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**Lansingburgh Central School District
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, September 27, 2021
Turnpike Elementary School - Cafeteria**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Michael Cusack at 6:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board of Education Members, Michael Cusack, Andrea Fairhurst, Jillian Manupella, Talia Pallozzi, Daniella Richards, Tina Rysedorph, Jason Shover, James Spear, and Jeffrey White were present.

ROLL CALL

Others present include Angela Mauriello (on behalf of the LTA), Matthew Van Dervoort, Zach Tacelli, Katie Stalker, Meredith Rivet, Linda Klime, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams. There were 14 others present.

Mr. Cusack read the District's Mission Statement:

MISSION

Our mission at the Lansingburgh Central School District is to create for all students a productive, challenging and safe educational environment. Our students will acquire civic values and learning skills and strategies through a dynamic partnership between the schools and community. These experiences will inspire a lifetime of learning and self-sufficiency.

Kathy Curtis, Jessica Vartigan (and daughter and husband) and Kim Parker addressed the board with concerns about transportation, specifically the Purple Circle bus. Their concerns include no notification of time changes for bus stops, receiving emails too late, not receiving text messages or robo calls regarding buses running late or runs being combined.

VISITORS ADDRESS THE BOARD

John Nedoroscik raised his concern about NYS DOT regulations for riders on school buses.

Dr. Abitabile stated that we started the year assigning buses and bus stops as if all students were being transported. The runs are constantly changing as we decipher which students are using the buses for transportation and which are not. At this point, Birnie Bus is still 5-8

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drivers short so we need to continue combining runs and making second runs.

Dr. Abitabile stated he will look into the communication issues immediately to determine why text messages and robo calls are not being received by parents.

Will Calhoun and Matt Monaghan of SEI Design Group presented a program and budget for the proposed capital project at Rensselaer Park Elementary School. The proposed scope of work includes the following:

RPES PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT

- Cafeteria Addition
- Kitchen upgrade or relocation to new addition
- ADA elevator addition
- Cafeteria renovations
- Cafeteria stage modifications
- Gymnasium renovations
- Locker room conversions to office and classroom space
- Art room upgrades
- Upgrades to toilet rooms
- Replacing drinking fountains with ADA bottle fill units
- Addition of more parking and a new lot
- Repair or replacement of side walkway by gym and kitchen
- Parent/bus loop drop off improvements
- Replacement of HVAC units
- Replace media center roof top unit
- Relocation or modification of exhaust fans over nurses office
- Upgrade ventilation system
- Repair catch basins
- Replace hot water heater
- Remove AMC in boiler and storage room
- Replace inaccessible cleanouts on drainage lines
- Provide isolation valves on heating and domestic water system
- Replace or repair necessary roof drains and sanitary lines
- Security camera upgrades
- Replace PA system
- Fire alarm panel replacement
- Upgrade the energy management system
- LED lighting upgrade to exterior and interior

The Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021 to approve the preliminary design, budget and SEQR. A newsletter to residents will be sent out at the beginning of November 2021 which will include the financial impact of the proposed Capital Project. A

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public information meeting and voter registration (for any unregistered voters) is scheduled for November 17, 2021. The vote will take place on December 7, 2021.

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #1-09/27/2021
Approve Agenda

The Board of Education hereby approves the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Ms. Richards

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

There was discussion of the consent agenda items wherein Mr. Shover stated he would be abstaining from agenda item #X.C.2.a.

Mr. Shover spoke on behalf of the Audit Committee which met this evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at the District Office. The external auditor and Mr. Roland Guilz, our claims auditor, will be in attendance at the next regular meeting of the Board to present their findings of the 2020-2021 school year.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

We have received close to 50% of the CARES Act Funding to date.

Our repair reserve has now reached \$1 million. This amount will decrease slightly once the payments are made for the high school tile project.

There are a few account changed due to GASB. An account with the code 'CM' has been created to make certain items (i.e. scholarships) more visible.

Motion by Mr. Shover:

RESO #2-09/27/2021
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. White

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #3-09/27/2021
Approve Minutes

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 13, 2021.

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

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PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Alexis Hughes, English Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School, effective September 17, 2021.

RESO #4-09/27/2021
Accept Resignation –
Alexis Hughes

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Kathryn Maggiacomo, Library Media Specialist at Knickerbacker Middle School and Lansingburgh High School, effective October 20, 2021.

RESO #5-09/27/2021
Accept Resignation –
Kathryn Maggiacomo

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Sarah Smith, Mathematics Teacher at Lansingburgh High School, effective October 20, 2021.

RESO #6-09/27/2021
Accept Resignation –
Sarah Smith

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Kayla McHugh, Special Education Teacher at Turnpike Elementary School, effective October 21, 2021.

RESO #7-09/27/2021
Accept Resignation –
Kayla McHugh

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Maureen Ottati, Special

RESO #8-09/27/2021
Accept Resignation –
Maureen Ottati

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Education Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School, effective September 24, 2021.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Robert Addorisio, Teaching Assistant at Knickerbacker Middle School, effective September 19, 2021, for the purpose of accepting a teaching position with the District.

RESO #9-09/27/2021
Accept Resignation –
Robert Addorisio

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Cassidy Culliton, Teaching Assistant at Turnpike Elementary School, effective September 27, 2021, for the purpose of accepting a teaching position with the District.

RESO #10-09/27/2021
Accept Resignation –
Cassidy Culliton

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

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

RESO #11-09/27/2021
Appoint Elementary
Teacher – Christina
Travis

Commencement of Service – September 22, 2021
Expiration of Probationary Appointment – September 21, 2024
1-year Jarema credit awarded
Certification Status – PK, K, Grades 1-6, Permanent
Reading, Permanent

Salary - Step 10	\$48,795
Masters	450
Grad Credits 36	<u>1,500</u>
	\$50,745

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves Matthew Loatman for a sixth class for the 2021-2022 school year, with compensation as per the LTA Contract.

RESO #12-09/27/2021
Approve Additional Teaching Assignment – M. Loatman

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Robert Addorisio to a probationary teaching position at Knickerbacker Middle School in the tenure area of English, pending clearance by the New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation as set forth below:

RESO #13-09/27/2021
Appoint English Teacher – Robert Addorisio

Commencement of Service – September 20, 2021
 Expiration of Probationary Appointment – September 19, 2025
 Certification Status – English Language Arts 7-12, Initial

Salary - Step	\$44,227
Masters	450
Grad Credits 30	<u>1,250</u>
	\$45,927

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

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

RESO #14-09/27/2021
Appoint Special Education Teacher – Cassidy Culliton

Commencement of Service – September 28, 2021
 Expiration of Probationary Appointment – September 27, 2025
 Certification Status – SWD Grades 1-6, Initial Childhood Education Grades 1-6, Initial

Salary - Step 1	\$44,227
Masters	450
Grad Credits 48	<u>2,000</u>
	\$46,667

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #15-09/27/2021
Approve Summer
Hours

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves 5 summer hours, at the contractual rate of \$25.00 per hour, for Annette Hopkins for Data Driven Decision Making Summer Work.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #16-09/27/2021
Approve Summer
Hours

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves 3 summer hours, at the contractual rate of \$25.00 per hour, for the following staff for 6th Grade Find Your Way Day:

Renee McDonald
Patrick Amyot
Angela Mauriello
Kate Hill
Kelly Quinn
Kerry Wania
Chris Jura
Camille Amodeo
Ed Classen
Julia Ciaccio
Karryn Bohley
Michele McGivern

Matt Loatman
James Gordon
Kathy Maggiocomo
Jermee Wilson
Alex Thomson
Amie Maguire
Phil Faseun
Edda Sacco
McKensie LeVan
Cortlandt Tisch
Haylielyn Szemplinski

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #17-09/27/2021
Approve Summer
Hours

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves summer hours, at the contractual rate of \$25.00 per hour, for the following staff for 9th Grade Orientation:

2 hours each: C. Pennman
K. Stevens
M. Madonna
E. Griswold

S. Tanner
L. Biddle
K. Ferris

1 hour each: E. Loudis

R. Felio

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #18-09/27/2021
Approve Summer
Hours

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves 28 summer hours at their contractual rate for the following staff for TCI Training:

TES: Cassidy Culliton, Elsie Ray, Amanda Root, Karen LaFore, Kathy Ratigan, Emily Ascioti

RPES: Camryn Mesick, Chris Eaton, Alyssa Cohen, Ann Nolin

KMS: Devan Miller, Mike Oliver, Jenn Gula, Jennifer Lastrup

LHS Bill Bowles

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #19-09/27/2021
Approve Summer
Hours

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves 6 summer hours at the rate of \$25 per hour for related services summer professional development for the following staff:

