

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

MINUTES

December 8, 2008

Regular Session

Lancaster Middle School, 148 Aurora Street, Lancaster

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

Mary Kless, Trustee
Joseph Maciejewski, Trustee
Marie MacKay, Trustee

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, PhD, Director of Elementary Education
Michele Ziegler, Director of Instructional Technology & Accountability

District residents, staff members, students, and media representatives.

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/
RECOGNITION**
- 4.1 **LANCASTER MIDDLE
SCHOOL STUDENT
PRESENTATION**

Prior to the start of the regular board meeting, Mr. Peter Kruszynski, principal of the Lancaster Middle School, took the members of the board and administration to the technology department for a demonstration of the daily announcements performed by the students "live" via the closed-circuit television system. The pledge was recited and several announcements were read. The students from the computer club headed by Mr. Leif Johnson, Mr. Michael Gembar, and Ms. Bonnie Blatner, will be doing the Pledge of Allegiance, lunch menu, classroom announcements, and club news each morning. Mr. Kruszynski said the students are working hard testing the program every Friday and eventually would like to post this to the district website. The regular meeting of the board of education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Graber.

4.2 INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE
PRESENTATION – MR.
DARREL DUPRA

Dr. Vallely spoke about one of the board’s goals regarding possibly adding gifted and talented and enrichment programs to the district’s curriculum. Dr. Valley then introduced Mr. Darrel Dupra, a retired teacher, who now works for the International Baccalaureate program. Mr. Dupra spoke about his experience as a teacher in a traditional educational setting versus an International Baccalaureate setting. Mr. Dupra presented the board with information about an International Baccalaureate program and how the students respond to this type of rigorous, challenging curriculum. Mr. Graber thanked Mr. Dupra for his presentation and said the board and district are interested in this program.

Mr. Graber noted that the board went out of order on the agenda due to the presentations. The pledge of allegiance was part of the student’s presentation and a moment of silence took place for individual reflection and for the veterans, and the police and firemen who keep us safe. Mr. Graber also noted that Mr. Anthony Tylenda, a high school teacher, lost his mother-in-law this past week and Mrs. Jacqueline Bull, assistant principal of William Street School, lost her father.

No one addressed the board at this time.

A note from Mr. Paul Smith, a 39-year teacher and coach with the district, thanking the board of education for all the support given to the students and athletes at Lancaster, was read by Mr. Graber. Mr. Smith recently retired and was honored at the sports banquet in November. Mr. Graber received a note from Ms. Shirley Cane, secretary of the Lancaster Association of Service Personnel, regarding the officer assignments.

Mr. Myszka said he received a letter from Ms. Robin Zahm, chief negotiator of the Lancaster Central Teachers Association (LCTA), requesting negotiations to begin in January. Mr. Myszka noted the district is waiting for the Governor’s budget and that the LCTA contract calls for negotiations to begin in March.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to accept the minutes from the regular session held on November 18, 2008, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
7.1 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mr. Peter Kruszynski wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Eric Przykuta, president, had no items to report. Mr. Graber congratulated Mr. Przykuta on his recent marriage.

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a healthy new year.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No items to report.

Dr. Casimino noted he attended an Erie County Association of School Boards meeting on November 20.

Mrs. MacKay discussed the seminars she attended at the 89th annual New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) convention she attended from October 16 through October 19, 2008 in New York City and spoke briefly about the different sessions she attended.

Mr. Myszka began his report by saying he attended the fall sports banquet on November 20 and spoke highly of Mr. Smith, who retired after a 39-year teaching and coaching career with the district. Mr. Myszka also noted the Lancaster-Depew Substance Coalition met on November 20 and he distributed minutes from the previous meeting to the board. On November 21, Mr. Myszka went to Hillview Elementary to read to a 3rd grade class in recognition of National Education Week. Mr. Myszka attended the Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association meeting on November 21 where they discussed the pending state aid cuts. Mr. Myszka also met with the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Committee (SSAC) on December 3. Mr. Kevin Kornowicz, food service director, and Mr. Dennis Weist, assistant superintendent of buildings and grounds, also attended that meeting. Mr. Myszka said that the IRS announced the 2009 standard mileage reimbursement rate will be 55 cents per mile.

Several board members acknowledged the service of Coach Smith.

Mr. Graber said due to the budget situation, the board should schedule a work session in January to discuss the current issues. Mr. Graber invited the public to be present to share constructive ideas. Mr. Myszka suggested the work session take place on Monday, January 5, 2009, at 7:00 pm.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to approve the personnel changes for the period ending December 8, 2008 with the addendum, as submitted.

Mr. Graber spoke about the retirement announcement from Mrs. Karen MacGamwell, principal of the William Street School, which will be effective on February 1, 2009. Mr. Myszka said Mrs. MacGamwell was hired six months before construction at the William Street School was finished and she was the catalyst who put the building together when it was opened. Mr. Myszka said the district will miss her instructional leadership.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

10.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

12.0 NEW BUSINESS
12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS
12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Kless to approve the tenure appointment on the effective date, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.12 TENURE
RECOMMENDATION

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS
12.21 COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL EDUCATION
APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.22 COMMITTEE ON
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL
EDUCATION APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL
ITEMS

13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS
APPROVED

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by MacKay to approve the food service department operating report for October, 2008, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.12 FOOD SERVICE
OPERATING REPORT

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to adopt the policy #7512 Student Physicals, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 POLICY ADOPTION -
#7512 STUDENT
PHYSICALS

A copy of policy #6213.1 Disciplining of a Tenured Teacher or Certified Personnel was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the January 12 agenda for adoption.

13.14 POLICY 2ND READING -
#6213.1 DISCIPLINING
OF A TENURED
TEACHER OR
CERTIFIED
PERSONNEL

A copy of policy #7133 Education of Homeless Children and Youth was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the January 12 agenda for adoption.

13.15 POLICY 2ND READING -
#7133 EDUCATION OF
HOMELESS CHILDREN
AND YOUTH

13.16-13.18 HEALTH AND
WELFARE SERVICES

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to approve the contracts between the district and the West Seneca Central School District, Frontier Central School District, and East Aurora Union Free School District for health and welfare services provided during the 2008-2009 school year, as submitted.

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

Mr. D’Arcy submitted a report to the board regarding the usage of district credit cards for the period beginning June 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008. Mr. D’Arcy reviewed the usage of the credit cards and found no problems or discrepancies.

13.19 DISTRICT CREDIT CARD
USAGE – REVIEW –
INFORMATION ONLY

MOVED by Kless SECONDED by Ehrle to approve payment of all bills received and verified from December 9, 2008 to January 11, 2009, as submitted.

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

13.20 PAYMENT OF ALL BILLS
RECEIVED DECEMBER 9,
2008 TO JANUARY 11,
2009 APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to authorize payment of the approved settlement to Noco Energy Corporation in the approximate amount of \$1,000.00, as submitted.

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

13.21 TAX CERTIORARI –
MEADOWOOD
APARTMENTS

No one addressed the board at this time.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

A transportation appeal for 22 Cobblestone Court was discussed in detail. MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to affirm the superintendent’s decision.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 1 Nay (Foley)
MOTION APPROVED.

15.0 TRANSPORTATION
APPEAL

At 8:26 p.m. MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Kless to adjourn the regular session.

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

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Graber wished everyone happy holidays.

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk