

**Lansingburgh Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
July 31, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
Turnpike Elementary School - LGI**

AGENDA

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. 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.*
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PUBLIC HEARING / CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Veterans Tax Exemption
- V. PUBLIC HEARING / CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Districtwide Safety Plan
- VI. INVITATION FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
- VII. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA
- VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- IX. FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - A. Treasurer's Report
 - B. Budget Transfers
 - C. Monthly Report
- X. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (all items in blue ink)
 - A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - Reorganizational Meeting held on July 10, 2023, with amendments to resolutions #52 and #53 (in accordance with the terms of the LTA contract).
 - B. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL
 1. Resignations
 - a. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept the resignation of Sean Colfer, Athletic Director, effective July 21, 2023.

- b. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept the resignation of Haylielyn Szemplinski, English Teacher at Knickerbacker Middle School, effective August 10, 2023.
- c. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept the resignation of Antonietta Fasano, Elementary Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective August 6, 2023.
- d. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept the resignation of Rebecca Schumaker, Elementary Teacher at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective July 21, 2023.
- e. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accept the resignation of Randy Jefferson, Teaching Assistant at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, effective July 25, 2023.

2. Appointments

- a. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Katie Lozo to a probationary teaching position at Knickerbacker Middle School, in the tenure area Special Education, pending clearance by the New York State and Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation in accordance with the LTA contract as set forth in below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2023
Expiration of Probationary Service – August 31, 2027
Certification Status – SWD Grades 1-6, Professional
Salary – Step H \$57,822
Masters 450
30 Credits 1,250
 \$59,522

- b. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Kathleen Zarou to a probationary teaching position at Knickerbacker Middle School, in the tenure area Elementary Education, pending clearance by the New York State and Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation in accordance with the LTA contract as set forth in below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2023
Expiration of Probationary Service – August 31, 2027
Certification Status – Childhood Education Grades 1-6, Professional
Salary – Step F \$54,612
Masters 450
30 Credits 1,250
 \$56,312

- c. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Elizabeth Anderson to a probationary teaching position at Turnpike

Elementary School, in the tenure area Special Education, pending clearance by the New York State and Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation in accordance with the LTA contract as set forth in below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2023
Expiration of Probationary Service – August 31, 2027
Certification Status – SWD Grades 1-6, Emergency COVID-19
Salary – Step E \$53,007
Masters 450
15 Credits 625
 \$54,082

- d. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Mick Lichtenberg to a probationary teaching position at Knickerbacker Middle School, in the tenure area English, pending clearance by the New York State and Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation in accordance with the LTA contract as set forth in below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2023
Expiration of Probationary Service – August 31, 2027
Certification Status – English Language Arts 7-12, Initial
Salary – Step D \$51,403
Masters 450
45 Credits 1,875
 \$53,728

- e. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Elizabeth McGarvey to a probationary position at Knickerbacker Middle School, in the tenure area Teaching Assistant, pending clearance by the New York State and Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation in accordance with the CSEA Instructional contract as set forth in below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2023
Expiration of Probationary Service – August 31, 2027
Certification Status – Mathematics 7-12, Initial; Mathematics 5-6 Ext., Initial
Salary – Step 10 \$25.03 per hour
30 Grad Credits - \$500

- f. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Paris Bezjian to a probationary position at Rensselaer Park Elementary School, in the tenure area Teaching Assistant, pending clearance by the New York State and Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with

compensation in accordance with the CSEA Instructional contract as set forth in below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2023
Expiration of Probationary Service – August 31, 2027
Certification Status – Uncertified
Salary – Step 4 \$19.77 per hour

- g. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Iyana Echandy to a probationary position in the tenure area Teaching Assistant, pending clearance by the New York State and Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation in accordance with the CSEA Instructional contract as set forth in below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2023
Expiration of Probationary Service – August 31, 2027
Certification Status – Uncertified
Salary – Step 4 \$19.77 per hour

- h. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Bianca DeFlumer to a probationary position at Knickerbacker Middle School, in the tenure area Teaching Assistant, pending clearance by the New York State and Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation in accordance with the CSEA Instructional contract as set forth in below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2023
Expiration of Probationary Service – August 31, 2027
Certification Status – Uncertified
Salary – Step 4 \$19.77 per hour

- i. Be it resolved, , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Kassondra Ray to a probationary position at Turnpike Elementary School, in the tenure area Teaching Assistant, pending clearance by the New York State and Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation in accordance with the CSEA Instructional contract as set forth in below:

Commencement of Service – September 1, 2023
Expiration of Probationary Service – August 31, 2027
Certification Status – Uncertified
Salary – Step 4 \$19.77 per hour

- j. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board assign the following teachers a sixth section of instruction for 2023-2024 school year:

