

Lansingburgh Central School District at Troy
Minutes of the
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, July 20, 2020
Turnpike Elementary School – LGI

This meeting was open to the public via Google Meet

Meeting ID: meet.google.com/xnm-nhvv-siu

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The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jason Shover at 6:00 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board of Education Members, Kelley Bristol, Marie Cole, Jason Shover, James Spear, Michele Speanburg, and Jeffrey White were present in-person. Michael Cusack, Rob Morris and Danielle Richards participated through the Google Meet. **ROLL CALL**

Others present include Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There were 37 others who attended virtually.

**PERSONNEL –
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

**RESO #1-07/20/2020
Appoint Elementary
Assistant Principal**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education appoint Melissa Santarcangelo to a Probationary Assistant Principal position at Rensselaer Park Elementary School in the tenure area of School Building Leader, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation in accordance with the LAA contract as set for below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – August 1, 2020

Expiration of Probationary Service – July 31, 2024

Certification Status: School Building Leader, Initial
Literacy Birth-Grade 6, Professional
Literacy Grades 5-12, Professional
Childhood Education 1-6, Professional

Salary: \$83,000

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #2-07/20/2020
Appoint
Extracurricular
Advisors

RESOLVED, Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education appoint the following extracurricular advisors for the Rensselaer Park Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year:

Odyssey of the Mind (RPES) - (2) Advisors
Mrs. Usher and Mrs. Stinson

Odyssey of the Mind (KMS/HS) – (1) Advisor
Mrs. Delaney

Enrichment (RPES Grade 3 STEAM) – (2) Advisors
Mr. Hamilton and Mrs. Testo

Detention Supervisor (RPES) – (1) Supervisor
Mr. White

Ski Club - (3) Supervisors
Mr. Blackmur, Mrs. Retell and Mrs. Mauriello

Ski Club Substitute Supervisor Position
Mr. Gregoire

New Teacher Mentor – (2) Advisors
Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Wild

STEAM-Grade 5 – 1 Advisor
Mr. Roman

STEAM-Grade 4 – 1 Advisor
Mr. Allen

Morning Gym - (3) Supervisors
Mr. Pascucci, Mr. Allen and Mrs. Foglia

Morning Gym Substitute Supervisor
Mr. Gregoire

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

**PERSONNEL – NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

**RESO #3-07/20/2020
Appoint Groundsman
– Michael Collins**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Michael Collins to a groundsman position pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation according to the CSEA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – July 27, 2020
Salary – Step 1 - \$22.83 per hour

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #4-07/20/2020
Approve Consent
Agenda Procedure**

WHEREAS, the Lansingburgh Central School District Board of Education desires to use a consent agenda to expedite non-controversial items that require no discussion and are before the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to approve a procedure for consent agendas to assure all Board of Education Members understand and agree on the process; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to assure that abuse of the procedure is avoided.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lansingburgh Central School District Board of Education as follows:

1. The Board of Education adopts and approves the use of a Consent Agenda process during its meetings.
2. The Board of Education adopts the following policy that governs Consent Agenda use until such time as this resolution is amended by the Board of Education.

a. Location on the Agenda:

- i. Any removal of Consent Agenda items to the meeting agenda will occur immediately prior to approval of the meeting agenda.
- ii. The District Clerk will place the Consent Agenda on the meeting Agenda under the heading “Consent Agenda” and locate it immediately after approval of the meeting agenda and prior to any business being taken up by the Board of Education.

b. Items Placed on the Consent Agenda: The Superintendent will make every attempt to place items

on the Consent Agenda that are noncontroversial including, but not limited to the following:

- i. Minutes approval;
- ii. Authorizing the Superintendent and/or Board President to act on behalf of the Board of Education by signing any documents required as a result of any action of the Board of Education during the meeting;
- iii. Other routine items including appointment of staff;
- iv. Items which have been thoroughly discussed previously; and
- v. Non-controversial resolutions.

c. Items Not To Be Placed on the Consent Agenda:

