

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

MINUTES

April 12, 2010

Regular Session

Lancaster High School, One Forton Drive, Lancaster, New York -
Auditorium

Marie MacKay, President

Joseph Maciejewski, Vice President

Wendy Buchert, Trustee

David Ehrle, Trustee

Kenneth Graber, Trustee

David Zalenski, Trustee

Joseph Casimino, EdD, Trustee

Edward J. Myszka, Superintendent of Schools

Michael Vallely, PhD, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum,
Instruction & Pupil Services

Alan Getter, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services

John Armstrong, Director of Special Education

Marie Perini, EdD, Director of Secondary Education

Sarah Weidler, PhD, 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 7:00pm by President MacKay. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mrs. MacKay asked for a moment of silence for individual reflection and for Mr. Sylvester Barbera, a retired bus driver, who worked for the district from 1987 through 2008, who passed away on March 23, 2010, and for Ms. Lisa Tigani, a 1987 graduate of the district, who passed away on April 6, 2010.

Mr. Myszka introduced Mrs. Pat Burgio, director of communications, who spoke about the task group meeting that was held on April 8. Mrs. Burgio introduced the table leaders and each of them explained the top three most important items discussed at their table. Table 1: Mr. Kevin Rygg – future task group, number of administrators, and purchasing. Table 2: Mr. Aurelius Chaves – keep 9-period day, district wide redistricting, and things versus people. Table 3: Mr. John Buckles – health insurance, temperature control, and close Central Avenue Elementary. Table 4: Mr. Keith Krempa – line by line budget, keep 9-period day, and parent contributions for the sports program. Table 5: Mrs. Roxanne Leffel – redistrict and move 7 and 8 grades to William Street, sell assets, combine modified with JV sports, and wage freezes for all employees. Table 6: Mr. Roy Sheppard – keep 9-period day, employee concessions, and staggering the closing of Central Avenue Elementary.

MEETING DATE

KIND

PLACE

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS EXCUSED

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

OTHERS PRESENT

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 PLEDGE TO FLAG

3.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE

**4.0 PRESENTATION – TASK
GROUP
REPRESENTATIVES**

5.0 PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mr. Brett Miller, 5636 Broadway, an art teacher in the district, spoke about presenting the budget honestly and keeping the 9 period day.

Mr. William Janiga, 56 Pheasant Run Lane, spoke about the economy and education.

Mr. Mike Sage, 75 Court Street, spoke about passing the budget.

Mr. Jeff Schmid, 5849 Broadway, spoke about his children, and how much education matters to him.

Ms. Ashley Zych, 34 Heritage Drive, a junior at Lancaster High School, spoke about a 4-day week and a 9-period day.

Mr. Jim Slawiak, 143 Belmont Avenue, spoke about taxes.

No correspondence was received.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.0 MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL

7.1 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED – MARCH 22, 2010

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Zalenski to accept the minutes from the regular session held on March 22, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

7.2 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED – APRIL 1, 2010

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to accept the minutes from the budget work session held on April 1, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mr. Peter Kruszynski, principal of the Lancaster Middle School, had no items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Eric Przykuta, president, spoke about negotiations, teacher wages, and working with the board to pass the budget.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, had no items to report.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Buchert said she attended the Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra (CKSO) Island Night and the students did an outstanding job. Mrs. Buchert also attended the science fair at Como Park Elementary. Mr. Graber was also at the CKSO performance and noted the funds from the event will be donated to Kids Escaping Drugs.

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Myszka began his report by saying how much work went into the budget preparation. Mr. Myszka thanked the task group members for their work on

Thursday evening. Mr. Myszka said he will recommend to the board that the Lancaster residents continue to serve on the task group starting next September. Following up on concerns raised by the task group, Mr. Myszka spoke about the heating and air conditioning throughout the district and that the district will work with New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to see where the problems are. Mr. Myszka said the district will look at redistricting in the future. Mr. Myszka also said the district asked the support staff, administrators, and teachers to consider a pay freeze or a “give back” and the request was declined. Mr. Myszka said his salary will remain the same as it has for the past three years and that his administrative staff at the district office will take a pay freeze. Mr. Myszka said it is with a heavy heart that he will recommend the closing of Central Avenue Elementary School.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Maciejewski spoke about his intentions as a board member, the economy, teacher negotiations, and how much work went into budget preparation.

11.1 BUILDING CLOSING

WHEREAS, the Lancaster Central School District, along with New York State, is currently facing a budget crisis; and

WHEREAS, declining enrollment of the District throughout the years warranted important deliberation concerning the closing of an elementary building; and

WHEREAS, the District’s elementary schools have approximately fourteen (14) empty classrooms; and

WHEREAS, District officials have thoughtfully considered costs and savings resulting from the closing of Central Avenue Elementary School, the effect of such closing, ability of other schools in the District to accommodate students from Central Avenue Elementary, as well as other details; and

WHEREAS, the closing of a school building is a difficult issue that District officials have seriously considered and obtained feedback from District parents, including those from the Central Avenue Elementary School; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED that the District close Central Avenue Elementary School at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school year;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that beginning with the 2010-2011 school year students previously assigned to Central Avenue Elementary School will be reassigned to Court Street Elementary, Como Park Elementary, or Hillview Elementary School based upon the residence/location of those students.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that parents of the affected students from Central Avenue Elementary School will be notified by the end of April 2010 as to which elementary building their children will attend for the 2010-2011 school year.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that parents of the affected students, and students, from Central Avenue Elementary School will be provided a visitation schedule to show them, in as much detail as possible, the school they will be attending beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, bus routes, and any other details to ease this transition and situation.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to direct and authorize the superintendent to sign and execute the separation agreement dated April 10, 2010 with an employee pursuant to its terms, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the personnel changes, for the period ending April 12, 2010 with the addendum, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the financial reports, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Buchert to approve the food service department operating report for February, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Ehrle to approve change orders MC-001 and MC-002, as submitted.

A conversation took place regarding these change orders. The board members requested for Mr. Doug Schaefer of Mach Architecture + Engineering, PC to be invited to the board meeting to answer questions.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 4 Ayes 2 Nays (Buchert, Maciejewski)

MOTION APPROVED.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS
12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS
12.11 SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORIZATION

12.12 PERSONNEL CHANGES WITH ADDENDUM

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS
12.21 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

12.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS
13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

13.12 FOOD SERVICE OPERATING REPORT – APPROVED

13.13 BOND ISSUE CHANGE ORDER – NETH & SON, INC.

13.14 AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Ehrle to adopt the resolution for Rider #1 to Abbreviated Standard Form of Agreement for Architectural Services with Mach Architecture + Engineering, PC relative to Phase 3 of the 2007 ESCEL project, as submitted.

Several questions arose during a discussion of this agreement.

Mr. Maciejewski made a motion to table this agreement until all questions can be answered.

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Buchert to table this agreement for future consideration.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.15 LANCASTER ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION – RETIREMENT INCENTIVE

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the agreement between the district and the Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association offering a one-time retirement incentive, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.16 2010-2011 BUDGET PROPOSAL

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Buchert to approve the proposed 2010-2011 budget, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Mike Sage, 75 Court Street, spoke about revaluation of property.

Mr. Al Stachowiak, 15 Glendale, spoke about the budget, the retirement incentive, and the closing of Central Avenue Elementary.

Ms. Lisa Sweeny, 22 Ashford Court, spoke about getting the budget out to the public.

Mr. Lorne Marshall, managing editor of the Source newspaper said he will publish the budget information.

Mr. Mike Shaw, 104 Irwinwood, a Lancaster teacher, thanked the board for their hard work on the budget and spoke about cuts due to declining enrollment.

Mr. Judd Payne, 2 Ashford Court, spoke about the retirement incentive.

Mr. Tom Fox, 8 Apple Blossom, spoke about the budget, getting it out to the public, and the task group.

Ms. Ashley Zych, 34 Heritage Drive, spoke about the reserve funds and the task group.

Mr. Dan Mayer, 734 Ransom Road, spoke about class sizes.

Mr. Kevin Rygg, 50 Running Brook Drive, spoke about the budget and the website.

Mr. Aurelius Chaves, 24 Burwell Avenue, spoke about reserve funds.

Ms. Dawn Plewinski, 648 Schwartz Road, spoke about her daughter, redistricting, and future plans for Central Avenue Elementary.

Ms. Becky Arcese, 14 Patsy Lane, spoke about voting for the school budget.

Mr. Mike Shaw, 104 Irwinwood, spoke about long-term planning and Central Avenue Elementary.

At 9:09pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Ehrle to the regular session.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk