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**Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, September 28, 2020
Turnpike Elementary School – LGI**

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**

Mr. Shover read the mission statement: *Our mission at the Lansingburgh Central School District is to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment where high expectations, rigor, life-long learning and civic responsibility are developed and encouraged.* **MISSION**

Dr. Abitabile noted that we will include reading the mission statement at the beginning of each meeting as a reminder of our purpose.

Board of Education Members, Kelley Bristol, Marie Cole, Michael Cusack, Rob Morris, Daniella Richards, Jason Shover, James Spear, Michele Speanburg, and Jeffrey White were present. **ROLL CALL**

Also present were Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. 17 people participated virtually.

Motion by Mr. White: **RESO #1-09/28/2020 Approve Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the meeting agenda.

Second: Mr. Spear Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Cusack asked why Mr. Otter should be approved as a Teacher Lead Evaluator. Dr. Abitabile stated that Mr. Otter will be conducting teacher evaluations. His background is in Social Work, but he is a certified School District Leader and he will be needed to complete teacher evaluations. **Discussion of Consent Agenda**

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Mrs. Bristol stated that the external auditors will present their findings at the next meeting. Our FEMA Application was submitted, but may be rejected for the cost associated with the budget vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESO #2-09/28/2020 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: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #3-09/28/2020 Approve Minutes

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 31, 2020 and the Special Meeting held on September 14, 2020.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #4-09/28/2020 Appoint Principal Lead Evaluators

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following administrators as Principal Lead Evaluators:

Antonio Abitabile
Rebecca McGrouty

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #5-09/28/2020 Appoint Teacher Lead Evaluators

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following administrators as Teacher Lead Evaluators:

William Behrle	Joseph Otter
Kelly Cataldo	Shaun Paolino
Sean Colfer	Carrie Phelan
Gina Fusco	Melissa Santarcangelo
Ian Knox	Zachary Tacelli
Rebecca McGrouty	

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

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By Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.

Jamie Chiesa (uncertified)
Kelsey Carter (uncertified)

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

**RESO #6-09/28/2020
Appoint Substitute
Teachers**

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the request of Dorothy Hathaway, Teaching Assistant at Turnpike Elementary School, for an unpaid leave of absence commencing September 29, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

**RESO #7-09/28/2020
Approve Unpaid Leave
of Absence – Dorothy
Hathaway**

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes a salary adjustment for the following newly appointed staff member as set forth below:

Allison Anglim – 21 graduate credits / \$875

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

**RESO #8-09/28/2020
Authorize Salary
Adjustment – Allison
Anglim**

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the following staff for 2020 summer workdays:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u># Days</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
Student Case Review	Stephanie Moryl	2 days	LTA Contractual Rate

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

**RESO #9-09/28/2020
Approve Summer
Work Days**

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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By Mr. White:

RESO #10-09/28/2020
Appoint Breakfast
Aides

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following breakfast aides assigned to the Turnpike Elementary School:

Kandie Blue Donna Prespare
Carol Cooke Tamika Scott

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mr. White:

RESO #11-09/28/2020
Appoint Noon Aides

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following noon aides assigned to the Turnpike Elementary School:

Kandie Blue Warren Lansing
Carol Cooke Patricia Thibodeau
Donna Prespare Tamika Scott

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

By Mr. Morris:

RESO #12-09/28/2020
Accept Donations

Be it resolved, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education accept the following donations:

From	Amount	Purpose
Donors Choose	\$ 659.98	2 HP Laptops to be used by Amanda Squires
Warren Lansing	\$ 25.00	Denny and Kathy Haughney Scholarship
The Mamone Family	\$ 300.00	RPES Backpack Program
The Ladies of Charity	\$1000.00	RPES Backpack Program
The Bretons	\$1500.00	RPES Backpack Program

In Memory of Ayshawn Davis:

Lana Courter	\$ 10.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Catherine Scoville	\$ 25.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Joyce Bruce	\$ 50.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Heather Bull	\$ 50.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
G. Gallagher	\$ 50.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Lynn Hayner	\$ 50.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Sharon Jacobs	\$ 50.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Kathy Napples	\$ 50.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Dom & Carol Pasinella	50.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Lisa Patentreger	\$ 50.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Cash	\$ 60.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Antonio Abitabile	\$ 100.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Kayla Abitabile	\$ 100.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship

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Ronald Burgin	\$ 100.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Meghan Dadamo	\$ 100.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Kevin Darrigo	\$ 100.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Jon & Diane Duryea	\$ 100.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Lori Hamm	\$ 100.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Knights Toy Drive	\$ 100.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Renee McDonald	\$ 100.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Kathleen Skeals	\$ 100.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
James Spear	\$ 100.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Carolyn Corelli	\$ 200.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Mary Mahoney	\$ 200.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Crispin Hall	\$ 250.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Alyssa Otis	\$ 250.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
E. Lastrup & Fam.	\$ 300.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
The Mary Fund	\$1000.00	LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Mr. Shover thanked all for these incredible donations.

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESO #13-09/28/2020
Authorize Correction
of Assessment and Tax

Be it resolved, in accordance with the decision of the Director of Rensselaer County Bureau of Tax Services, the Board of Education authorizes a correction of assessment and tax for the 2020-2021 school tax year for the following properties due to clerical errors:

Roxanne Vermilyea and Charles Pratt – 30 Plank Road
Carol Testo-Browne – 9 Hialeah Drive
Rosemary Sorel – 314 Riverbend Road
Thomas and Karen Connally – 312 Seminole Street

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Sage Literacy Program:

- We have collaborated with Sage College for 2:1 tutoring services provided by their Literacy graduate students to 20 of our students in grades 1-5 on targeted literacy skills from October 2020 through May 2021. This starts on Wednesday.

Assistant
Superintendent Report

Professional Development:

- Melissa Macaluso from Questar has been providing check-ins with our new teachers at TES.
- Kirsten Widner is providing ELA professional development.
- Brian Rayman is providing Math professional development at KMS.

Chronic Absenteeism

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- Attendance teams are working together to identify students who are not coming to school at TES or accessing remote learning.

Ally Program

- TES is focusing on social stories and morning check-ins.
- KMS sent a questionnaire out as they work to develop protocol.

Thanks extended to Dollar General for the donation of \$1,000 worth of school supplies to Turnpike Elementary.

Gina and Lindsey have been providing ongoing instructional technology help for the staff. Currently they are working on providing Chromebook help to students.

Congratulations to Kelly Juliano and Robin Delaney who won the PARP Award (Parents as Reading Partners). This is the second time these ladies have won this award. They also won two years ago.

October's workshop is scheduled for Tuesday the 13th. We will focus on debriefing the training received at the Board Retreat. We will also establish committees for the year and possibly begin some policy review.

Superintendent Report

Our second 'withholding' payment from the State was received. It was \$141,000 lower than was budgeted. This brings the amount of state aid withheld so far to just over \$300,000. Our budgeting process is completed on an annual cycle. The District incurs 65% of our expenses at the beginning of the school year which happens at a time when only a third of our revenue comes in. The next large state aid payments are expected in November and December. We anticipate those payments to include the 20% withholding.

Last week, the Superintendent met with the RPES administrators to determine how much money would be needed to open Rensselaer Park. A similar meeting with KMS administrators is scheduled for this week and LHS will be held the week after.

Interim Commissioner on Education, Dr. Betty Rosa, will be visiting the campus accompanied by Dr. Gladys Cruz of Questar III. We do not know the purpose of the visit. Dr. Rosa is a former ESL teacher and also a certified administrator. We intend to highlight our strengths and achievements during her visit.

2 years ago, the State Health Department mandated that all students must be immunized properly or they would need to be educated at home. Parents must have their children immunized according to law

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even if their children are participating in remote learning. If remote learning students are behind in their immunizations, schools must turn off their Chromebooks. Fines will be imposed to school district who do not comply with the law.

Mr. Shover announced that the Board will be conducting the Superintendent Evaluation tonight.

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #14-09/28/2020
Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Second: Mr. Cusack

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Return to regular session at 7:59 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #15-09/28/2020
Adjourn**

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 7:59 p.m.

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education