

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

MINUTES

June 8, 2015

Regular Session

Lancaster High School, One Forton Drive, Lancaster - Auditorium

Kenneth Graber Esq., President

Patrick Uhteg, V. President

Wendy Buchert, Trustee

William Gallagher, Trustee

Marie MacKay, Trustee

Kimberly Nowak, Trustee

Michael Sage, Trustee

Michael Vallely, PhD, Superintendent of Schools

Marie Perini, EdD, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction &
Pupil 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 Graber. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mr. Graber asked for a moment of silent reflection for policemen; firemen; everyone who keeps us safe; and for Mr. Robert Schmick, a business teacher at the high school from 1966 to 1995, who passed away on May 11, 2015; Mrs. Theresa Lund, a music teacher at Hillview from 1954 to 1991, who passed away on May 12, 2015; Mr. Thomas Young, a board member from 1984 to 1994, who passed away on May 17, 2015; and for Ethan Ciesiulka, a kindergarten student, who passed away on June 2, 2015.

Mrs. Patricia Burgio, director of communications, presented information to the board regarding the district's communication plan.

High school students addressed the board regarding the entire mascot selection process.

The following resolution was **MOVED** by MacKay **SECONDED** by Buchert:

WHEREAS, after many years of history and tradition which are cherished by generations of Lancaster students and alumni, the Lancaster Central School District ("District") addressed concerns regarding its mascot/team name, the "Redskins"; and

WHEREAS, at its March 16, 2015 meeting, the Board of Education of the District ("Board") duly voted and unanimously approved the retirement of the "Redskins" as the District's mascot/team name; and

MEETING DATE

KIND

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 **LCSD COMMUNICATION PLAN**

- 4.1 **LEADERSHIP STUDENT MASCOT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the process for selecting a new mascot was developed with and through student representatives at the District’s high school and middle school; and

WHEREAS, the selection process included initial submissions from and voting by students at Lancaster High School and Lancaster Middle School, which resulted in seven finalists; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2015 and June 3, 2015, students in Lancaster High School, Lancaster Middle School, William Street School, and third grade students representing their respective elementary schools student bodies voted to select one of the seven finalists; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Pursuant to the process set forth by the students and votes collected and tallied by students throughout the District under the guidance of the Erie County Board of Elections, the District’s new mascot/team name is hereby the Lancaster Legends, with the official mascot/logo images as attached hereto (for which the District owns the copyright in the mascot/logo images and design).

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Korissa Godziak, an eighth grade student from Lancaster Middle School and creator of the new mascot logo, and her family came forward for recognition. Korissa was commended by the board and administration for her creative design, and given a standing ovation by the audience.

Mr. Graber received a thank you note from BOCES board member, Judith Katz.

Mr. Uhteg received correspondence from multiple sources regarding field testing. Mr. Uhteg proposed that the new board scrutinize education reform at their retreat.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Nowak to accept the minutes from the annual budget hearing held on May 11, 2015, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Gallagher SECONDED by Buchert to accept the minutes from the regular session held on May 11, 2015, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Nowak to accept the minutes from the regular session held on May 19, 2015, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
6.1 ANNUAL BUDGET
HEARING MAY 11, 2015

6.2 REGULAR SESSION,
MAY 11, 2015

6.3 REGULAR SESSION,
MAY 19, 2015

7.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. Peter Kruszynski thanked Mrs. Buchert and Mrs. Nowak for their time and dedication on the board.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Don Kirsch had no items to report.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck had no items to report.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

Mr. Graber, Mrs. Buchert, Mr. Sage, and Mr. Gallagher spoke about events they attended since the last board meeting.

Dr. Vallely presented his administrative report.

No old business was discussed.

MOVED by Sage SECONDED by Buchert to approve the personnel changes for the period ending June 8, 2015, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Sage SECONDED by Graber to approve the teachers listed for tenure status, effective on the date(s) as indicated. If a teacher listed is not currently working at the district but on the district’s preferred eligible list (PEL), such tenure appointment will be effective on the date the teacher returns to work for the district in a full-time non-encumbered teaching position for which he/she was recalled from the district’s PEL, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Sage SECONDED by Gallagher to approve the financial reports, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

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

11.1.3 TENURE

11.2 EDUCATION ITEMS

11.2.1 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

11.2.2 COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

12.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS

12.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Sage to adopt policy #7315 Student Use of Computerized Information Resources for inclusion in the district’s policy manual, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.2 POLICY ADOPTION #7315
STUDENT USE OF
COMPUTERIZED
INFORMATION
RESOURCES

Policy #7650 Identification and Register of Children with Disabilities (Child Find), #5630 Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance, #7220 Graduation Requirements, and #5661 Wellness were presented to the board for second readings. Policy #5341 Post-Issuance Compliance for Tax Exempt Bonds, #6470 Acceptable Use Policy, and #6411 Use of Email in the School District were presented to the board for first readings. These policies will be placed on the next board agenda for a second reading and/or adoption.

