

**Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Workshop / Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, February 1, 2021**

This meeting was held remotely. The video can be viewed via the following link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T_H3SOWObLVys_h0u-bNuC_lareF3yH5/view

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, Michael Cusack, Rob Morris, Daniella Richards, Jason Shover and Jeffrey White participated remotely. Michele Speanburg was absent from the meeting. James Spear entered the remote meeting at 6:07 p.m. **ROLL CALL**

Others participating include Rebecca McGrouty, Linda Klime, Lisa Kyer, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There was a total of 24 remote participants.

Status of Reopening Plan for Rensselaer Park Elementary School, Knickerbacker Middle School and Lansingburgh High School by Dr. Abitabile: **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- I met with the Administrative Team met Thursday every hour, back to back to discuss the needs/concerns of each individual building.
- The survey went out once again to parents so they could make the decision on having their children return to school or to continue learning remotely. Of the 1500 students, we have received 300 responses with 75 of them choosing to stay with remote learning.
- Families with remote learners who have questions are asked to contact the building administrator for more information.
- On Tuesday there will be a live Q&A for parents and students about the reopening of KMS. A live Q&A will be held for RPES on Wednesday and a live Q&A for the reopening of LHS will be held on Thursday. Check the website for the link to these meetings.
- Memos went out to staff stating where they will be assigned and when to return to work. Some will be starting at RPES and then will shift to KMS and LHS on March 1.

- We had some resignations and are working to fill those positions. Lisa has contacted Civil Service for those positions that need to be filled from a list of eligible candidates.
- Teachers can come back to their classrooms now if they choose to do so and can teach remotely from their rooms.
- Our substitute teacher pool is severely depleted. Most of our best subs are retired teachers who are also of high risk for COVID. We will be hiring 4 additional TA's for needed coverage. Not every absence is COVID related.
- We will hire an HR assistant who will help with contract tracing, quarantining, phone calls and determining paid leaves and unpaid leaves. Lisa and I are reviewing job descriptions to determine which best meets our needs. We will keep the Board updates on this.
- Some changes were made to the arrival/dismissal times for each building to ensure safety and management of students. KMS/LHS arrival time will be 7:30, TES arrival time will be 8:20 and RPES arrival time will be 9:00. One bus run will be used to pick up both TES and RPES students. TES students will be dropped off first and then the buses will continue on to RPES. Dismissal at KMS/LHS will be 1:45 – 2:02. TES dismissal will be from 2:10 – 2:25 and RPES dismissal will be at 3:00.
- Students and staff will be required to wear masks at all times except when eating.
- There will be daily health screenings, but we are no longer required to take temperatures.
- Breakfast will be grab and go. We continue working out the logistics of seating capacity for lunch in the cafeterias with Kevin Darrigo.
- CAMs cleaning is done every 60 days. Questar III provides this service.
- Every student who wants to come back, can. Students will remain in classrooms. This is difficult with LHS students because of individual schedules. Those students will need to be in the hallways to change classes. LHS will work on a rotating schedule with 9th and 10th grade students in-person two days a week and 11th and 12th grade students in-person two days a week. Study halls will be limited. Teachers usually assigned to study halls will be assigned to help out with lunch supervision.
- Special education self-contained students will be in school every day. They are assigned to TES now, but will return to their own buildings very soon.
- The logistics of band and chorus are still being worked out.
- There is a possibility that Rensselaer County schools will create a Rensselaer County Conference for sports competition. The timeline of scheduled seasons will change. Fall athletes can start practicing as soon as February 8. The official start for fall sports

is March 15. Winter sports would run from February 1 through March 13.

[Please see video for full details.]

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #1-02/01/2021
Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. for the purpose of the medical, financial, credit, or employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person.

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

**RESO #2-02/01/2021
Adjourn**

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 7:30 p.m.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education