- i. Contracts; and
- ii. Establishment and transfer of funds into Reserves.

d. Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda:

- i. Prior to taking up approval of the meeting's Agenda, the Board President will ask if any board member wishes to discuss any item on the Consent Agenda. Upon any board member indicating that they wish to discuss a particular consent agenda item, the Board President will remove that item from the consent agenda and place the item in an appropriate location on the meeting agenda.

e. Agenda Approval:

- i. After the Board President takes up any request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, the board will approve the meeting agenda which includes the consent agenda.

f. Consent Agenda:

- i. The Board of Education will approve the Consent Agenda immediately following approval of the meeting agenda.

g. Discussion of Consent Agenda Items:

- i. The Board of Education will not discuss any item remaining on the Consent Agenda after the opportunity to remove items from the Consent Agenda has passed.

h. Consent Agenda Voting:

- i. When the Board of Education approves the consent agenda, the only order of business is a motion to approve or a motion to disapprove ALL items on the Consent Agenda. Trustees

A Board of Education Workshop began immediately following the Special Board Meeting. The topic of discussion is the 2020-2021 Reopening Plan. After thorough review of the guidance documents received from the State Education Department and the CDC within the last few weeks, Dr. Abitabile discussed the following measures that must be worked into our reopening plan.

Health and Safety

- Masks must be worn by students and staff throughout the day.
- Students can remove masks while seated.
- No lockers. Elementary students can use cubbies spaced out appropriately.
- Capital Region BOCES is working on a daily screening app for parents to do a health screening of their children every morning. If they forget, students will complete upon arrival. (Same for staff.)
- Must have an isolation room (not the nurse's office) for any students showing symptoms. We would then contact the parent to come get the child.
- Once completed students go directly to their class.
- Fire drills and lockdowns still on schedule.
- If there is a positive case, we have more local control. We can shut down the classroom rather than the whole school and limit the amount of disruption to school and learning.

Nutrition

- Breakfast and lunch brought to the students in class, staffed by noon aides, teacher aides, etc.

Transportation

- Masks must be worn on buses at all times. We would need another 12 buses and drivers to meet the social distancing requirement.
- There has to be strategic seating. We have been practicing with the ESY students who have returned to school.

School Schedules

- Remote learning will be more structured and similar to a typical school day.
- Principals working on room capacity for each room in their buildings.
- Students remain in their rooms as much as possible, including lunch.
- Teachers move to the students, including specials.
- PE, music/band students must be socially distanced by 12 ft. We need to work on details.
- Outdoor education encouraged by all.
- Hoping for in person instruction EPK-9 every day, 10th Monday and Tuesday, 11th Thursday and Friday. Seniors 100% remote.
- Capital Region BOCES is offering a CRB Teacher by grade for students opting out of returning to in-person instruction.
- Student/teacher contact daily.
- Trying to keep students in the same room all day long. There will be no changing classrooms to limit student contact with as many people as possible.

- Specials may be done in 10-week increments rather than once a week. I met with the Principals today and we will continue to work on this.
- Survey to come soon for parents who plan to have their children return to school asking if they will be providing transportation or want their child to take the bus.
- Survey coming to staff about returning, along with ramifications about not.
- Devising a plan to limit movement and exposure to multiple people.
- PK-9 specials will be quartered or in trimesters to limit movement.
- Possible alternate block schedule for HS, similar electives.
- No word from Questar III on CTE programs.

Technology

- 3-12 Chromebook for all students.
- PK-2 one per family.

Budget

- Determining the number of masks to be purchased for students and staff. Rough numbers estimate \$150,000.
- Planning on how to train the students to use masks, take care of them, respiratory issues, etc.
- Polycarbonate \$210/sheet
- \$1.8M anticipated

Social/emotional

- Looking into finding time for teacher ally for each student to make sure they are adjusting to reopening. Possibly in place of study halls.

Teacher APPR needs to be re-tooled.

Meeting with union reps on Wednesday.

Attending a NYSSBA virtual law conference Tues. and Wed.

Encouraging the use of student teachers.