12.3-12.9 POLICY 2ND
READINGS #7650
IDENTIFICATION AND
REGISTER OF
CHILDREN WITH
DISABILITIES (CHILD
FIND), #5630
FACILITIES:
INSPECTION,
OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE, #7220
GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS, #5661
WELLNESS; POLICY 1ST
READINGS #5341 POST-
ISSUANCE
COMPLIANCE FOR TAX
EXEMPT BONDS, #6470
ACCEPTABLE USE
POLICY; #6411 USE OF
EMAIL IN THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Nowak to approve the amended agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Buffalo City School District, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.10 CONTRACT: BUFFALO
CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT

MOVED by Nowak SECONDED by Gallagher to approve the recommended bid extension for refuse and recycling to Allied Waste/Republic Services for the 2015-2016 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.11 BID AWARD: REFUSE
AND RECYCLING

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by MacKay to approve the recommended bid award for athletic equipment, uniforms, and supplies to multiple vendors, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

12.12 BID AWARD: ATHLETIC
EQUIPMENT,
UNIFORMS, AND
SUPPLIES

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Gallagher to approve the renewal agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and The Omni Group, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.13 CONTRACT: THE OMNI GROUP

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Uhteg to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Jos. A. Sanders & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$298,367 for Phase III of the bond issue, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.14 CONTRACT: JOS. A. SANDERS & SONS, INC.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Nowak to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Young + Wright Architectural for the 2015-2016 capital outlay project, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.15 CONTRACT: YOUNG + WRIGHT ARCHITECTURAL

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.16 FOOD SERVICE DEPT. OPERATING SYSTEM REPORTS – APRIL 2015

Information was distributed to the board members regarding the sale of \$19,130,970 Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) which took place on May 28, 2015 that were sold on behalf of the district.

12.17 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES SALE

MOVED by Nowak SECONDED by MacKay to appoint the Erie 1 BOCES central business office claims auditing service to fulfill the claims audit requirement, effective May 18, 2015, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.18 INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR

MOVED by Gallagher SECONDED by Nowak the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Lancaster Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”) previously has issued bond and notes (the “Tax-Exempt Obligations”), the interest on which is excluded from gross income of the owners thereof pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”); and

12.19 POST ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, the District intends to issue additional series of Tax-Exempt Obligations in the future; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the interest on District’s Tax-Exempt Obligations will continue to be excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation, and that the District complies with its tax certifications relating to the Tax-Exempt Obligations, the Board of Education has determined, based on the advice of the District’s Bond Counsel, to adopt certain written Post-Issuance Compliance policies in accordance with the requirements imposed upon the district pursuant to the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Lancaster Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “Board”), as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby intends to authorize and adopt the Post-Issuance Compliance policy in accordance with the Board’s policy adoption procedures.

Section 2. The Board hereby appoints the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Support Services of the District to serve as the “Designated Tax Compliance Official” under the Post-Issuance Compliance policy and hereby authorizes and directs the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services, acting in such capacity, to take such actions, after appropriate consultation with Bond Counsel to the District, as the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services deems necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the implementation of the Post Issuance Compliance policy, and hereby further authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services, as such Designated Tax Compliance Official, to delegate to such other District officials or employees as the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services shall determine is necessary or appropriate, the responsibility to take certain specific actions called for by the Post-Issuance Compliance policy.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Sage to approve the payment of all bills received and verified to June 30, 2015, and to authorize budget transfers as necessary to keep accounting records clear of deficits, as submitted.

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

12.20 PAYMENT OF ALL BILLS

MOVED by Uhteg SECONDED by Buchert to reject the offer of the flagpole by a member of the community, as submitted.

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

12.21 DONATION/REJECTION ACCEPTANCE

13.21 NAMING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by MacKay to name the district’s field house after Russell J. Salvatore, and call it the Russell J. Salvatore Field House, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Melissa Studley, no address given, addressed the board regarding the professional renderings of the new mascot and copies of some Facebook posts.

Brian Gerasimowicz, no address given, addressed the board regarding the high school yearbook.

Cheryl Peck, 84 Norman Drive, addressed the board regarding the service of Mrs. Buchert and Mrs. Nowak and presented them with a token of appreciation.

Mr. Michael Bulera, Warner Road, spoke about the process for choosing a new mascot.

A heated conversation took place regarding the process to choose a new mascot.

Emily Koeppel, William Street, a senior at the high school, spoke about the mascot vote.

14.0 FUTURE PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Graber announced the next meeting of the school board.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:37pm MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Nowak to move to executive session to discuss the superintendent’s evaluation.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

At 9:52pm MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Uhteg to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 9:53pm MOVED by Gallagher SECONDED by Buchert to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.