues to strengthen family and community engagement through a variety of school-wide activities and events. Our annual ABC</p>

	<p>Countdown begins on May 14th and serves as a positive way to celebrate the final weeks of the school year while building school spirit and student engagement. Families were also reminded of the additional spring recess days resulting from unused snow days and encouraged to enjoy the extra time together.</p> <p>Students have been highly engaged in our PARP Principal’s Incentive program, culminating in a school-wide “sliming” event to celebrate participation and reading engagement. RPES will also be participating in the Special Olympics event hosted at TES, providing students with opportunities to support inclusion, teamwork, and school community connections.</p> <p>Additionally, the PTA Dance will be held on Thursday, May 28th from 6:00–7:30 p.m. with a 90’s theme. Family and community volunteers continue to play an important role in supporting these events, and outreach for volunteer participation has been ongoing. These opportunities continue to foster positive relationships between school, families, and the greater Lansingburgh community.</p> <p>PTA Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/13 PTA Meeting, 6:00 PM (virtual) • 5/28 Spring Dance, 6:00–7:30 PM
<p>Data Collection and Implementation to Drive Curriculum and Instruction</p>	<p>All NYS assessments and make-up testing have been completed at RPES. As we move into the final instructional weeks of the school year, teachers continue to focus on targeted instruction and end-of-year assessment practices.</p> <p>Our pilot implementation of Arts & Letters has now entered the third module of the year. Staff members are also continuing to utilize Intervention Compass to support instructional planning, monitor student progress, and identify targeted intervention needs.</p> <p>In mathematics, teachers are concentrating on standards connected to post-assessment data and are reinforcing priority skills within the final module of instruction.</p> <p>Upcoming assessments include the final passage reading fluency assessment next week, followed by the i-Ready diagnostic assessment the following week. These diagnostics and benchmark assessments will serve as the final assessment measures for the 2025–2026 school year.</p>

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KNICKERBACKER MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Knickerbacker Middle School Attendance		
Grade	May	YTD, 2025-2026
6	89%	90%
7	89%	88%
8	89%	89%
KMS	89%	89%

District Goal	
Chronic Absenteeism	KMS remains dedicated to fostering strong school-home partnerships through our attendance task forces. We are especially proud of our students' heightened commitment to attendance during the New York State Assessment window.
SEL/School Climate	<p>For the month of May, the focus for Second Step classroom SEL lessons in 7th grade has been overcoming obstacles. It is important for students to remember that sometimes when we set a goal for ourselves, we are faced with challenges in order to accomplish that goal.</p> <p>Mr. Faseun pushed in this past week to work on career planning with the eighth grade students. This gave students the opportunity to think and explore various career paths as they get ready to transition to high school.</p>
Family & Community Engagement	<p>We had a total of 38 students inducted at our National Junior Honor Society ceremony on May 7th. This ceremony was largely attended and our students wrote about community service in the essays they wrote.</p> <p>On May 13 and May 14, our music department put on an amazing spring concert that was well attended and beautifully performed. The performers for both evenings were from both middle and high school students.</p>
Curriculum and Instruction	ELA and math teachers are administering the IXL diagnostic this month. The data will help us target students to determine AIS needs for the 2026-2027 school year.

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	NYS testing went well, students tried their best and we were successful meeting our 95% for each state assessment.
21st Century Program	<p>As Year 4 of the 21st CCLC grant winds down, we currently have 199 students meeting 15 hours or more of programming. The last day of program is Thursday, June 4, 2026.</p> <p>Students entering 6-8 grade at KMS will be eligible to register for the summer program. The goal of the summer program is to reduce summer learning loss, team building, outdoor education/recreation, and acclimating students to KMS and the 21st Century Program.</p>