

**Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, September 13, 2021
Turnpike Elementary School - Gymnasium**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Michael Cusack at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board of Education Members, Michael Cusack, Jillian Manupella, Daniella Richards, Tina Rysedorph, Jason Shover, James Spear, and Jeffrey White were present. Andrea Fairhurst was absent from the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Others present include Angela Mauriello (on behalf of the LTA), Rob Morris (former Board Member), Carrie Phelan, Linda Klime, Lisa Kyer, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There were 7 others present.

Mr. Cusack and Mr. Shover presented Robert Morris with a plaque and thanked him for his years of dedicated service to the District.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Talia Pallozzi who will fill the remainder of Mr. Robert Morris' term through June 30, 2022. Mrs. Pallozzi signed the Executive Session acknowledgment form that will be filed with the District Clerk.

SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBER

Kim Parker voiced her concerns about transportation issues and the lack of communication between the transportation department, bus company and the parents. Mr. Cusack thanked her for coming and bringing her concerns to the Board.

VISITORS ADDRESS THE BOARD

Lansingburgh, as well as most school districts, is having significant transportation issues due to a lack of school bus drivers. Birnie Bus Company is influx between buildings. They lost their bus garage because the building was sold. They have not yet secured a new location and their buses are temporarily being housed at the Albany Airport.

The Superintendent stated that we are down 7 drivers. The concern of communication with parents, the bus company and the transportation department will be addressed immediately.

Mr. John Nedoroscik stated his concerns about transportation and the current mask mandates.

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #1-09/13/2021
Approve Agenda**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves agenda for this evening's special meeting.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #2-09/13/2021
Consent Agenda**

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

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #3-09/13/2021
Approve Minutes**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 23, 2021 with corrections to resolutions #26 and #44.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

**PERSONNEL –
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #4-09/13/2021
Accept Resignation –
Stephanie Haney**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Stephanie Haney, English Teacher at Lansingburgh High School, effective September 27, 2021.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #5-09/13/2021
Accept Resignation –
Kerry McKeown**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Kerry McKeown,

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Rachael Barber as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School to fill multiple maternity leaves, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – October 1, 2021
Expiration of Service – June 30, 2022
Certification Status – Childhood Education 1-6, Initial
Salary – Step 1 / \$44,227

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

RESO #15-09/13/2021
Appoint Long-Term
Substitute Teacher –
Rachael Barber

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Nicole Ferraro as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School to fill multiple maternity leaves, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021
Expiration of Service – June 30, 2022
Certification Status – Early Childhood B-2, Initial
Childhood Education 1-6, Initial
Literacy B-6, Initial
Salary – Step 1 / \$44,227

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

RESO #16-09/13/2021
Appoint Long-Term
Substitute Teacher –
Nicole Ferraro

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Jeffrey Meissner to a probationary position at Rensselaer Park Elementary School in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021

RESO #17-09/13/2021
Appoint Teacher
Assistant – Jeffrey
Meissner

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #24-09/13/2021
Approve Summer
Hours**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves 2 summer hours at the hourly rate of \$25.00 for the purpose of 3rd Grade Orientation for the following staff:

Emma Closson
Elizabeth Jamison
Elise Mamone

Kimberly LaJoy
Olivia Williams

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #25-09/13/2021
Approve Summer
Hours**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves summer hours at the hourly rate of \$25.00 for the following staff:

Lansingburgh Academy Prep Time	Peter Allen	2 hours	Title II
Lansingburgh Academy Prep Time	Theresa Eckler	3 hours	Title II
Lansingburgh Academy Prep Time	Danielle French	5 hours	Title II
RPES Foundations Training	Kimberly LaJoy Mary Haydock Elizabeth Hanna Erin Fish Olivia Williams Emma Clossen	5 hours	ARP
Spanish Curriculum Mapping	Alaina Lange	5 hours	Title I

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #26-09/13/2021
Appoint Speech
Teacher – Olivia Bruni**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Olivia Bruni to a probationary teaching position at Turnpike Elementary School in the tenure area of Speech, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 13, 2021
 Expiration of Probationary Appointment – September 12, 2025
 Certification Status – Speech and Language Disabilities, Initial
 Salary - Step 1 \$44,227
 Masters 450
 Grad Credits 57 2,375
 \$47,052

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #27-09/13/2021
Appoint Teaching
Assistant – Cassidy
Culliton**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Cassidy Culliton to a probationary position at Turnpike Elementary School in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 13, 2021
 Expiration of Probationary Appointment – September 12, 2025
 Certification Status – SWD Grades 1-6, Initial
 Childhood Education Grades 1-6, Initial
 Salary – Step 9 / \$21.58 per hour / 30 graduate credits = \$500

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #28-09/13/2021
Appoint Long Term
Substitute Teacher –
Jasmine Raga-Powell**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Jasmine Raga-Powell as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School to fill a position held by Matthew Poodiack, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 10, 2021

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #32-09/13/2021
Appoint Teacher Aide
– Audrey Carter**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Audrey Carter as a district-wide Teacher Aide, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation and benefits as per the CSEA Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021
Salary – Step 2 / \$17.91 per hour

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #33-09/13/2021
Appoint Teacher Aide
– John Pelletier**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints John Pelletier as a district-wide Teacher Aide, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation and benefits as per the CSEA Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2021
Salary – Step 5 / \$20.49 per hour

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #34-09/13/2021
Appoint Custodial
Worker – John
Demetros**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints John Demetros as Custodial Worker at Turnpike Elementary School, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation and benefits as per the CSEA Contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – September 20, 2021
Salary – Step 1 / \$22.39 per hour

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #35-09/13/2021
Appoint Breakfast /
Noon Aides**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following breakfast/noon aides at the hourly rate of \$12.50 for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Linda Waters – RPES
- Vicki Buchanan – RPES
- Barbara Teta – RPES
- Nicole VanCott – RPES
- Elizabeth Vaughn – KMS
- Amanda Bailey – TES
- Elizabeth Pagan – TES
- Catherine Alexopoulos – LHS
- Jessica Rodriguez – TES
- Johnnie King - KMS

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #36-09/13/2021
Approve PLP**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the 2021-2022 Professional Learning Plan.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #37-09/13/2021
Ratify Amendments to
CSEA Collective
Bargaining Agreement**

WHEREAS, the Superintendent, acting as chief executive officer, has negotiated certain changes to the collective bargaining agreement in place with the LANSINGBURGH CSD TEACHING ASSISTANT UNIT, RENSSELAER COUNTY EDUCATION LOCAL 871 of CSEA, LOCAL 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO ("CSEA"), as set forth in the annexed Memorandum of Agreement, dated July 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS the negotiated changes to the collective bargaining agreement in place with CSEA as set forth in annexed Memorandum of Agreement, dated July 21, 2021, have been ratified by a vote of the members of the bargaining unit represented by CSEA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education ratifies the proposed amendments to the collective bargaining agreement in place with CSEA as set forth in annexed Memorandum of Agreement, dated July 21, 2021, and authorizes and directs the

Motion by Mr. White

**RESO #40-09/13/2021
Award Emergency
Transportation
Contract**

The Board of Education hereby awards an Emergency Transportation Contract to Star and Strand for 31 days at the daily rate of \$349.

Second: Mr. Shover

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #41-09/13/2021
Adjourn**

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 8:06 p.m.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education