

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

MINUTES

August 10, 2009

Regular Session

J. Norman Hayes Administration Building, 177 Central Avenue, Lancaster

Kenneth Graber, President
Wendy Buchert, Trustee
Joseph Casimino EdD, Trustee
Richard Foley, Trustee

Marie MacKay, Trustee
Joseph Maciejewski, Trustee
David Zalenski, Trustee

Edward J. Myszka, Superintendent of Schools
Michael Vallely, PhD, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction &
Pupil Services
John Armstrong, Director of Special 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 7:00 p.m. by President Graber. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mr. Graber asked for a moment of silence for individual reflection.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to approve the appointment of Carol Faulhaber as district clerk pro tem, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Graber announced that nominations were open for president of the board of education for the 2009-10 school year.

Mr. Foley nominated Mrs. MacKay. No further nominations were made. MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to appoint Mrs. MacKay as president of the board of education for the 2009-2010 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Graber announced that nominations were open for vice president of the board of education for the 2009-10 school year.

Dr. Casimino nominated Mr. Maciejewski. No further nominations were made.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to appoint Mr. Maciejewski as vice president of the board of education for the 2009-2010 school year, 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 **APPOINT DISTRICT
CLERK PRO TEM**

- 5.0 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- 5.1 **PRESIDENT ELECTED**

5.2 **VICE PRESIDENT
ELECTED**

MOTION APPROVED.

The oath of office was administered to Mrs. MacKay, president, and Mr. Maciejewski, vice president. Mr. Graber then turned the meeting over to President MacKay.

Mr. Dennis Weist, superintendent of buildings and grounds, introduced Mr. Jeff Simme, the districts fire code inspector, who presented information to the board regarding the annual fire safety inspection. Mr. Simme noted there are no hazards or problems for students. Mr. Simme added that summer cleaning was taken into consideration, especially at the middle school. Twin District Fire Chief, Mr. Don Snios, and Bowmansville Assistant Fire Chief, Mr. Mark Lawniczak, were present at the meeting.

Mr. Lawniczak, clerk of the works, updated the board with information regarding the status of the work being done throughout the district under the bond issue.

Mr. Myszka said a tentative agreement will be ratified by the Lancaster Association of Service Personnel (LASP) membership on August 12 and the contract will be placed on the August 24 board meeting agenda. Mr. Myszka noted the negotiations with the Lancaster Central Teachers Association (LCTA) have reached impasse. Mediator, Dennis Campagna, has been selected and the first session is scheduled for September 1. Mr. Maciejewski and Mrs. MacKay stated that board team is willing to meet “on a dime”.

No one addressed the board at this time.

Several tax assessment challenge letters were distributed to the board as information. Mr. Myszka noted there were several more received and will be turned over to Harris Beach.

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Maciejewski to accept the minutes from the organizational meeting held on July 6, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

No one present to report.

5.3 OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED – PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

6.0 PRESENTATION
6.1 ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION – MR. JEFF SIMME

6.2 BOND ISSUE UPDATE – MR. MARK LAWNICZAK

7.0 UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS – MR. EDWARD MYSZKA

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

10.0 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

11.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

No one present to report.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, congratulated the board’s new president and vice president.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

Mr. Graber said he and Dr. Perini, Dr. Casimino, Mrs. Pat Burgio, director of communications, Mrs. Kathleen Knauth, principal of Hillview Elementary School, and Mr. Myszka attended the 31st annual Western New York Educational Service Council’s law conference on August 5 and said it was enlightening. Mrs. MacKay asked if we could request organizers to hold it on a Saturday so more could attend.

12.0 BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Myszka began his report by noting that he attended the New York State Association of Management Advocates for School Labor Affairs workshop from July 20 through July 22. Mr. Myszka also noted he met with Mr. Robert Burey, of the New York State Insurance Fund, Mr. Dennis Weist, superintendent of buildings and grounds, and Mrs. Marilyn Knies, BOCES safety coordinator, on July 23 to ensure the district is in compliance. Mr. Myszka said Mr. Weist oversaw the regional buildings and grounds workshop at William Street School on July 7 and 8. Mr. Myszka said that he and members of the audit committee interviewed the finalists for the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services position on August 4 and there will be a recommendation for the position later on the agenda.

13.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

No old business was discussed.

14.0 OLD BUSINESS

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the appointment of Mr. Alan Getter, CPA, as assistant superintendent for business and support services at an annual salary of \$117,000, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Maciejewski, Mrs. MacKay, and Mr. Foley spoke highly of Mr. Getter.

15.0 NEW BUSINESS
15.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS
15.11 APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to approve the personnel changes for the period ending August 10, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.12 PERSONNEL CHANGES

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

15.2 EDUCATION ITEMS
15.21 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

MOTION APPROVED.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the textbook, *NY Geometry*, by Carter, Cuevas, Day, Malloy, and Cummins to be utilized in the district's math program, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.23 TEXTBOOK APPROVAL - NY GEOMETRY

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS

16.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to approve the 2009-2010 tax rate for Lancaster at \$15.93, Cheektowaga at \$23.63, and Elma at \$303.76, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.12 2009-2010 TAX RATE DECREASES - APPROVED

Mr. Graber asked that the board consider increasing the senior citizen exemption. Mrs. MacKay said it was a goal for the 2008-2009 school year and could be discussed at the board retreat.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to authorize the acceptance of partial payments of school taxes in accordance with the legislation, and that the clerk of the board of education provide a copy of this resolution to each of the school district receivers of taxes.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.13 RESOLUTION: PARTIAL PAYMENTS OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES - APPROVED

Mr. Maciejewski noted that payment could be made in any amount, and that the balance still accrues interest.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to establish a new money market bank account with JP Morgan Chase Bank for the Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve fund, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.14 ESTABLISH NEW BANK ACCOUNT

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Buchert to authorize increasing the credit limit on the Wegmans credit card to \$9,980, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Maciejewski asked that Mr. Getter evaluate the credit limit for next year.

16.15 USE OF CREDIT CARDS

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the easement requests from NYSEG, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.16 EASEMENT REQUESTS FROM NYSEG - APPROVED

Copies of awards for Publication Excellence and Exemplary Public Relations that were presented to Mrs. Burgio and the district were distributed to the board as information.

Mrs. MacKay congratulated Mrs. Burgio on her accomplishments.

16.17 AWARDS FOR PUBLICATION EXCELLENCE

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Graber to extend the contract with Carrier Coach for the 2009-2010 school year in the estimated amount of \$66.30 per student per day, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Maciejewski noted that this is no increase from last year.

16.18 CARRIER COACH CONTRACT - APPROVED

A copy of policy #7515 District Wellness was submitted to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the August 24 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

13.19 POLICY 1ST READING - #7515 DISTRICT WELLNESS

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the agreement between the district and Premier Consulting Associates, LLC, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Myszka noted this is cost avoidance; otherwise the increase in health insurance costs would be 45 percent.

16.20 CONTRACT – PREMIER CONSULTING ASSOCIATES, LLC - APPROVED

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to approve the Corrective Action Plan to the Financial Condition and Internal Controls over the Procurement Process by the Office of the State Comptroller, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Myszka noted the comptroller is returning to districts to verify that recommendations are being followed.

16.21 STATE COMPTROLLER'S AUDIT REPORT

16.22 ERS STANDARD WORK HOURS

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the schedule of our district’s labor classifications along with their corresponding standard hours, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.23 RESIGNATION OF MR. RICHARD FOLEY

Mr. Foley announced that he is resigning his board member position effective August 10, 2009, after ten years of service.

Several members of the board wished Mr. Foley well and thanked him for his years of dedicated service. Mr. Foley said it has been a fulfilling and rewarding experience and he will miss everyone.

No one addressed the board at this time.

17.0 PUBLIC HEARING

18.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:04 p.m. MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Maciejewski to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mrs. MacKay announced that she would like to dedicate this meeting to Mr. Foley.

REGULAR SESSION

At 8:50 p.m. MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Maciejewski to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

APPOINT MRS. BUCHERT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Maciejewski to appoint Mrs. Buchert to the audit committee to replace Mr. Foley.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

APPOINT MR. GRABER TO THE LCTA NEGOTIATING TEAM

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to approve Mr. Graber to serve on the LCTA negotiating team.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

19.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m. MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Foley to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.