Stephanie Martinelli
Kaley Green
Gretchen Murphy
Amanda Salamon
Louise Sullivan
Lisa Dillman
Mary Legnard

Valerie Miller
Judy Higgins
Kelsey Maturro
Arlene Okonlewski
Missy Taylor
Dorothy Thompson
Nicole Meissner

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #20-09/27/2021
Appoint 2021-2022
After School
Enrichment Staff

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following staff to the After School Enrichment Program for the 2021-2022 School Year, to be paid through ARP funding at the LTA contractual rate:

The following teachers will provide after school enrichment 1 hour per week:

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Pete Allen - Coding for Girls
Emma Closson - Spanish Club
Ashley Giaquinto - Social Justice Book Club
Elizabeth Jamison - Literacy Cooking Club
Tracey Lilkas - Board Games Club
Dana Parker - Social Justice Book Club
Joseph Roman - Yoga
Jessica Sisti - Ukulele Club

The following teacher will provide after school enrichment 2 hours per week:

Alejandro Williams - Chorus

Staggered Start Times for the 2021-2022 School Year:

Alejandro Williams - Dance Crazy (starting late Oct. through February)

Jason Blackmur - Garden Club (April through June)

Adam Gregoire - Junior Knights Wrestling Club (Mid-Feb. through the end of March)

Robert White - Ultimate Frisbie (April through June)

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Maureen Jensen, typist at Lansingburgh High School, effective September 29, 2021.

RESO #21-09/27/2021
Accept Resignation –
Maureen Jensen

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Warren Lansing, noon-aide at Turnpike Elementary School, effective September 25, 2021.

RESO #22-09/27/2021
Accept Resignation –
Warren Lansing

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
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Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following non-instructional staff for the 2021-2022 school year:

Warren Lansing

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

**RESO #23-09/27/2021
Approve Non-
Instructional Staff**

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

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:

Joseph Barrett – TES

Frank Rodriguez – RPES

Cristal Molina – RPES

Mitzi Borrero - RPES

Christie Zullo - RPES

Chelsea Mason – RPES

Danielle Koetzner – RPES

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

**Mr. Shover abstained

**RESO #24-09/27/2021
Appoint Breakfast /
Noon Aides**

Motion Carried 8-0-1

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following Student Workers through the STEP Program for the 2021-2022 school year:

Kyleir Ford

Ryan O'Melia

Robert Nickarz

Davontae Pinto

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

**RESO #25-09/27/2021
Appoint Student
Workers**

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby terminates the employment of Amanda Bailey, noon aide, effective September 21, 2021.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

**RESO #26-09/27/2021
Terminate
Employment –
Amanda Bailey**

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Shover:

**RESO #27-09/27/2021
Accept Donations**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the following donations to the Anything Is Possible Scholarship (in memory of Ayshawn Davis:

District Office	\$ 20.00
Athletic Dept.	55.00
Turnpike Elementary	142.00
Rensselaer Park	171.00
Knickerbacker MS	177.00
Lansingburgh HS	153.00

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #28-09/27/2021
Approve Revised
School Calendar**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the revised 2021-2022 School Calendar.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

**RESO #29-09/27/2021
Adopt Revised Policies**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the second reading and adopts the following revised policies:

- #0001 – Mission Statement
- #1500-E.4 – Athletic Field Fee Schedule
- #1530 – Smoking and other Tobacco Use on School Premises
- #5420-R – Student Health Services Regulation
- #5460-R – Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting – Regulation

Second: Mrs. Rysedorph

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White

**RESO #30-09/27/2021
Declare Polling
Locations**

WHEREAS, the Lansingburgh Central School District is located primarily in the City of Troy, New York; and

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WHEREAS, the District is currently divided into three election Districts: one with boundaries that cover north of 101st Street to south of 118th Street (the “First Election District” and one with boundaries that cover north of 118th Street to the end of Pleasantdale, and Northern Drive and Corliss Park (the “Second District”) and one with boundaries that cover Miami Beach Estates, Highpointe, all of Brunswick 7 and all of Speigletown (the “Third District”); and

WHEREAS, the First Election District polling location is currently the Lansingburgh High School; and

WHEREAS, the Second Election District polling location is currently the Lansingburgh High School; and

WHEREAS, the Third Election District polling location is currently the Speigletown Firehouse; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to change the polling location for the Second Election District and the Third Election District to the Turnpike Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Turnpike Elementary School is located at 55 New Turnpike Road, Troy, New York, which is within the Second Election District.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Education designates the Turnpike Elementary School as the polling location for the Second Election District and the Third Election District effective immediately.

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

TES Update by Ms. Rivet – see page 15

RPES Update by Ms. Stalker – see page 16

KMS Update by Mr. Tacelli – see page 17

LHS Update by Mr. Van Dervoort – see page 18-19

By Mrs. McGrouty:

Sage Literacy Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnership with Sage - grad students 2:1 tutoring from October - May. Students in grades 1-5• 20 students• Targeted literacy skills
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BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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<p>Instruction for quarantined students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPK UPK K - work will be sent home with students, including any materials needed • Grades 1 and 2 - Google Classroom if proficient • Teachers reach out to families to set up times to check-in during their quarantine • Grades 3-12 Google Classroom
<p>Summer School</p>	<p>Four week summer school program offering enrichment opportunities and traditional “summer school.” Breakfast, lunch and transportation was provided. Teachers received training from Questar 3 regarding the summer school curriculum</p> <p>LHS Offerings: 124 total students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra 1 • Algebra 1A • Algebra 1B • Earth Science • Living Environment • English 10 • English 11 • Credit Recovery through APEX • 90% pass rate <p>KMS 126 total students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA • MATH • Academic support included ENL, Special Education, and Reading teachers • SEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SEL embedded in curriculum ○ Social worker on staff pushed into classes to teach SEL and ran a social skills group <p>Elementary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 144 students enrolled • Actual number of attendees, 121 • Academic support included ENL, Special Education, and Reading teachers • Questar 3 held weekly PLC meetings for each grade level • Multi-disciplinary focus on studying coral reefs
<p>St. Peter’s</p>	<p>Community Health Programs at St. Peter’s Health Partners</p> <p>If you recall, this grant enables us to work with you to help improve your school wellness policy and enhance opportunities for physical activity and nutrition in school. This may include teaching/staff training, supplies for physical activity in the classroom, kitchen</p>

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	equipment, recess equipment and more- all depending on your needs.
Coding Grant - Patricia Dyer	Can Code Communities formally known as Albany Can Code. They are going to start coming into my two classes of Computer Programming to offer enrichment activities. In addition to the program Python that I teach the students, they are going to give them a glimpse into C++, and HTML. In October there is a Microsoft Mentoring Day in which they will arrange for a Microsoft employee to come to my class and talk about their career path. Work with Peter Allen's Coding for Girls

By Dr. Abitabile:

- With transportation we have done all we can do in-house. We have shifted schedules of clerical people in the District Office so that someone starts early and someone stays late each day to cover robo calls, and emails being set to parents. I will dive into the miscommunication issues immediately.
- We have our first meeting on Friday for the 21st Century Grant. This is a \$2.4 million grant. Currently we are using rescue funds to pay for all the afterschool clubs. When those funds run out, we hope the grant can cover these things. The goal is to have our kids here late in the day.
- Rensselaer County provided us with a full-time nurse who serves as our Covid Coordinator and handles the contact tracing. She has been doing a great job.
- The RFP went out for Covid testing machines. Currently they cost in excess of \$8,500. These will be used for teachers and students (with parental consent) and provide immediate results.
- Discussion was held with CDTA to provide bus passes to students having bus issues. They indicated it is possible, but not possible until at least January.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Motion by Mr. White:

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 8:48 p.m.

**RESO #31-09/27/2021
Adjourn**

Second: Mr. Spear

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education

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Turnpike Elementary Update
Meredith Rivet
Principal's Report
Board Meeting
9/27/2021

Attendance:

1. UPK: 86.67%
2. K: 92.03%
3. 1: 91.45%
4. 2: 90.02%
5. Overall: 90.43%

The attendance committee will be meeting regularly this year, looking at tier 1 practices that will increase student attendance.

Curriculum and Instruction

1. New teacher meetings first year teacher meetings, taking place
2. Shifting to more data driven approach to instructional practices
3. Coming up on the end for our first benchmarks given
4. Working on building a data "warehouse" for teachers to use in their instruction.

Social and Emotional Learning

1. Ally program- planning team days for the year- pairing ALL students with mentors
2. Resumed our 2nd step SEL program
3. Calming Areas
4. Behavior Management Strategies/trauma Sensitive Practices

Parent and Family Engagement

1. Hosted Orientation 9/1 for pre-k and kindergarten, one on one with families- looking to possibly do this for all grade levels next year.
2. Open House 9/23 was a success
3. We are hosting a PTA sponsored event this fall Trunk or Treat Thursday 10/28 5-7:30
4. Continuing our backpack program, Thanksgiving baskets and Scholarship Funds
5. Increasing virtual options for school events including parent conferences

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Rensselaer Park Elementary School
Katie Stalker
Principal's Report
Board Meeting
9.27.21

Attendance

1. 3: 92.21%
 2. 4: 93.55%
 3. 5: 92.25%
 4. Overall: 92.87%
- The attendance committee has been working with classroom teachers to find out why some students have "failed to enter" for this school year.
 - Attendance was considered when tiering students for the Ally program.
 - The attendance committee will continue to meet to review attendance data this year.

Curriculum and Instruction

1. Summer Data Team Work
2. Assessment Portfolio
3. Foundations
4. Fall Benchmark
5. Content Area Professional Development

Social and Emotional Learning

1. Summer work included TSS, PBIS, Character Education, 2nd Step, and updating our Behavior Support Team Process
2. TSS and Ally Program
3. Tier 1 Classroom Management plans
4. Return of our Behavior Teaching Assistant

Events

1. 3rd Grade Orientation
2. Open House
3. Upcoming FAC on October 7

School Leadership

1. Planning for After School Enrichment opportunities
2. September affirmations
3. Observations starting in October

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Knickerbacker Middle School Update
Zachary Tacelli, Assistant Principal

Area of Focus	ELA	Math	SEL- Respect/Climate/Culture	Attendance	Parent Communication
Commitments Actions/Initiatives	Embedded PD started the 2nd week of school Seminar classes are teaching into deficits based on ELA teacher data ELA teachers have set goals for PLC work to begin looking at data in order to target instruction	Embedded PD started the 2nd week of school Seminar classes are focusing instruction on skills needed for the current unit of study in math class Math teachers have set goals for PLC work to begin looking at data in order to target instruction	Ally Event 9/29- all students will meet with their Ally for an icebreaker activity Second Step Curriculum has begun and counselors are touching upon digital citizenship and attendance Community violence drop ins were offered to all students last Wednesday	Attendance is at 88% 6-86% 7-89% 8-89% Attendance Awareness Month Students and Staff involved in PSA on morning announcements	KMS sent out both digitally with a QR Code, by mail and handed it out in person our "Get to Know Your Child Survey" We received back 99

Other Information

Open House-Wednesday 6-7:30

- 6th and Red Team in Gym
- 7th in Auditorium
- 8th in the Cafeteria

Teacher observations began last week.

School Pictures are October 6th

Afterschool Clubs

- HW Club
- Rainbow Knights
- Boxing
- Science
- STEM
- Popcorn Club
- Drama Club

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Lansingburgh High School
Matthew Van Dervoort, Principal

District Priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Sensitive Practices2. Chronic Absenteeism3. Parent and Family Engagement4. Data Collection and Implementation to Drive Curriculum and Instruction
Committee Heads	<p>All Priorities - Matt Van Dervoort. Bill Behrle, Laura Gallagher, Stephanie Moryl</p> <p>Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Sensitive Practices - Margaret Madonna</p> <p>Chronic Absenteeism - Karen Porpeggia</p> <p>Parent and Family Engagement - Tracy Spaulding</p> <p>Data Collection and Implementation to Drive Curriculum and Instruction - Eileen Culliton</p>
Social Emotional Ideas	<p>9th Grade M-Power Program (2nd year)</p> <p>10th Grade M-Power Extension</p> <p>11th-12th Grade College/SEL Forums (M-Power)</p> <p>Allied Program</p> <p>Resource List (breathing, relaxation etc.)</p>
Chronic Absenteeism Ideas	<p>Attendance Reports- Percentage 87% 9/7-916 9/12-9/27 79%</p> <p>-Biggest group is 9th grade</p> <p>-still clearing rolls, back date our student exit</p> <p>Incentives- Grade level/Building level awards</p> <p>Nudge Letters</p>
Parent and Family Engagement Ideas	<p>PAC Meetings (10/27, 1/19, 5/11)</p> <p>More Digital Communication</p> <p>Expansion of Parent Portal (Push to get on APP)</p> <p>Open House-9/29</p>

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	Parent's Square Parent Recognition (Games, community events, etc.)
Data Collection / Curriculum Ideas	PLC Data Collection and monthly notes about curriculum Teachers will collect data and collaborate on ways to use the data to drive instruction, diagnose gaps in learning and ways to best accommodate students with disabilities