

**Board of Education
LANCASTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lancaster, New York**

MINUTES

December 7, 2015

Regular Session

Como Park Elementary School, 1985 Como Park Blvd, Lancaster

Patrick Uhteg, President
William Gallagher, V. President
Brenda Christopher, Trustee
Kelly Depczynski, Trustee

Kenneth Graber, Trustee
Marie MacKay, Trustee
Michael Sage, Trustee

Michael Vallely, PhD, Superintendent of Schools
Marie Perini, EdD, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction &
Pupil Services

Jamie Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services
John Armstrong, Director of Special Education
Andrew Kufel, PhD, Director of Secondary Education
Karen Marchioli, Director of Elementary Education
Michele Ziegler, Director of Instructional Technology & Accountability

District residents, staff members, students, and media representatives.

The regular meeting of the board of education was called to order at 7pm by President Uhteg. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mr. Uhteg asked for a moment of silent reflection for Mr. Charles Carson, a social studies teacher at the high school from 1965 to 1986, who passed away on November 7; Mr. Stephen Maciejewski, husband of Mary Ann, an employee in the food service department, who passed away on November 9; Mr. Stanley Bienkowski, a custodian from 1972 to 1986, who passed away on November 13; and for Mr. Gerardo Guerra, an auto mechanic from 1979 through 1998, who passed away on November 30, 2015. Mr. Uhteg also recognized Pearl Harbor Day.

Mr. Uhteg read a brief statement regarding the gender identity policy.

MOVED by Uhteg SECONDED by Graber to move item 12.2 Policy Adoption #7555 Student Gender Identity on the agenda after the public hearing portion of the meeting.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Michele Ziegler and Technology Mentors, Jill Santoro, Robin Zahm, and Jason Zuba, spoke about social media in education. Teachers Sarah Hornung, Timothy Zgliczynski, Julie Buccieri, and Mark Skowron spoke

MEETING DATE

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PLACE

MEMBERS PRESENT

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

OTHERS PRESENT

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**
- 2.0 **PLEDGE TO FLAG**
- 3.0 **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- 4.0 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 4.1 **SOCIAL MEDIA IN EDUCATION**

about how social media helps them communicate and share information with students, parents, and the benefits of these communication tools.

- 4.2 DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN
- 4.3 SMART SCHOOLS GRANT

Mrs. Ziegler, Miss Jamie Phillips, and Dr. Marie Perini spoke about the district’s technology plan and the Smart Schools Bond Act.

- 4.4 SCHOOL NURSE RECOGNITION

Judith Wolanin RN, school nurse at Court Street Elementary and lead nurse for the district, was recognized for receiving an award for excellence in school nursing by the New York State Association of School Nurses. Dr. Perini and Mr. Uhteg presented a certificate to her.

- 4.5 TENURE RECOGNITION

Mr. John Armstrong and Mr. Uhteg presented recently tenured teacher, Mr. Dan Schlotterbeck, with a certificate.

- 5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the following:

- Alliance Defending Freedom – email received November 9, 2015
- Walter, Nancy – letter received November 12, 2015
- Dalconzo, Judith – letter received November 16, 2015
- Chaves, Gloria – letter received November 16, 2015
- Everett, Jim – letter received November 16, 2015
- Yates, Jessica – letter received November 19, 2015
- McElhinny, James & Lisa – letter received November 20, 2015
- Grover, Patty & Keith – email received November 21, 2015
- Grear, Mr. & Mrs. Michael – letter received November 23, 2015
- Maloney, Tabitha – email received November 23, 2015
- Rettew, Richard – letter received November 24, 2015
- Cerminara, Patrick – letter received November 30, 2015
- Nowicki, Beverly – letter received November 30, 2015
- Cerminara, Elizabeth – letter received November 30, 2015
- Palm, Linda – letter received November 30, 2015
- Summerville, Christina – email received December 2, 2015
- Fenske, Kenneth – email received December 4, 2015

Mr. Uhteg, Mrs. Christopher, and Mr. Graber also noted they received several phone calls.

- 6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- 6.1 REGULAR SESSION

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Gallagher to accept the minutes from the regular session held on November 9, 2015, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

- 6.1 SPECIAL SESSION

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Depczynski to accept the minutes from the special session held on November 23, 2015, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain (Graber)

MOTION APPROVED.

- 7.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Molly Marcinelli wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Don Kirsch wished everyone happy holidays and a productive new year.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

No one present to report.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

Mr. Graber and Mr. Uhteg spoke about events they attended since the last board meeting.

Dr. Vallely presented his administrative report.

Mrs. Christopher presented the Hillview Elementary Good Citizens Club with a donation.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by MacKay to approve the personnel changes for the period ending December 7, 2015, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Gallagher SECONDED by Christopher to approve recommendations of the committee on special education, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Gallagher to approve recommendations of the committee on preschool special education, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by MacKay to approve the financial reports, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 1 Nay (Depczynski)

MOTION APPROVED.

This item was moved until after agenda item 13.0 Public Hearing.

Policy #8211 Prevention Instruction was presented to the board for a second reading. This policy will be placed on the next board agenda for adoption.

8.0 BOARD REPORTS

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS

11.1.1 PERSONNEL CHANGES

11.2 EDUCATION ITEMS

11.2.1 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

11.2.2 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

12.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS

12.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS

12.2 POLICY ADOPTION #7555 STUDENT GENDER IDENTITY

12.3 POLICY 2ND READING #8211 PREVENTION INSTRUCTION

Policy #6161 Conference/Travel Expenses Reimbursement was presented to the board for a second reading. This policy will be placed on the next board agenda for adoption.

12.4 POLICY 2ND READING
#6161
CONFERENCE/TRAVEL
EXPENSES
REIMBURSEMENT

Policy #5620 Fixed Asset Inventories, Accounting and Tracking was presented to the board for a second reading. This policy will be placed on the next board agenda for adoption.

12.5 POLICY 2ND READING
#5620 FIXED ASSET
INVENTORIES,
ACCOUNTING AND
TRACKING

Policy #1510 Regular Board Meetings and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedure) was presented to the board for a second reading. This policy will be placed on the next board agenda for adoption.

12.6 POLICY 2ND READING
#1510 REGULAR BOARD
MEETINGS AND RULES
(QUORUM AND
PARLIAMENTARY
PROCEDURE)

MOTIONED by Depczynski SECONDED by Christopher to add an update on future board agendas, between old and new business, for review of questions asked by the community and answers given by the district.

Clarification and review by legal counsel was recommended on this motion before a vote can take place.

Policy #7513 Administration of Medication was presented to the board for a first reading. This policy will be placed on the next board agenda for a second reading.

12.7 POLICY 1ST READING
#7513 ADMINISTRATION
OF MEDICATION

Policy #7521 Students with Life Threatening Health Conditions was presented to the board for a first reading. This policy will be placed on the next board agenda for a second reading.

12.8 POLICY 1ST READING
#7521 STUDENTS WITH
LIFE THREATENING
HEALTH CONDITIONS

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Graber to approve change orders CO-00060 through CO-00062 and CO-00001, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

12.9 BOND ISSUE CHANGE
ORDERS

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Gallagher to approve the food service department operating system reports for October 2015, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

12.10 FOOD SERVICE DEPT.
OPERATING SYSTEM
REPORTS

12.11 CONTRACT: PETER GONCIARZ

MOVED by Gallagher SECONDED by MacKay to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Peter Gonciarz for a total cost not to exceed \$4,000, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

12.12 CONTRACT: DR. SARAH MEREDITH

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by MacKay to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Dr. Sarah Meredith for a total cost not to exceed \$14,229, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

12.13 CONTRACT: ELLEN COOL, MT-BC, LCAT

MOVED by Gallagher SECONDED by Depczynski to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Ellen Cool, to provide music therapy services to a student for the 2015-2016 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

12.14 CONTRACT: DRESCHER & MALECKI

MOVED by Sage SECONDED by Gallagher to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Drescher and Malecki LLP to perform a vesting study to substantiate the district's compensated absence calculations at an estimated cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

12.15 AIA AMENDMENT - LP CIMINELLI

MOVED by Gallagher SECONDED by Graber to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and LP Ciminelli, Inc. for construction management services for the 2015 capital project, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

12.16 CONTRACT: IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by MacKay to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and the Iroquois Central School District, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

12.17 ERIE-NIAGARA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION CEREMONY

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Gallagher to approve an expenditure of \$500 to support the Erie-Niagara School Superintendent Association’s Annual Scholastic Achievement Recognition Ceremony, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.18 EPINEPHRINE AUTO-
INJECTORS AGREEMENT -
DR. MICHAEL
TERRANOVA

MOVED by Sage SECONDED by Graber to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Dr. Michael Terranova for administration of epinephrine auto-injectors, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.19 CONTRACT: FRONTIER
CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT

MOVED by Sage SECONDED by Depczynski to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Frontier Central School District, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

A conversation continued regarding the second reading of policy# 1510 Regular Board Meetings and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedure).

MOVED by Depczynski SECONDED by Christopher to place a permanent item on the agenda possibly between old and new business for a community update which includes answers to questions received at the previous meeting less the questions that are not permitted per the policy about personnel and students.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 2 Ayes 5 Nays (Uhteg, Gallagher, Graber, MacKay, Sage)

MOTION DENIED.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Graber to table the previous motion until something more formal is submitted in writing.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 1 Nay (Sage)

MOTION APPROVED.

13.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Bonita Brown, 118 Fourth Avenue, addressed the board regarding changes in the Java gym.

Ed Kilgore, vice president of the Lancaster Educational and Alumni Foundation and chairman of the Change the Game Capital Campaign, 5 Hillside Parkway, addressed the board regarding donations to the foundation.

The following people addressed the board regarding the gender identity policy:

- Patrick Cerminara, 647 Harris Hill Road
- Nelson McCall, 104 Hanwell Place
- Mary Kless, 2055 Como Park Boulevard
- Pete Gawron, 4808 William Street
- Rebecca Young, 12 Huntley Place
- Jane Bednarczyk, 10 Sawgrass Lane
- David Young, 12 Huntley Place
- Gloria Chaves, 3666 Bowen Road
- Angela Wozniak, 2562 Walden Avenue, Suite 102, Cheektowaga
- Julie Kaska, 239 Banko Drive, gender identity policy and public expression policy
- Tyler Kowalewski, LHS Student
- Gregory Sojka, 19 Spruceland Terrace, gender identity policy and public expression policy
- Richard Scheer, 8 Bridlepath Lane
- Tim Brumfield, 43 Longs Avenue, Tonawanda

Andrew Pella, 327 Argus Drive, addressed the board regarding the former Lancaster Redskins Booster Club.

MOVED by Uhteg SECONDED by Graber to waive the attorney client privilege and allow the investigative report regarding the Lancaster Redskins Booster Club to go out to the community.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Deb Lingenfelter, 60 Fifth Avenue, addressed the board regarding the Lancaster Redskins Booster Club.

Kim Nowak, 14 Greenbriar Drive, addressed the board regarding the public expression policy.

Wendy Buchert, 57 Fifth Avenue, addressed the board regarding a fundraiser at the William Street School.

12.2 POLICY ADOPTION #7555
GENDER IDENTITY
POLICY

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Gallagher to table the policy #7555 Gender Identity Policy until more information is received.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 1 Nay (Sage)

MOTION APPROVED.

14.0 FUTURE
PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Uhteg announced future presentations and the next board meeting.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:37pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by MacKay to move to executive session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law with the district’s five bargaining units; the superintendent’s mid-year evaluation; matters leading to the discipline,

suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person(s); and to receive counsel from the district's attorney.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

At 12:18am MOVED by Graber SECONDED by MacKay to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 12:19am MOVED by Sage SECONDED by Uhteg to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk