

**Lansingburgh Central School District at Troy
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, January 27, 2020
Turnpike Elementary School**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jason Shover at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

Board of Education Members, Marie Cole, Michael Cusack, Rob Morris, Jason Shover, James Spear, Carl Walp, Jr. and Jeffrey White were present. Kelley Bristol and Michele Speanburg were absent from the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Others present include Angela Mauriello (on behalf of the LTA), Bob Schongar, Gina Fusco, Sean Colfer, Matt Van Dervoort, Tom Hopkins, Greg Rashford, Carrie Phelan, Becky McGrouty, Ian Knox, Shaun Paolino, Dana Roman, Linda Klime, Lisa Kyer, Dr. Tiney Abitabile and Christina Williams. There was one other present.

Joe Simonik, the Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 38 in Troy asked the Board and Dr. Abitabile to consider passing the Alternative Veteran's Tax Exemption for veterans who reside in the Lansingburgh Central School District. The Veterans of Lansingburgh Club are loyal supporters of the school district's agenda. They regularly participate in the 'clothe a student program' and take out ads for school plays. They support the Lansingburgh community by sponsoring little league, girls softball and pop warner football.

**VISITORS ADDRESS
THE BOARD**

Mr. Simonik provided the Board and Superintendent with a packet of information for them to review. It includes a copy of the survey and results that the Troy School District publicized on their website during the fall of 2018, the approximate cost to the non-veteran taxpayer should the tax bread be implemented, and list of local school districts that offer Veteran's Tax Exemptions.

Mr. Cusack asked if this would affect our revenue. Ms. Kyer stated that the tax levy would not change. This exemption would be a redistribution of tax from Veterans to other homeowners within the District.

Mr. Shover thanked Mr. Simonik and told him that the Board will consider his proposal after discussing it further at their next Workshop scheduled for February 10, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

**RESO #1-01/27/2020
Approve Minutes**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 16, 2019.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Audit Committee update by Mr. Shover :

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

- The District hired Marvin and Company as the Internal Auditors to review internal controls and to conduct a Risk Assessment. We are very happy to hear that we saved money on supplies purchased for teachers and students by using Ed-Data Services.
- The auditors included various recommendation in the Risk Assessment Report in the areas of payroll, cash receipts and bank reconciliations, cash disbursements, claims auditor function and extracurricular activity fund. The District has undertaken a Corrective Action Plan to address these concerns. The Board of Education will be asked to approve the Correction Action Plan tonight.

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #2-01/27/2020
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.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Morris:

**RESO #3-01/27/2020
Approve Correction
Action Plan**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the Corrective Action Plan in response to the recommendations from the 2018-2019 Internal Auditor’s Report.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Morris:

**RESO #4-01/27/2020
Accept 2019-2020
Final Tax Warrant
Report**

WHEREAS, the Education Law provides that the Tax Collector shall be relieved of responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax list, pending a complete list of delinquent tax

items to be certified to the Board of Education, and pending the Tax Collector affixing her affidavit to such warrants and lists.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the following Final Tax Warrant Report from the Tax Collector for the 2019-2020 collection period:

<u>Lansingburgh Central School District 2019 - 2020 Tax Collection</u>	Jane Luskin, Tax Collector
Total Taxes Collected to Date	\$12,817,638.23
Total Penalties Collected to Date	\$8,114.35
Total Odd Cent Over/Under	\$0.00
<i>Total Collection</i>	<i>\$12,825,752.58</i>

Uncollected Taxes	Tax	Penalty	Total
Lansingburgh	\$814,466.84	\$16,289.34	\$830,756.18
Brunswick	\$91,609.54	\$1,832.19	\$93,441.73
Schaghticoke	\$98,168.76	\$1,963.38	\$100,132.14
Pittstown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,004,245.14</i>	<i>\$20,084.90</i>	<i>\$1,024,330.04</i>

Total Warrant - Tax Collector (Approved August 26, 2019)	\$13,811,550.01
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Adjustments to Tax Warrant Due To Assessment or Clerical Error:

A Stewart, 4 Viewpoint Dr	\$151.24	
Lonczak Family Trust, 14 Knowlton Ave	\$22.96	
P Wozniak, 63 Farrell Road	\$1,455.89	
C Lozo, 27 Chester Court	\$103.34	
Less: Warrant Changes		\$1,733.43
<i>Total Final Warrant</i>		<i>\$13,809,816.58</i>

Total Star Savings (Approved August 26, 2019)	\$1,903,485.83
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Adjustments to Star Savings:

	\$0.00	
Less: Star Changes		\$0.00
<i>Total Star Savings</i>		<i>\$1,903,485.83</i>

Total Tax Levy (Approved August 2019)	\$15,715,035.84
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Total Tax Collected	\$12,817,638.23
Total Tax Uncollected	-\$1,004,245.14
Total Prorated Taxes	\$12,066.79
Assessment Adjustments	-\$1,733.43
Total Star Savings	-\$1,903,485.83
Star Savings Adjustment	\$0.00
<i>Balance</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Mr. Cusack asked what would happen with the \$1 million that was uncollected. Ms. Kyer indicated that the County would now collect those funds.

**PERSONNEL –
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #5-01/27/2020
Accept Resignation –
Ashley Lambrecht**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Ashley Lambrecht, Teaching Assistant at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective January 31, 2020.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #6-01/27/2020
Accept Resignation –
Peter Allen**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Peter Allen, JV Football Coach, effective January 1, 2020.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #7-01/27/2020
Accept Resignation –
Robert Dorn**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Robert Dorn as the Head Cross Country Coach and Track and Field Coach, effective January 13, 2020.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #8-01/27/2020
Accept Resignation –
Maureen Sullivan**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Maureen Sullivan, Building Substitute at Lansingburgh High School, effective February 21, 2020.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #9-01/27/2020
Correct Appointment
– Peter Fusco**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Peter Fusco to a Probationary Assistant Principal Position at Knickerbacker Middle School in the tenure area of School Building Leader, in accordance with the LAA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – January 22, 2018
Expiration of Probationary Service – January 21, 2022
Certification Status – School District Leader, Professional

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #10-01/27/2020
Appoint Substitute
Teacher**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following substitute teacher for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation established at the daily rate of \$100 for uncertified teachers, the daily rate of \$120 for certified teachers and the daily rate of \$125 for retired LCSD teachers:

Lori Iler-Borden – Teaching Assistant (Retired from LCSD
01/02/2020)

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #11-01/27/2020
Appoint Home Tutor –
Chris Huttner**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Chris Huttner to a home tutoring assignment for an elementary school student due to a medical condition, as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – December 2, 2019
Expiration of Service – April 1, 2020
Terms – 1 hour per day / 5 days per week
Contractual Rate - \$30.00 per hour

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #12-01/27/2020
Appoint Home Tutor –
Bob Van Hoesen**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Bob Van Hoesen to a home tutoring assignment for a high school student due to a pending CSE placement, as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – January 15, 2020
 Expiration of Service – June 26, 2020
 Terms – 2 hours per day / 5 days per week
 Contractual Rate - \$30.00 per hour

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
 Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #13-01/27/2020
 Appoint Advisors**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following advisors for the Knickerbacker Middle School Afterschool ELA and Math Club for the 2019-2020 school year as set forth below:

Grade	ELA	Math
6	Angela Mauriello	Rachel Walkuski
7	Colleen Buff	Jillian Anderson
8	Jenna Gagnano	Steve Caruso
Red Team	Chris Huttner	Trista Bugbee

ELA Club Dates: February 10, 11, 24, 25
 March 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24

Math Club Dates: March 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26
 April 1, 2, 8, 9

Times: 2:35-3:35 p.m.

Planning Time: Each teacher will receive a half hour of planning time weekly. There will be a one-hour planning meeting prior to the start of the clubs and an hour data meeting to analyze pretest data and plan instruction based on the data.

Cost: \$30 an hour per teacher
 2.5 hours a week/six weeks=\$450 per teacher
 2 hours planning/data meetings= \$480
 \$4080.00 TOTAL

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
 Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #14-01/27/2020
 Appoint Ski Club
 Advisors**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following Ski Club Advisors with compensation in accordance with the LTA contract:

Chris Retell – Ski Club Advisor – RPES
Angela Mauriello – Ski Club Advisor – RPES

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

**PERSONNEL – NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following substitute non-instructional employees for the 2019-2020 school year:

James Bartlett – Custodian
Robin Perras – Noon Aide, Teacher Aide
Rashad Shalynn Tyson – Custodial, Teacher Aide, Security

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

**RESO #15-01/27/2020
Appoint Non-
Instructional
Substitutes**

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following students as Student Workers for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation in accordance with the Student Workers STEP Program.

NyJae Parker
Rahsheed Purnell
Owen Green

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from the Lansingburgh Retirees for the purpose of the RPES Backpack Program.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

**RESO #17-01/27/2020
Accept Donation**

Motion by Mr. Morris:

**RESO #18-01/27/2020
Accept Donation**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Gloria Waters for the purpose of Dress a Knight.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Morris:

**RESO #19-01/27/2020
Accept Donation**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Pleasantdale Community Church for the purpose of Dress a Knight.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Morris:

**RESO #20-01/27/2020
Accept Donation**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Ruth Horton for the purpose of Dress a Knight.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Morris:

**RESO #21-01/27/2020
Accept Donation**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation in the amount of \$25.00 from Cornerstone Community Church for the purpose of Dress a Knight.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Morris:

**RESO #22-01/27/2020
Accept Donation**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation in the amount of \$300.00 from Gail Weber for the purpose of Dress a Knight.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Morris:

**RESO #23-01/27/2020
Accept Donation**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation equivalent to \$519.98 from Donors Choose for the purpose of 2 Chromebook 3100 to be used by Carly Feldman at TES.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Morris:

**RESO #24-01/27/2020
Approve MOA with
Diamond Hill Nursing
and Rehabilitation
Center**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding between Lansingburgh Central School District and Diamond Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center relating to the designation of off-site locations in the event of an emergency evacuation; and

Be it further resolved that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute said Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Walp

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #25-01/27/2020
Approve 2019-2020
Non-Resident Tuition
Rates**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the following non-resident tuition rates for the 2019-2020 school year:

Handicapped K-6	\$18,422
Handicapped 7-12	\$21,615
Full Day K-6	\$ 4,886
Full Day 7-12	\$ 8,079

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #26-01/27/2020
Approve 2019-2020
PD Plan**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2019-2020 Professional Development Plan.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Mr. White indicated he spent some time reviewing the PD Plan and did not see it as being a cohesive and comprehensive plan. He also asked why Mrs. DeDominick’s name is on the plan.

Mrs. McGrouty explained that this plan is updated annually with the goal of continuing to implement and monitor the academic strategies, professional development and availability of resources as established in the DCIP and the PDP. Dr. Abitabile’s name is listed at the beginning of the plan, but because Mrs. DeDominick was part of the committee that reviewed and updated the plan at the beginning of the school year while she had still been the Superintendent.

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2019-2020 Academic Intervention Services and Response to Intervention Plan.

**RESO #27-01/27/2020
Approve 2019-2020
AIS Plan**

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby establishes *The Council’s Superintendent Model Evaluation [2016]*, provided by the New York State Council of School Superintendents, as the instrument the Board will use to evaluate Superintendent Antonio Abitabile.

**RESO #28-01/27/2020
Establish
Superintendent
Evaluation Instrument**

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

District Update by Dr. Abitabile:

- Today I toured the Rensselaer Education Center with Anthony Taibi who updated me on the construction project planned to update the facility. I was very impressed with the programs and learned that they have high job placement rates for those students completing the programs.
- Interviews for the Assistant Superintendent of School Improvement are scheduled for Wednesday.
- Interviews for the Director of School Community Partnerships are scheduled for Friday.
- The first Branding Meeting was held. We were given some images to consider. The 8th grader on the committee made some great comments. We will meet again next Monday and will be given three concepts to work with.

**Superintendent’s
Report**

- The Bots Take Burgh event was incredible. There were 40 schools involved. It was a great turnout and put the District in a great light. You could see all the work that goes into the competition.

Curriculum/PD Update by Mrs. McGrouty:

- UPK – Our yearly audit was completed on January 7 and we recently received the feedback. We received very positive feedback from the reviewer on both significant corrective actions for us to complete. We were encouraged to continue to have the EPK and UPK meet with one another to review curriculum maps and to have the skills continue to build from EPK to UPK.
- New Teacher Mentor – We are completing meetings for Year 1, 2 and 3 teacher check0ins. The building principals, TOSAs and I meet with the teachers to review the goals that they set from the previous quarter and assist them with goal setting and support for the upcoming quarter.
- Curriculum – Classrooms have been working with data from iReady and the most recent Fountas and Pinnell assessment in order to drive instruction in small groups and within their intervention blocks. The secondary completed midterms and Regents and will use that data to drive instruction.
- Professional Development – We are working on planning the March 6 (PK-5) and March 20 (District-wide) PD days. On March 20, we are offering all staff “Stop the Bleed” training.

Administrators’ Reports

TES Update by Mr. Knox:

Under the umbrella of DCIP, the Parent and Community Engagement committee was formed. The goal of this committee is to get parents and families more involved within the Turnpike Community, fostering relationships with the families of our students and creating bonds that will last throughout their time in the Lansingburgh School District. The PAC has come up with a variety of initiatives to work toward this goal. The PAC has started a Coffee Club. This Coffee Club meets before school on the first Wednesday of every month for 30 minutes in the main office. Parents are invited to come into the office and have coffee with the teachers, administration, and staff. I hope that this is a time for parents to form relationships with teachers and staff in the building and make parents more comfortable coming into the building for events and meetings. Parents are now invited to come to Shared Decision Making (SDM) meetings. This meeting is an open forum where parents are invited to come and share any concerns they have or simply to hear about what is going on within the building. At these meetings, we have discussed a variety of topics such as, lockdowns, fire drills, behavior management, discipline, etc. and have received some great feedback from the parents who attend. The SDM meetings give a voice to parents in a venue they have not had one before. Not only this, but it provides the teachers and administration a different

perspective, enabling us to relate to the parents and their thoughts and ideas. The PAC also sets up a Parent and Family Engagement table at school events where someone on the committee talks to parents and hands out pertinent information about upcoming events at Turnpike. Finally, we have asked teachers to sign up for at least one PTA meeting so the parents that attend them are able to meet a variety of teachers from the building.

For future work, the PAC committee is working on creating a "Parent Corner" bulletin board in the vestibule by the main office. The committee is also working on creating a spreadsheet to have a more personal connection with families when we invite them to events. Finally, the committee has reached out to local colleges to paint murals in stairwells, hallways, etc. We are hoping this will continue to foster community partnerships as well as be a great night event where parents and students can come and work on painting the school.

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #29-01/27/2020

Adjourn

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 7:40 p.m.

Motion Carried

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education