Ellen Clark-Cruz (ENL)
 Adam South (Technology)
 Jesse Guyer (Business)
 Patricia Dyer (Business)
 Justine Fazziola (Spanish)
 Karen Porpeggia (Spanish)
 Pam Baldassari (Science)

- k. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve 5 additional summer days for the following staff to meet the needs of Special Education student services:

Shaun Paolino, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
 Erinne Flanigan, CSE Chairperson

- l. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve summer days for the following (non-summer school) staff:

Name	Title	# Days	Reason	Fund	Compensation
Michele McGivern	School Psy	7	IEP and Scheduling Responsibilities, Student Testing, Write Reports, AR Meetings	ARP	1/200 th
Michele Foster	School Psy	7	IEP and Scheduling Responsibilities, Student Testing, Write Reports, AR Meetings	ARP	1/200 th
Olivia Harmon	School Psy	7	IEP and Scheduling Responsibilities, Student Testing, Write Reports, AR Meetings	ARP	1/200 th
Lauren DeMarco	School Psy	7	IEP and Scheduling Responsibilities, Student Testing, Write Reports, AR Meetings	ARP	1/200 th
Kelly Fonda Ewing	OTR	7	Supervise COTA servicing the ESY program	General	1/200 th
Safiya Cole	IT TA	15	Summer Work	General	Hourly

Laura Gallagher	Guidance	19	Contractual Summer Work	General	1/200 th
Darlene Sampson	Guidance	19	Contractual Summer Work	General	1/200 th
Catherine Bragg	Guidance	19	Contractual Summer Work	General	1/200 th

- m. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve summer days for curriculum work for the following (non-summer school) staff:

Building	Staff Member	# Days	Compensation Rate	Funding Source
KMS	Angela Mauriello	1	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
RPES	Elizabeth Jamison	5	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
TES	Christine Martinelli	5	\$30/hour	SIG Grant
TES	Cara Isabella Patricia Stinson	7	contractual rate	UPK and SUFDPK
TES	Colleen McGuirk	3	Contractual rate	UPK and SUFDPK
District	Trista Bugbee James Hoteling	1	\$30/hour	Title I
District	Serena Gates Nikki Santiago Danielle Koetzner Marydalia Coriano Nicole Van Cott	1	contractual rate	Title I
TES	Nicole Van Cott	1	contractual rate	Title I
RPES	Melissa Watts	1	\$30/hour	Title I
TES	Sue Weiss Maggie McLaughlin Stacey Paolino Samantha Mahoney Denise Mooney	3	\$30/hour	UPK and SUFDPK

- n. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following staff serve as New Teacher Mentors for the District for the 2023-2024 school year with a stipend of \$2,000 from the Title II grant:

Tiffany Ainsworth Mary Haydock

Colleen Buff	Megan Hupfl
Michelle Coon	Samantha Kelso
Eileen Culliton	Emily LaBella
Jessica Dusenberry	Mary Legnard
Justine Fazziola	Michelle McGivern
Lori Filarecki	Jodi McNutt
Lindsey Gibson	Kimberly Ravena
Adam Gregoire	Abby Rock

- o. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following staff be compensated at \$30/hour for three hours of planning work for the 2023-2024 Mentor program from the Title II grant:

Tiffany Ainsworth	Mary Haydock
Colleen Buff	Megan Hupfl
Michelle Coon	Samantha Kelso
Eileen Culliton	Emily LaBella
Jessica Dusenberry	Mary Legnard
Justine Fazziola	Michelle McGivern
Lori Filarecki	Jodi McNutt
Lindsey Gibson	Kimberly Ravena
Adam Gregoire	Abby Rock

- p. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following staff serve as STEAM Club Advisors for the 2023-2024 school year with a stipend of \$2,000 from the Title IV grant:

Peter Allen - RPES
Joseph Roman - RPES
Maureen Mahoney - TES

- q. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following staff serve as STEAM Club Advisors for the 2023-2024 school year with a stipend of \$1,000 from the Title IV grant:

Cassidy Hayes – TES
Natalie Russo – TES

- r. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following staff serve as PE Enrichment Advisors for the 2023-2024 school year with a stipend of \$2,000 from the Title IV grant:

Samantha Kelso - TES

- s. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following staff serve as Art Club Advisors for the 2023-2024 school year with a stipend of \$2,000 from the Title IV grant:

Kelly Borden – TES
Megan Greene – RPES

- t. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following staff serve as Music/Drama Club Advisors for the 2023-2024 school year with a stipend of \$2,000 from the Title IV grant:

Chelsea Horner – TES

- u. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following Lansingburgh Academy Class Facilitators for the 2023-2024 school year:

Kim Ravena	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - Mind Up	\$30/hour	Title II
Elizabeth Jamison	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - Look it Up Digital Research	\$30/hour	Title II
Christine Martinelli	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - Look it Up Digital Research	\$30/hour	Title II
Elizabeth Jamison	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - Reading on the Go	\$30/hour	Title II
Christine Martinelli	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - Reading on the Go	\$30/hour	Title II
Derek Shuttleworth	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - Infusing College & Career Preparation	\$30/hour	Title II
Jamie Desso	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - A Fresh Look at Phonics	\$30/hour	Title II
Lori Filarecki	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - A Fresh Look at Phonics	\$30/hour	Title II
Katherine Rice	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - Self-Paced Flipped Classroom	\$30/hour	Title II
Jenna Tyler	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - Self-Paced Flipped Classroom	\$30/hour	Title II
Maureen McLoughlin	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - STEM Integration/Google Slides	\$30/hour	Title II
Theresa Eckler	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - Pixton Writing App	\$30/hour	Title II
Jodi McNutt	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - Special Education Workshop	\$30/hour	Title II

April Kilmer	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - Technology Based Research	\$30/hour	Title II
Lindsey Gibson	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - Teach-Bots 101: Unraveling the Wonders of AI for Educators	\$30/hour	Title II
Theresa Eckler	up to 5 hours	Burgh Summer U - 20 Ways to Start the Year	\$30/hour	Title II

- v. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following staff to receive a Teachers of Tomorrow grant-funded stipend of \$3400 in fulfillment of terms of the signed agreement:

Trista Bugbee Christopher Corr

- w. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a tutoring assignment for Eric Jasuta for a high school student for the purpose of 20 hours of compensatory tutoring services during the first quarter of the 2023-2024 school year.
- x. Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the request of Gretchen Murphy, COTA, for an unpaid leave of absence from January 3, 2024, through June 30, 2024, for educational purposes.

C. PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

1. Appointments

- a. Be it resolved that the Board of Education appoint Roland Guilz as Claims Auditor for the 2023-2024 school year at the rate of \$35.00 per hour.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Donations

1. Accept Donations

Recommendation:

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

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Berthe Cote Foundation	\$1979.76	Purchase Z-Medica Trauma Trainers and Blook Control Kits
Berthe Cote Foundation	\$1920.00	Subsidize Nurses Membership to NYSASN 2-years
Berthe Cote Foundation	\$1854.00	Purchase Adult/Child Manikins and AED Trainers/Pads

B. Contracts

1. Award Contract for KMS Audio System

Recommendation:

Be it resolved, based upon competitive bids opened in the District Office on July 11, 2023, that the Board award the Construction Manager RFP #022-002 for the Knickerbacker Middle School audio system to McBain Electric. The contract will be active from August 1, 2023, through January 1, 2024.

C. Other

1. Authorize Alternative Veterans' Tax Exemption

Recommendation:

WHEREAS, this resolution is adopted under the authority granted by New York Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") § 458-a; and

WHEREAS, the Lansingburgh Central School District (the "District") Board of Education (the "Board") desires to offer a school tax exemption on the primary residence of eligible veterans residing within the school district; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on this matter on July 31, 2023, at Turnpike Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was advertised in The Times Union newspaper and The Record newspaper; and

WHEREAS, all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf or in opposition to the adoption of the proposed resolution offering a school tax exemption on the primary residence of eligible veterans residing within the district; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section § 458-a, the Board of Education hereby adopts the Alternative Veterans Exemption, permitting qualifying real property to be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of such property, provided however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$12,000 or the product of \$12,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section § 458-a, in addition to the exemption provided in the above paragraph, where the

veteran served in a combat theatre or combat zone of operations, as documented by the award of a United States campaign ribbon or service medal, or the armed forces expeditionary medal, navy expeditionary medal, marine corps expeditionary medal, or global war on terrorism expeditionary medal, qualifying residential real property also shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property, provided however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$8,000 or the product of \$8,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the class ration, whichever is less; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section § 458-a, in addition to the exemptions provided in the above two paragraphs , where the veteran received a compensation rating from the United States veteran’s administration or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by fifty percent (50%) of the veteran’s disability rating, provided however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$40,000 or the product of \$40,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective immediately and shall continue until rescinded or amended by resolution of the Board of Education

2. Authorize Disposal of Surplus

Recommendation:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board authorize the Purchasing Agent to surplus and dispose of 50 marching band uniforms due to their age and poor condition.

3. Approve Professional Learning Plan

Recommendation:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the 2023-2024 Professional Learning Plan submitted by Rebecca McGrouty, Assistant Superintendent of School Improvement.

Revised: 07/28/2023

XII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (If necessary.)

XIV. ADJOURN