The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President, Rob Morris, at 6:30 p.m.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board of Education Members, Kelley Bristol, Marie Cole, Michael Cusack, Rob Morris, Michele Speanburg, Carl Walp, Jr. and Jeffrey White were present. Jason Shover and Mary Sweeney were absent from the meeting.

Others present include Lindsey Gibson (on behalf of the LTA), Jodi Cataldo, Sean Colfer, Shaun Paolino, Greg Rashford, Matt VanDervoort, Carrie Phelan, Rebecce McGrouty, Linda Klime, Bob Schongar, Shaun Paolino, Greg Rashford, Lisa Kyer and Christina Williams. There were no others present.

Motion by Mrs. Speanburg:

RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 28, 2019 and the minutes of the Workshop Meeting held on February 4, 2019.

Second: Mr. White  
Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

Motion Carried 
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the Treasurer’s Report, Budget Transfers and Monthly Financial Report.

Second: Mr. White  
Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

Motion Carried 
Unanimously

An addendum was distributed with one additional item for the agenda.
Mrs. Bristol spoke on behalf of the Audit Committee. She stated the District is awaiting responses to the RFP we have out for a new auditor.

Mrs. Kline indicated our current auditor is resigning because he would prefer to work with small private businesses rather than school districts. Many auditors are avoiding school districts because of the many changes in the laws. Mr. White asked if this will become a problem for the District. Ms. Kyer stated she does not foresee this as a problem right now, but it may affect the District in the future.

On behalf of the Parent & Family Engagement Committee, Mr. Morris said that Dana Roman will not be at the board meeting tonight because she is hosting the second to last NAMI parenting group meeting at Turnpike this evening.

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Lisa Pingelski effective February 20, 2019.

Second: Mr. Walp

Ayes – 7  Nays – 0

Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Cathleen Gordon effective March 15, 2019.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7  Nays – 0

Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Schuyler Kokernak to a Probationary Teaching Position at Lansingburgh High School in the tenure area of Social Studies, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation according to the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Probationary Service – February 25, 2019
Expiration of Probationary Service – February 24, 2023
Certification Status – Social Studies 7-12, Professional
Salary – Step 4 $45,295
Masters 450
Graduate Credits – 30 1,250
$46,995

Second: Mr. White  Ayes – 7  Nays – 0  Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Andrew Sudduth as the Co-Musical Director for the 2018-2019 school year with compensation in accordance with the LTA contract.

Second: Mr. Walp  Ayes – 7  Nays – 0  Motion Carried Unanimously

Mrs. Bristol asked if the other Co-Musical Director is Chris Rowlands. Mr. Van Dervoort confirmed that Chris Rowlands is the other Co-Musical Director.

Motion by Mr. Walp:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves Kenneth Mayfield for completion of 18 graduate credit hours and awards compensation for same in accordance with the CSEA Contract for Teaching Assistants with an effective date of September 1, 2018.

Second: Mr. White  Ayes – 7  Nays – 0  Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Safiya Cole to a probationary teacher aide position at the Turnpike Elementary School, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation according to the CSEA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – February 25, 2019
Salary – Step 1 - $15.93 per hour

Second: Mr. White  Ayes – 7  Nays – 0  

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jessica Loya as a Noon Aide / Breakfast Aide at Turnpike Elementary School for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law.

Second: Mr. Walp  Ayes – 7  Nays – 0  

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Mr. White:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Bret Dolan as a substitute mail courier for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law.

Second: Mrs. Speanburg  Ayes – 7  Nays – 0  

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby extends the employee notification deadline for the 2019 retirement incentive approved on February 11, 2019 for all eligible employees in the CSEA and Management Confidential units until March 7, 2019.

Second: Mr. White  Ayes – 7  Nays – 0  

Motion Carried Unanimously
ACTION ITEMS

RESO #12-02/25/2019
Accept Donation

Motion by Mr. Walp:
RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation equivalent to $329.00 from Donors Choose, for the purpose of purchasing one iPad to be used by Kelly Horton at TES.

Second: Mr. White
Ayes – 7  Nays – 0
Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #13-02/25/2019
Accept Donation

Motion by Mr. White:
RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation in the amount of $4,800.00 from the Boys and Girls Basketball Programs for the purpose of purchasing a basketball shooting gun.

Second: Mrs. Bristol
Ayes – 7  Nays – 0
Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #14-02/25/2019
Authorize Corrected Tax Bill and Issuance of Tax Refund

Motion by Mr. White:
RESOLVED, in in compliance with a change in assessment and tax for the 2018-2019 school tax year for property located at 600 Second Avenue, the Board of Education hereby authorizes a corrected tax bill be issued to Valenti Properties, LLC and further authorizes a refund be issued in the amount of $2,806.83.

Second: Mr. Walp
Ayes – 7  Nays – 0
Motion Carried Unanimously

RESO #15-02/25/2019
Declare Surplus

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:
RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby declares as surplus, and authorizes the Purchasing Agent to scrap 39 technology devices comprised of computers, laptops, kindles, keyboards and iPads that are no longer operational. These devices will be recycled and the hard drives will be destroyed in accordance with Board Policy. Listed below are the asset tags numbers:

200118  210007  210261  211080
212254  200687  210021  211001
Second: Mr. White  

Ayes – 7  
Nays - 0  

Motion Carried  
Unanimously  

School Community Partnerships Update by Dana Roman:  
(via e-mail)  

- We are on the second to last NAMI parent group session. Class has been extremely successful; participants are getting relevant information and support for their needs.
- Next offering for parents will be a book study on the book: Raising Freakishly Well-Behaved Kids, by Dr. Jodi Mullen.
- Spring Parenting Village Newsletter due to go out in March.
- Satellite Clinics are doing well; therapists have full schedules
- All four buildings have concluded their cultural assessments. Will be meeting with professional developers to discuss assessment results and plan for BOE presentation
- Will be attending a School Board Association Policy workshop on April 3 on School Climate to learn which policies improve and support positive school climates. Will present this information to BOE as well.
- Myself and two teachers have successfully completed 16 hours of mindful schools training and are now on the second course. These classes lead to acceptance into a 300 hour intensive year long program for educators and school leaders passionate about transforming their schools and skillfully growing the impact of the mindfulness in education movement. Through Parenting Village, parents will have an opportunity to join in and learn about mindfulness and the positive impact it has on learning and achievement.
- Mr. Knox and the TES support team and I have begun discussions on how to successfully involve parent volunteers during Turnpike's lunch times in effort to engage students in proactive, mindful mealtime manners and activities to support the cafeteria staff.
- We have partnered with St. Catherine's clinical staff and NIRE (the certification board for Child Centered Play Therapists) to bring a two day training program to our school district social
workers and St. Catherine's clinical staff on June 3 and June 4th.

- Lastly, Kelly Smith has presented ESSA guidelines to the school buildings and has spoken about the Parent Teacher Home Visiting Program to address attendance issues. Teachers have begun to reach out to me expressing interest in this program.

Turnpike Elementary School Update by Jodi Cataldo (in Tina O'Brien's absence):

- Teachers are now being trained in iReady to be able to assess students in their classrooms themselves. iReady is another tool to help teachers understand where their children are in reading and what specific skills need to be worked on.
- Dr. Seuss Celebration has begun in Turnpike. This week teachers/staff are doing things all week to celebrate Dr. Seuss. This is a great way to see the whole school come together no matter what grade.
- Erik Lipus was back in visiting teachers and monitoring the Balance Literacy progress that teachers have been working on.
- We passed our fire inspection that was done last week.

Lansingburgh High School Update by Matt Van Dervoort:

- The mentoring program is now in full swing.
- Senior meetings are beginning to take place
- The cast has been selected for Grease.
- A high school concert is scheduled for March 7th at 7pm
- The Sophomore Class is sponsoring a bottle drive.
- Our Robotics Team made states and will be heading to Syracuse next week to compete.
- Our Mock Trial Team is doing very well.
- We will be honoring our Top 10 students at next month's Board Meeting.

Knickerbacker Middle School Update by Carrie Phelan:

- Middle School Ancient Civilization Presentations are scheduled for Wednesday from 2-3 pm and 6-7pm.
- GSA Dance for Diversity is scheduled for the 28th.
- We will be visited by SED on the 19th, 20th and 21st. They will be meeting with teachers, students and parents.
- Middle School play Aladdin is scheduled for March 1-3. Friday and Saturday at 7pm and Sunday matinee at 2pm.
Rensselaer Park Elementary School Update by Becky McGrouty:
• Congratulations to Peter Allen and Kelly Juliano who were honored at PTA Founder’s Day.
• Congratulations to Chris Rowlands who was awarded the National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.
• Author visit on March 9th
• Brain Show on March 5th sponsored by PTA and the 5th Grade.
• Project Fit America voting ends on February 28th. Get your votes in!!

Athletics Update by Sean Colfer:
• The girls bowling team were finalists for the Section 2 Bowling Championship for the small school division. The Boys Bowling team won the Section 2 Bowling Championship for the small school division and are headed to NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships in Syracuse on Sunday March 10th.
• Hannah Jacobs was selected to the section 2 Girls Bowling Composite Team and will compete at the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championship in Syracuse on March 9th.
• Hannah Jacobs and Jack Stevens won the MVP for both Boys and Girls Colonial Council Bowling.
• On May 10th I will accompany 8 students and 1 coach to the Colonial Council Summit at Thacher Park. We will hear a speaker and take a hike. It is always a very positive experience for our students.
• Spring sports begin on March 4th.

Guidance Update by Greg Rashford:
• The Guidance Office will be very busy for the next 6 weeks. We are taking students to visit the CNA Program and the Hotel and Foods Program. Then we will be taking two large groups of students to visit the rest of the CTE Programs.
• FAFSA Night was reschedule to March 13th. 8th Grade Night will be held on the same evening.

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:
Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 6:51 p.m.

Second: Mr. Walp
Ayes – 7 Nays – 0
Motion Carried
Unanimously
Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education