

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

**MINUTES**

August 9, 2010

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

Brenda Christopher, Trustee

Kenneth Graber, Trustee

David Zalenski, 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

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.

Mr. Scott Dixon, director of the Academy of Finance, introduced two finance academy students, Alyssa Jerge and Cody Lezynski, who spoke about their summer internship experience and the opportunities available to them through the AOF. These two students attended the National Academy Foundation Summer Institute, where the Lancaster Academy of Finance was the recipient of two awards. Mr. Dixon spoke about ways the board of education can help the all the district's academies continue to thrive.

Dr. Vallely, presented information to the board regarding the Grades 3 – 8 assessment results and explained that cut scores are being raised by the state. Dr. Vallely spoke about the ramifications of this to the district's teachers and students. All schools in New York will be impacted by the state's decision and it will be a challenge to the district to educate the community on the implications of the change.

Mr. Dave Kalmeyer, 181 Westwood Road, addressed the board regarding the summer reading assignment for his daughter who is entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**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 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 4.1 **ACADEMY OF FINANCE –  
MR. SCOTT DIXON**

- 4.2 **LANCASTER'S  
ASSESSMENT RESULTS –  
GRADES 3 – 8**

- 5.0 **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Lee Chowanec, 93 Northwood Drive, addressed the board regarding the academies at the high school and the budget task group.

Several tax assessment challenge letters were distributed to the board members.

A letter from Nancy Blaschak, executive director of the American Red Cross, dated July 21, 2010, was distributed to the board members.

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Buchert to accept the minutes from the organizational meeting held on July 12, 2010, as amended.

Mr. Graber noted that oath of office cards were signed by him and Mrs. Christopher and would like the minutes to reflect that.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mr. Cesar Marchioli, assistant principal at the middle school, had no items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mrs. Robin Zahm, vice president, had no items to report.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

No one present to report.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

Mrs. Mary Ann Arber, executive board member, encouraged the board to ratify the new substitute teacher's contract and thanked the board of education for the work they perform.

Mr. Maciejewski spoke about the audit committee meeting that took place this evening. Mr. Graber, Dr. Casimino, Mrs. Christopher, and Mrs. Buchert spoke about the law conference they attended on August 4, sponsored by the Western New York Educational Service Council (WNYESC) and the Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB). Mr. Zalenski submitted a report to the board members about a webinar he participated in called "Setting Direction for Your School District" on July 14. Mrs. MacKay and Mrs. Buchert spoke about the food service committee meeting that took place on July 22. Mr. Graber said he attended a concert at the Richard E. Pascucci Memorial Lancaster Band Shell where choruses from the high school, middle school, and the William Street School performed.

Mr. Myszka began his report by saying he attended the New York State Association of Management Advocates for School Labor Affairs (MASLA) workshop and the law conference sponsored by the WNYESC and the ECASB. Mr. Myszka said he interviewed finalists for the assistant principal positions at the middle school and the William Street School. Mr. Myszka announced that Mr. Cesar Marchioli, assistant principal at the middle school,

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE  
6.1 TAX ASSESSMENT  
CHALLENGE LETTERS

6.2 LETTER FROM THE RED  
CROSS DATED JULY 21,  
2010

7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES –  
JULY 12, 2010

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT

will be transferring to the vacant assistant principal position at the high school.

No old business was discussed.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to approve the personnel changes for the period ending August 9, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Information on the *American History* textbook was distributed to the board members for review. Consistent with past practice, the approval of this textbook will be placed on the board’s next agenda.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the 2010-2011 tax rate for Lancaster at \$14.67, Cheektowaga at \$23.66, and Elma at \$310.35, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to approve the recommendation to lease the Central Avenue School building, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Literacy New York, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the agreement between the district and Ellen Cool, MT-BC, LCTA dated June 24, 2010, as submitted.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS

12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS

12.21 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

12.22 TEXT BOOK INFORMATION: AMERICAN HISTORY

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS

13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

13.12 2010-2011 TAX RATE - APPROVED

13.13 LEASING OF CENTRAL AVENUE SCHOOL

13.14 RENTAL AGREEMENT – LITERACY NEW YORK

13.15 CONTRACT: ELLEN COOL, MT-BC, LCAT

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Getter submitted a report to the board regarding the usage of district credit cards for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Mr. Getter reviewed the usage of the credit cards and is planning to implement some changes to reduce exposure in this area.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Christopher to adopt the amended 2010-2011 board of education meeting schedule, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the food service department operating reports for the year ending June 30, 2010, as submitted. A discussion took place about the the food service department and the changes being implemented to ensure it continues to be a self-sustaining operation.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the construction contract for the 2007 Capital Project – Phase 3 in the amount of \$1,185,000, to Weaver Metal & Roofing, Inc., as submitted.

Mr. Robin Mach, of Mach Architecture + Engineering, P.C., spoke about roof replacements as mentioned above.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to approve change order PC-003 to the 2007 capital project for plumbing construction for a credit in the amount of (\$143.59), as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Casimino to approve the negotiated Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers contract, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

13.16 DISTRICT CREDIT CARD USAGE – REVIEW – INFORMATION ONLY

13.17 2010-2011 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

13.18 FOOD SERVICE OPERATING SYSTEM REPORTS

13.19 BID AWARD – 2007 CAPITAL PROJECT – PHASE 3 ROOF REPLACEMENT – WEAVER ROOFING

13.20 BOND ISSUE CHANGE ORDER – H & M PLUMBING

13.21 LANCASTER ASSOCIATION OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS CONTRACT

13.22 CONCESSION SERVICES AT LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to approve the recommended request for proposal (RFP) award for concession services at the high school to the Lancaster Depew Rotary Club, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain (Graber)

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Graber noted he abstained from this vote because he is a proud member of the Rotary Club.

13.23 BID AWARD –  
RISOGRAPH SUPPLIES

MOVED by Christopher SECONDED by Graber to approve the recommended bid award for Risograph supplies to Standard Duplicating Supplies in the amount of \$23,250.00, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.24 BID AWARD – MEDICAL  
SUPPLIES

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the recommended bid award for medical supplies to Cara Medical Supplies, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.25 BID AWARD –  
TRANSPORTATION  
EQUIPMENT AND PARTS

MOVED by Christopher SECONDED by Buchert to approve the attached bid for transportation equipment and parts, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Mike Sage, 75 Court Street, spoke about the food service department.

Mr. Graber said the Lancaster Educational and Alumni Foundation, Inc. met in mid-July to approve by-laws and to elect board members.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:55pm MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Buchert to move to executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

REGULAR SESSION

At 9:43pm MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Zalenski to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

At 9:44pm MOVED by Christopher SECONDED by Graber to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.