

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

MINUTES

August 11, 2008

Regular Session

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

Kenneth Graber, President
David Ehrle, Vice President
Joseph Casimino EdD, Trustee
Mary Kless, Trustee

Marie MacKay, Trustee
Joseph Maciejewski, Trustee

Richard Foley, Trustee - Excused

Edward J. Myszka, Superintendent of Schools
Michael Vallely, PhD, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction &
Pupil Services

John Armstrong, Director of Special Education
Richard D'Arcy, Director of Finance & Support Services
Marie Perini, EdD, Director of Secondary 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.

Mr. Tom Murphy, Ms. Heather Murawski, and Mr. John Zeis, special education teachers presented the board with information regarding the special education summer school program at the high school. Mr. Murphy spoke about goals and gave information about the number of students, credits, and benefits of the program. Through completion of this program six students were able to graduate.

No one addressed the board at this time.

A copy of a letter from Harris Beach PLLC dated August 1, 2008 regarding a tax assessment challenge was distributed to the board for information.

A copy of an email to the board regarding the school district use of the Redskin name was discussed and it was agreed that Mr. Myszka would send a response.

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 **PRESENTATIONS/
RECOGNITION**
- 4.1 **PRESENTATION –
SUMMER SCHOOL
PROGRAM AT HIGH
SCHOOL**

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

- 6.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**
- 6.1 **LETTER FROM J. RYAN
WHITE, HARRIS BEACH**

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to accept the minutes from the organizational meeting held on July 7, 2008, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

7.0 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

7.1 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Ehrle to accept the minutes from the regular session held on August 4, 2008, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

7.2 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

No items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

No items to report.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

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

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

Mrs. Elaine Spisiak, president, stated her concerns about the new automated calling system for the substitute teachers. Mrs. Spisiak read a letter from the association and submitted it to Mr. Myszka. Mr. Myszka asked her to contact him and schedule a meeting to discuss further.

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. MacKay, chairperson of the food service committee, discussed the self funded nature of the food service department and the loss incurred this past year. Mrs. MacKay noted an increase in lunch prices in September is necessary due to the increased costs of food and fuel.

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Graber noted he attended the 30th annual law conference sponsored by the Erie County School Boards Association (ECASB) and said it was very informative and worthwhile.

Mrs. Kless noted she attended the same conference and gained an awareness of legal issues.

Mr. Graber also said he attended his reunion at a Buffalo school and was amazed and pleased with the progress schools are making.

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S
ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT

Mr. Myszka began his report by noting that Drescher & Malecki will begin their audit of the 2007-08 school year on August 11, 2008. Mr. Myszka said the interview process is continuing to fill the last of the vacant positions for September. Mr. Myszka said that he and Mr. D'Arcy met with State Assemblyman, Dennis Gabryszak on August 8 to discuss the status of the state budget and that 3% in state aid cuts would equal about a \$1 million reduction in aid.

Mr. D’Arcy gave an update on the progress of the bond issue and noted all projects are on target to be completed before school begins.

Dr. Casimino asked for data on a human resource director position for the district.

No old business was discussed.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the personnel changes for the period ending August 11, 2008, including the addendum, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Maciejewski noted that he is not related to the person with the same last name who is listed in these changes.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by MacKay to approve the contract between the district and Summit Educational Resources, Inc. for special education services provided during the 2008-2009 school year, 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.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS

12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS

12.21 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

12.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

12.23 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT – SUMMIT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, INC.

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS

13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Casimino to approve the food service department operating report for June, 2008, as submitted.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

13.12 FOOD SERVICE
OPERATING REPORT

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to approve a price increase of 15¢ in elementary lunches to \$1.65 and a price increase of 25¢ in secondary lunches to \$2.00, as submitted. There will be no change to the cost of reduced price lunches.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES-
APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the 2008-09 food service department budget, as submitted.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

13.14 2008-09 FOOD SERVICE
DEPARTMENT BUDGET

A copy of policy #6140 Medical Examinations was submitted to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the August 25 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

13.15 POLICY 1ST READING -
#6140 MEDICAL
EXAMINATIONS

A copy of policy #3261 Non-District Sanctioned Activities was submitted to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the August 25 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

13.16 POLICY 1ST READING -
#3261 NON-DISTRICT
SANCTIONED
ACTIVITIES

A list of companies that have submitted petitions for review of tax assessments pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law was submitted to the board for their information. These notices were submitted to Harris Beach for review.

13.17 TAX CERTIORARI -
INFORMATION ONLY

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Maciejewski to create a tax certiorari reserve fund and a debt service reserve fund, as submitted.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

13.18 ESTABLISHMENT OF A
TAX CERTIORARI
RESERVE AND DEBT
SERVICE RESERVE -
APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the transfer of \$400,000 from the tax certiorari reserve to the fund balance to lower the tax rate for the 2008-09 school year, as submitted.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

13.19 TAX CERTIORARI
RESERVE REDUCTION -
APPROVED

13.20 TAX RATE - APPROVED

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by MacKay to approve the 2008-09 tax rate as follows: Lancaster at \$15.94, Elma at \$304.30, and Cheektowaga \$23.91, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.21 RESOLUTION: PARTIAL
PAYMENTS OF REAL
PROPERTY TAXES -
APPROVED

MOVED by Kless SECONDED by MacKay 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: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.22 MEMO FROM MR. DAVE
MARRANO, TOWN
ASSESSOR

A memo from Mr. Dave Marrano, town assessor, dated July 7, 2008 regarding tax rates was distributed to the board for information.

No one addressed the board at this time.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:15 p.m. MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by MacKay to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:04 p.m. MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Kless to move out of executive session and into regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 REGULAR SESSION

At 9:05 p.m. MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Kless to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk