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Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, August 31, 2026
District Office – Board Conference Room

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, Andrea Befaya, Catherine Curtis, Michael Cusack, Michael Drinkwine, Andrea Fairhurst, Theadora Hines, Jillian Manupella, Daniella Richards, and Thomas Zakrzewski were present. **ROLL CALL**

Others in attendance include Lindsey Gibson (on behalf of the LTA), Donny Miller, Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams.

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 #1-08/31/2026 Approve Meeting Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the corrected meeting agenda for August 31, 2026.

Second: Ms. Hines Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried Unanimously

Audit Committee Report by Ms. Fairhurst: **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Budget transfers for Verizon represent 20 new student hot spots. Will receive a credit for 10 devices. Other Turnpike transfer represents continuation of Rensselaer County SAP employee instead of additional social worker.
- July Revenue – Very little activity except payment for past Medicaid claims.
- July Expenses – Very little activity. Salary and supply expenses are in line for this time of year. A little higher than last year because we are

running summer school. Interest paid for BAN is higher than last year because we paid it off with Bond.

Troy IDA by Mr. Cusack:

- The Bella Vita project (Former Atrium Parking Garage) continues to navigate its way through the application/review process.

Motion by Mr. Drinkwine:

RESO #2-08/31/2026
Accept Reports

The Board of Education hereby accepts the committee reports.

Second: Mrs. Manupella Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Drinkwine:

RESO #3-08/31/2026
Approve Financial Reports

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

Second: Ms. Richards Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Manupella:

RESO #4-08/31/2026
Approve Minutes

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 17, 2026.

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Second: Ms. Hines Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

PERSONNEL – CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Richards :

RESO #5-08/31/2026
Accept Resignations

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

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date	Notes
Cara Isabella	Teaching Assistant	TES	Resignation	08/31/26	Promoted to Teacher
Maryhelen Hopkins	Teacher	TES	Resignation	08/31/26	

Second: Mrs. Curtis Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Motion by Ms. Richards :

RESO #6-08/31/2026
Appoint Instructional Staff

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

Name	Position	Building	Tenure Area	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step	Masters	Credits
Brandy Lawrence	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	SY 2026-2027	$125/Uncertified TA		
Cara Isabella	Teacher	TES	Elementary	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step F - $60,487	Y	Y
Carrie Hall	Teacher	TES	Special Education	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step J - $67,116	Y	Y
Christina Chronister	Library Media Specialist	RPES	Library	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step D - $57,172	Y	Y
Emily Dick	Teacher	RPES	Special Education	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step F - $60,487	Y	Y
Kyra Oeffler	Teaching Assistant	TES	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step 5 - $22.26		
La'Keesha Weaver	Teaching Assistant	KMS	Teaching Assistant	Temporary	SY 2026-2027	Step 7 - $24.08		
Melissa Maloney	Long-term Substitute	TES	N/A	Temporary	09/01/26 - 10/31/26	$261/day		
Sophia Saccento	Long-term Substitute	TES	N/A	Temporary	09/01/26 - 04/09/27	$261/day		
Stephanie Miller	Teaching Assistant	RPES	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step 11 - $28.17		
Melissa Maloney	Teaching Assistant	TES	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	11/01/26 - 10/31/30	Step 11 - $28.17		
Maryanne DeNault	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	09/14/26 - 06/30/27	$150/Retired Teacher		
Phelisha Napples	Substitute (Instructional)	District	N/A	Annual	SY 2026-2027	$125/Uncertified TA		
William Coston	Teaching Assistant	Northern Rivers	Teaching Assistant	Probationary	09/01/26 - 08/31/30	Step 14 - $32.48	Y	Y

Second: Mrs. Curtis

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Motion by Ms. Richards :

RESO #7-08/31/2026
Approve Additional Assignments

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

Name	Position / Purpose	Building	Appointment Type	Term	Compensation
Breanna Lott	SEL Orientation	RPES	Temporary	08/26/26	2hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title IV)
Halley Dollard	SEL Orientation	RPES	Temporary	08/26/26	2hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title IV)
Marydalia Coriano	SEL Orientation	RPES	Temporary	08/26/26	2hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title IV)
Melissa Watts	SEL Orientation	RPES	Temporary	08/26/26	2hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title IV)
Shelly Snyder	SEL Orientation	RPES	Temporary	08/26/26	2hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title IV)
Tamara Lewis	SEL Orientation	RPES	Temporary	08/26/26	2hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title IV)
Amanda Hepp	3rd Grade Orientation	RPES	Temporary	09/03/26	1hr. - Contractual Rate (Title IV)
Chelsea Mason	3rd Grade Orientation	RPES	Temporary	09/03/26	1hr. - Contractual Rate (Title IV)
Julie Allen	3rd Grade Orientation	RPES	Temporary	09/03/26	1hr. - Contractual Rate (Title IV)
Kelly Juliano	3rd Grade Orientation	RPES	Temporary	09/03/26	1hr. - Contractual Rate (Title IV)
Lauren McEvilly	3rd Grade Orientation	RPES	Temporary	09/03/26	1hr. - Contractual Rate (Title IV)
Shelly Snyder	3rd Grade Orientation	RPES	Temporary	09/03/26	1hr. - Contractual Rate (Title IV)
Ashley Burke	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Caitlyn Burns	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Cara Isabella	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Carrie Hall	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Chelsea Bartlett	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Colleen McGuirk	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (UPK)
Courtney Degnan	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (UPK)
Courtney Morga	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)

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Denise Mooney	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - $30/hr. (UPK)
Elsie Ray	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Emily Ascioti	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Emma Endres	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Heather Ladd	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Jennifer Ravalli	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - $30/hr. (UPK)
Jess Sobolew	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Jill Flannery	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Kasondra Ray	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (UPK)
Kaitlin Speta	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Kayla Smith	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Kelly Patricelli	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (UPK)
Kyra Oeffler	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Lindsay Cooper	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Maggie Conroy	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Maggie Higgins	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Margaret McLaughlin	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - $30/hr. (UPK)
Melissa Maloney	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Patricia Stinson	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (UPK)
Samantha Mahoney	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - $30/hr. (UPK)

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Sarah Fane	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Sarah Green	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Sheila Shover	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (UPK)
Sophie McKee	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Stacey Paolino	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - $30/hr. (UPK)
Staci Fisher	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - Contractual Rate (Title I)
Susan Weiss	Pre-K / Kindergarten Orientation	TES	Temporary	09/02/26	4hr.s - $30/hr. (UPK)
Jonathan Baxter	High School Orientation	LHS	Temporary	4 Hours	$30/hr. - Title I
Kendra Ferris	High School Orientation	LHS	Temporary	4 Hours	$30/hr. - Title I
Margot Tanner	High School Orientation	LHS	Temporary	4 Hours	$30/hr. - Title I
Cortland Tisch	Proctor Review - August Regents	LHS	Temporary	3 Hours	1/200th of salary
Justine Fazziola	Proctor Review - August Regents	LHS	Temporary	3 Hours	1/200th of salary
Elaina Moisidis	Head Coach - Girls Junior Varsity Softball	District	Temporary / Seasonal	2026-2027 School Year	Contractual Stipend
Samantha Westfall	Head Coach - Girls Varsity Softball	District	Temporary / Seasonal	2026-2027 School Year	Contractual Stipend
Delmarie Giminiani	Mentor Appointment	District	Temporary	SY 2026 - 2027	$2,000 Stipend - Title II
Martha Flacke	Mentor Appointment	District	Temporary	SY 2026 - 2027	$2,000 Stipend - Title II
Emma Closson	Extracurricular - Odyssey of the Mind	KMS	Temporary	SY 2026 - 2027	Contractual Stipend
Christina Huttner	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II

Delmarie Giminiani	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II
Eileen Culliton	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II
Emily Ascioti	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II
Emily LaBella	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II
Jodi McNutt	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II
Julie Allen	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	Hourly Rate - Title II
Justine Fazziola	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II
Katlyn Hill	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II
Kenyon Mosconi	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	Hourly Rate - Title II
Kristin Griswold	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	Hourly Rate - Title II
Lori Filarecki	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II
Maureen McLoughlin	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II
Michele McGivern	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II
Michelle Coon	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II
Stacey Cerniglia	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	Hourly Rate - Title II
Stephanie Moryl	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II
Susan Alberino	Mentor Planning	District	Temporary	2.5 Hours	$30/hr. - Title II

Motion Carried Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Curtis Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Richards :

RESO #8-08/31/2026
Accept Resignation

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

Name	Position	Building	Action	Effective Date
Kenneth Retell III	Maintenance Mechanic	District	Resignation	09/11/26

Motion Carried Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Curtis Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

RESO #9-08/31/2026 Appoint Non-Instructional Staff

Motion by Ms. Richards :

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

Name	Position	Building	Appointment Type	Term	Salary Step	Effective Date
Sarah Pointer	Aide (School Safety)	KMS	Non-competitive / Probationary	6-month probation: 09/01/26 - 02/28/27	Step 2 - $20.56	09/01/26
Stephen Morine	Aide (School Safety)	KMS	Non-competitive / Probationary	6-month probation: 09/01/26 - 02/28/27	Step 2 - $20.56	09/01/26

Second: Mrs. Curtis Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

RESO #10-08/31/2026 Accept First Reading of Policies

Motion by Mr. Drinkwine:

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

- 2210 – Board Organizational Meeting
- 4765 – Virtual, Blended and Remote Learning
- 5100 – Student Attendance
- 5151 – Students in Temporary Housing
- 5151-R – Students in Temporary Housing Regulation
- 5205 – Eligibility for Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities
- 5422 – Diapering and Toileting Protocols

Second: Mr. Zakrzewski Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

Superintendent Report

By Dr. Abitabile:

- The last remaining position was filled today.
- New staff orientation is being held tomorrow. Thanks extended to Kat Stockton for coordinating the tour of Lansingburgh.
- Repairs were made at LHS and will hold us until the construction project begins next summer.
- Rough plans for the new vestibules and main offices at KMS and LHS were distributed.
- We have begun preliminary budgeting for 2027-2028.
- Experts from NYSED will be doing an audit of our Special Education program, including Medicaid. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2026. The audit process will take 3-6 months. We are hopeful that this will help us in budgeting for the next school year.

- Thanks extended to Mrs. McGrouty for applying and successfully being awarded the Teachers of Tomorrow grant funding. We just completed a 5-year funding for this grant and were awarded another 5-year cycle. This funding helps us with offering additional stipends to new teachers in hard-to-fill subject areas.

Motion by Mrs. Manupella: **RESO #11-08/31/2026 Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. for the purpose of the Superintendent's evaluation.

Second: Ms. Richards Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Ms. Richards: **RESO #12-08/31/2026 Adjourn**

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 7:07 p.m.

Second: Mrs. Manupella Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education