

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

**MINUTES**

August 24, 2009

Regular Session

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

Marie MacKay, President

Joseph Maciejewski, Vice President

Wendy Buchert, Trustee

Joseph Casimino EdD, Trustee

Kenneth Graber, 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

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 7:02 p.m. by President MacKay. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mrs. MacKay asked for a moment of silence for individual reflection, for the two firemen who lost their lives this past week, and for Mr. Louis Reuter, Jr., vice president of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda School District, who passed away on August 17.

Mrs. MacKay introduced and welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Alan Getter and said how happy the district is to be working with him.

Dr. Perini introduced Mr. Thomas Murphy, lead teacher of the summer school program for special education students. Mr. Murphy began by thanking his colleagues, Mr. Jonathan Pleban, Ms. Charlene Scheitinger, and Mr. John Zeis, and the administration for their support of the program. Mr. Murphy spoke about the successes of the students in the program over the past three years. Mr. Murphy said the direct benefit of the students staying caught up with their credits as well as the indirect benefits of building academic confidence, independence, self-advocacy, self-esteem, and hope will pay dividends in the students lives, to our district, and our community for years to come. Dr. Perini and several members of the board of education commended Mr. Murphy for his commitment to the district's students.

Mrs. Mary Kless, 2055 Como Park Boulevard, spoke about the absence of Mr. Richard Foley, who resigned his position on the board at the last meeting on August 10. Mr. Graber explained that the board will appoint a

**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 **INTRODUCTION OF MR.  
ALAN GETTER**

5.0 **PRESENTATION –  
SUMMER SCHOOL  
SPECIAL EDUCATION**

6.0 **PUBLIC HEARING**

replacement for Mr. Foley to finish through June 30, 2010 and in May this seat will be up for election.

Mrs. MacKay shared with the board an invitation from Mach Architecture + Engineering, PC, for an event that will take place at the New York State School Board Association’s annual convention in October.

Mr. Myszka said there is a Lancaster Central Teachers Association (LCTA) negotiation session scheduled for August 25. Mr. Myszka said he is cautiously optimistic that an agreement will be reached, however, if not, a session is scheduled with mediator Dennis Campagna, Esq. on September 1. Mr. Myszka also noted the current LCTA agreement expires on August 31, 2009.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to accept the minutes from the regular session held on August 10, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

No one present to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

No one present to report.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Getter and said the association is looking forward to working with him.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

No one from the board had anything to report at this time.

Mr. Myszka began by saying he interviewed candidates to fill the existing long-term substitute positions for various grade levels. Mr. Myszka also said he met with Trustee, Carl Monti, and Depew Director of Recreation, Michael Wojcicki, to discuss building usage at John A. Sciole and the existing contract between the district and the Village of Depew. Mr. Myszka said new teacher orientation is scheduled for August 25, 26, 2and 27. Mr. Myszka noted school will be opening before Labor Day this year, which is acceptable under the LCTA contract. Mr. Myszka said there are 183 instructional days planned with allows 3 days for inclement weather.

No old business was discussed.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to approve the personnel changes, with the addendum, for the period ending August 24, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain (MacKay)

MOTION APPROVED.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS – MR. EDWARD MYSZKA

9.0 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

10.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

11.0 BOARD REPORTS

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

13.0 OLD BUSINESS

14.0 NEW BUSINESS

14.11 PERSONNEL ITEMS

Mrs. MacKay noted she abstained from this vote for personal reasons.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.2 EDUCATION ITEMS  
14.21 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS  
15.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to remove the choir hand chimes position from Schedule D, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.12 SCHEDULE D CHANGES

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Buchert to adopt policy# 7515 District Wellness for inclusion in the district's board policy manual, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.13 POLICY ADOPTION - #7515 DISTRICT WELLNESS

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the agreements between the district and the YMCA Buffalo Niagara, Lancaster Family Branch, and Carousel Nursery School for the 2009-2010 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.14 UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Graber to approve the negotiated agreement between the superintendent and the Lancaster Association of Service Personnel, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.15 L.A.S.P. CONTRACT

15.16 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Casimino to approve the negotiated Confidential Employees Contract, effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**15.17 2009-2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Buchert to adopt the amended 2009-2010 board of education meeting schedule, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**16.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

Mrs. Mary Kless, 2055 Como Park Boulevard, spoke about the sound quality when the board meetings are broadcast on television.

**17.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:49 p.m. MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to move into executive session to discuss negotiations.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**REGULAR SESSION**

At 9:00 p.m. MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Maciejewski to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:01 p.m. MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.