

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

MINUTES

August 25, 2008

Regular Session

Lancaster Central High School, One Forton Drive, Lancaster

Kenneth Graber, President
David Ehrle, Vice President
Joseph Casimino EdD, Trustee
Richard Foley, Trustee

Marie MacKay, Trustee
Joseph Maciejewski, Trustee

Mary Kless, 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
Sarah Weidler, Ph.D, 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 7:00 p.m. by President Graber. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mr. Graber asked for a moment of silence for individual reflection and for the service men and women who give their lives to protect our freedom.

Mr. Graber introduced Mr. Dan Paveljack, principal of the high school, who spoke about the summer school programs at the high school and Erie Community College. Mr. Paveljack congratulated the students that graduated after completing summer school courses, and Lancaster teachers, Mr. Tom Murphy, Ms. Heather Murawski, and Mr. John Zeis, who started the summer program in Lancaster. Mr. Paveljack introduced the students while Mr. Graber and Mr. Ehrle presented them with their diplomas.

Mrs. Kathleen Knauth, principal of Hillview Elementary School, spoke about the active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Hillview and noted that Ms. Mary Ellen Nowicki, president of the PTO, could not attend the board meeting. Mrs. Knauth spoke about the playground additions that are taking place for special needs children. Mrs. Knauth noted that Phase I is completed and plans for Phase II, which include a glider and a Braille section, are in

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 – AUGUST
2008 GRADUATES**

- 4.2 **PRESENTATION –
PLAYGROUND PAVILION
DONATION AT HILLVIEW
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

process. Mrs. Knauth asked the board for permission for the PTO to build and donate a pavilion that could accommodate a full classroom of students and would be a wonderful addition to the playground.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay for the district to accept the donation of a pavilion from the Hillview PTO.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Darrin Ziemba, 68 Lewan Drive, asked questions regarding the increase in school lunch prices. It was agreed that Mr. Ziemba should contact Mr. D’Arcy privately to discuss this matter because it was already discussed by the board at a previous meeting.

Mr. Graber received a letter from the Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB) regarding the leader’s forum scheduled for October 2. Mr. Graber also noted a dessert forum is scheduled for November 13 at Erie 1 BOCES with Mr. David Little of the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA).

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by MacKay to accept the minutes from the regular session held on August 11, 2008, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Knauth wished the students and staff a safe and productive school year with safety being top priority. Mrs. Knauth also commended the summer crews for their great job of maintaining the buildings.

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:

No items to report.

Mr. Maciejewski noted he attended the 7th grade walk-through at the middle school earlier tonight where, for the first time, school pictures were taken. Mr. Maciejewski noted that Principal, Peter Kruszynski, and Assistant Principal, Cesar Marchioli, should be commended for a good job organizing this event. Mr. Maciejewski noted the 8th grade walk-through will take place on August 26.

Mr. Graber said he attended and spoke at the new teacher orientation on August 20.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.0 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

7.1 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Myszka began his report by discussing an email he received from NYSSBA regarding the Governor’s budget cuts to education and how they will affect local schools. Mr. Myszka noted that the state cut \$950,000 for school lunch reimbursements and that the Universal PreK program was cut by 50 percent. Mr. Myszka said samples of the district calendar were distributed to the board and commended Mrs. Pat Burgio on a job well done. Mr. Myszka noted that new teacher orientation took place on August 20, 21, and 26. Mr. Myszka said most new teachers are in special education areas and long term substitute positions. Mr. Myszka also noted that there was a reduction in staff of three elementary teachers due to declining enrollment. Lastly, Mr. Myszka said a meeting took place with the Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers regarding the roll-out of AESOP, the new substitute calling service the district will utilize beginning this year. Mrs. Ziegler spoke about the training the staff received, the reporting system, and the way the service will operate.

Mr. D’Arcy updated the board on the construction projects that are in-process. Mr. D’Arcy said the curtain wall at the high school is the last part of Phase 2 to be completed. Mr. D’Arcy also noted that materials are on site for roofing at John A. Sciole Elementary and Como Park Elementary which will be worked on before and after school with both scheduled to be completed by October. Mr. D’Arcy noted the middle school roof is projected for completion by August 26.

Mr. Maciejewski asked for a progress report on the John A. Sciole playground equipment. Mr. D’Arcy said that the Village of Depew is removing the pieces owned by them and the holes are being filled in.

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the personnel changes for the period ending August 25, 2008, as submitted.

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

MOTION APPROVED.

Mrs. MacKay abstained for personal reasons.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Casimino to approve recommendations of the committee on preschool special education, 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

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS
13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Foley to approve the financial reports, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

A copy of policy #6140 Medical Examinations was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the September 8 agenda for adoption.

13.12 POLICY 2ND READING - #6140 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

A copy of policy #3261 Non-District Sanctioned Activities was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the September 8 agenda for adoption. Mrs. MacKay asked Mr. D’Arcy to find out if the district can be held liable for students who wear clothing bearing the district logo to outside functions. Mr. Myszka noted that groups not sponsored by the district can not use the district’s tax exempt certificate.

13.13 POLICY 2ND READING - #3261 NON-DISTRICT SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Casimino to approve the recommended bid award for the sale of used vehicles to Alden Trucks LTD for \$2,018.00, David Blakeley Inc. for \$1,601.00, Casey’s for \$18,330.00, and Ed Henning Inc. for \$5,012.00, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

13.14 BID AWARD – SALE OF USED VEHICLES

No one addressed the board at this time.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

An amended resolution regarding school lunch prices was distributed to the board.

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Foley to approve the increase in school lunch prices as follows: Grade K – 3 lunches would increase 15¢ to \$1.65 and lunches for grade 4 – 12 would increase 25¢ to \$2.00, as amended for clarification.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Graber explained that the William Street School cafeteria is considered secondary because they have the same menu and portion sizes as the middle and high schools. Mrs. MacKay noted a Buffalo News article contained incorrect information and needed to be corrected. Mr. Graber spoke about the self funding of the food service department.

15.0 WORK SESSION

At 7:46 p.m. MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to move into a work session to discuss a new telephone system for the district.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Kevin Dean from Nortel, Mr. Dale Anderson from Erie 1 BOCES, Mr. Doug Schaefer from Mach Architecture, Ms. Pat Bruce, and Mr. Richard D’Arcy presented the board with information regarding the implementation of a new telephone system. The board had several questions and asked that a

committee be established, including representation from the board, for further investigation of a telephone system.

At 9:21 p.m. MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by MacKay to adjourn the work session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,

16.0 REGULAR SESSION

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk