

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

**MINUTES**

February 6, 2017

Regular Session

John A. Sciole Elementary School, 86 Alys Drive, Depew, New York

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

Marie MacKay, Trustee  
Suzanne Metz, 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 silence for Robert Giza, distinguished alumnus and former town supervisor, who passed away on January 31, 2017.

Mrs. Roseann Cook and Mrs. Cindy Young, teachers at John A. Sciole Elementary School, presented information to the board members about technology use in their kindergarten classrooms. Several students worked with board members to demonstrate their use of tablets.

Dr. Perini, Dr. Kufel, Mrs. Marchioli, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Cammarata presented information regarding assessments and student achievement.

A letter was received from the Lancaster Lacrosse Foundation dated January 6, 2017.

An email was received from Kenneth Kowalski on January 25, 2017.

An email was received from Donna Porter on January 25, 2017.

MOVED by Gallagher SECONDED by Christopher to accept the minutes from the regular session held on January 9, 2017, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:                   7 Ayes     0 Nays

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 TECHNOLOGY IN  
KINDERGARTEN

4.2 ASSESSMENTS & STUDENT  
ACHIEVEMENT

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 REGULAR SESSION

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Depczynski to accept the minutes from the budget work session held on January 23, 2017, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mr. Marchioli had no items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

No one present to report.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mr. Jim Kotarski had no items to report.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

Mr. Sage went to Kleinhan's Music Hall on February 4, and saw a presentation on why music education is important.

Mrs. Christopher spoke about the New York State School Board Association's Capital Conference she will be attending on February 12 and 13. Mrs. Christopher announced the rescheduling of the Erie County Association of School Board's advocacy workshop to Thursday, February 16. Mrs. Christopher said she and Mrs. Depczynski will be attending the BOCES Technology Center tour scheduled on February 9. Mrs. Christopher said she attended the Academy of Finance advisory board meeting on January 10 and spoke about their need for internships. Mrs. Christopher spoke about the musical at the middle school and said she will be attending on Friday, February 10.

Dr. Vallely presented his administrative report.

A conversation took place among the board members regarding opposition to the nomination of Betsy DeVos as United States Secretary of Education. Mr. Sage submitted the following statement and the board members agreed to place it in their minutes.

*The nomination of Betsy DeVos to be secretary of education poses a threat to the American system of public education, and calls into question that the federal education policy will lack the vision needed to ensure the proper and fair funding of public education in America.*

*Roughly 90% of students, pre-k through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, attend public schools. DeVos is uniquely unqualified as she has no meaningful connection with public schools and lacks experience in the classroom.*

*DeVos demonstrated her lack of understanding of issues affecting public education during the recent senate confirmation hearings and proved that her appointment would hinder the education of children in public schools.*

6.2 BUDGET WORK SESSION

7.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

8.0 BOARD REPORTS

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S  
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

*My hope is that the rest of the board will join me in opposing the nomination of Betsy DeVos to become secretary of education because of her record of supporting policies that erode financial support of public education. Her confirmation would come at a significant cost to America’s public schools.*

MOVED by Gallagher SECONDED by Depczynski to approve the personnel changes for the period ending February 6, 2017 as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Christopher SECONDED by Depczynski 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 Metz to approve recommendations of the committee on preschool special education, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

Information on the textbook, *Hole’s Human Anatomy & Physiology 14<sup>th</sup> Edition* by David Shier, Jackie Butler, and Ricki Lewis was distributed to the board members for review. Consistent with past practice, the approval of this textbook will be placed on the board’s next agenda.

MOVED by Gallagher SECONDED by MacKay to approve the financial reports, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Sage SECONDED by Christopher to adopt policy #6110 Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel for inclusion in the district’s policy manual, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

- 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

- 11.2.3 TEXTBOOK – HOLE’S HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY 14TH EDITION

- 12.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS
- 12.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 12.2 POLICY ADOPTION #6110 CODE OF ETHICS FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND ALL DISTRICT PERSONNEL

- 12.3 TAX CERTIORARI – TRANWER, LLC

MOVED by Gallagher SECONDED by MacKay to authorize the settlement to Tranwer, LLC, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.4 TAX CERTIORARI – VED, LLC

MOVED by Christopher SECONDED by Gallagher to authorize the tax assessment challenge settlement to VED, LLC, as submitted. This settlement reduces the assessed value of the property by \$150,000 which reduces the petitioner’s taxes by approximately \$2,559.38, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.5 CONTRACT – WILLIAMSVILLE CSD

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.6 SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Gallagher to declare the attached listings of equipment as surplus and prepare for disposal according to board policy #5250, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.7 BOCES CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

A conversation took place regarding the BOCES call for nominations. Mrs. Christopher said she considered running for this position, but noted she couldn’t because BOCES Board Member, Raymond Carr recently moved to Lancaster. Law prohibits the election of more than one candidate residing in a particular component school district. It was also noted that the clerk must reject a nominee employed by a component school district. After the conversation, it was agreed that the BOCES call for nominations will be placed on the board’s next agenda in case there are more nominees.

12.8 BID AWARD EXTENSION: STUDENT AGENDA PLANNERS

MOVED by Sage SECONDED by Gallagher to approve the extension of the bid award for school agenda planners to Premier Agendas through the 2017-2018 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.9 2017-2018 CLASSIFIED STAFF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MOVED by Sage SECONDED by MacKay to approve the 2017-2018 classified staff holiday schedule, as submitted.

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

MOVED by Sage SECONDED by MacKay to approve the formation of a Unified Basketball team and accept funding from Special Olympics New York for this program, as submitted.

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

MOVED by Depczynski SECONDED by Gallagher to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Dr. Sarah Meredith for a total cost not to exceed \$9,720.00, as submitted.

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

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Depczynski to approve the results of the auction for equipment that was previously surplus by the board of education, as submitted.

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

MOVED by Gallagher SECONDED by Metz to approve the food service department operating system reports for December 2016, as submitted.

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

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Depczynski to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Richard Hinshaw to provide a visual design for the 2017-2018 marching band show, as submitted.

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

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Depczynski to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Michael Martin to provide a wind and brass composition for the 2017-2018 marching band show, as submitted.

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

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Depczynski to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Michael McIntosh to provide a percussion music design composition for the 2017-2018 marching band show, as submitted.

12.10 UNIFIED BASKETBALL

12.11 CONTRACT: DR. SARAH MEREDITH

12.12 AUCTION RESULTS

12.13 FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING SYSTEM REPORTS – DECEMBER 2016

12.14 CONTRACT – RICHARD HINSHAW

12.15 CONTRACT – MICHAEL MARTIN

12.16 CONTRACT – MICHAEL MCINTOSH

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

12.17 SUPERINTENDENT  
AUTHORIZATION

MOVED by Sage SECONDED by Depczynski to direct and authorize the superintendent to sign and execute the separation agreement dated February 2, 2017 with an employee pursuant to its terms, as submitted.

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

13.0 PUBLIC HEARING

No one registered to speak to the board.

14.0 FUTURE PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations planned at this time.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 8:39pm MOVED by Christopher SECONDED by Depczynski to adjourn the regular session.

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

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Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk