

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

**MINUTES**

February 8, 2010

Regular Session

Lancaster High School, One Forton Drive, Lancaster, New York, Room 122

Marie MacKay, President

Wendy Buchert, Trustee

Joseph Casimino, EdD, Trustee

David Ehrle, Trustee

Kenneth Graber, Trustee

David Zalenski, Trustee

Joseph Maciejewski, Vice President

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

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 7:00pm by President MacKay. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mrs. MacKay asked for a moment of silence for individual reflection.

Mr. Dave Marrano, assessor for the Town of Lancaster, explained the Town of Lancaster 2010 Assessment Equity Project.

Mr. Peter Herrscher, business teacher at the high school, spoke about three students from his Entrepreneurship class, Dan Fosdick, Jordan Russ, and Caitlyn Tauriello, who competed in the Junior Achievement Business Plan Challenge at Canisius College. Dan Fosdick and Jordan Russ spoke about the work they did for this competition.

Mary Ann Pantera, participation in government teacher at the high school, spoke about a national service learning project her students are participating in. Mrs. Pantera and Mrs. Ursula Lundgard, a social studies teacher at the high school, shared a video with the board about the Hull House, Kids Helping Kids Club at Court Street, and several more activities the students are involved 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 **PRESENTATION**
- 4.1 **ASSESSMENT EQUITY  
UPDATE – DAVE  
MARRANO, TOWN OF  
LANCASTER ASSESSOR**

- 4.2 **ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
AWARD – MR. PETER  
HERRSCHER**

- 4.3 **SERVICE LEARNING  
PROJECT – MRS.  
MARYANN PANTERA**

**4.4 CENSUS REPORT – DR. MICHAEL VALLELY**

2009-2010 census information was submitted to the board for review and discussion. Dr. Vallely spoke about the reports that reflect declining enrollment in the district.

Mrs. Wendy O’Connor, 53 Heritage Drive, a teacher at William Street School, spoke about her family and teacher’s wages.

Mr. Timothy Zgliczynski, 30 Garfield Street, a teacher at William Street School, spoke about his family, the dedication of teachers, and thanked the district for hiring him 8 years ago.

Mrs. Melissa Kreutzer, 16 Red Clover Lane, a teacher at William Street School, spoke about her family, the importance of teachers, and the appreciation they receive from parents.

Mr. Lee Chowanec, 93 Northwood Drive, spoke about Mr. Marrano’s presentation, sacrifices residents are making in this economy, cuts the school district will have to determine, and the status of teacher negotiations.

No correspondence was received.

**5.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

**6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**7.0 MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL**

**7.1 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED – JANUARY 25, 2010**

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to accept the minutes from the regular session held on January 25, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**7.2 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED – FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Graber to accept the minutes from the budget work session held on February 1, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS**

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mr. Peter Kruszynski, principal of the Lancaster Middle School, had no items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mrs. Ursula Lundgard, vice president, spoke about the LCTA’s desire to reach a fair and equitable contract that is on-par with neighboring districts. Mrs. MacKay spoke about the board’s responsibilities to the students, the teachers, and to the members of the community. Mr. Graber spoke about the importance of attending board work sessions and said that everyone has to work together during these tough economic times.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

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

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

**9.0 BOARD REPORTS**

Mr. Graber said he attended the Erie County Association of School Boards legislative breakfast on February 6. Mr. Graber also attended the production of Willy Wonka at the middle school and plans on attending the high school production of The Music Man. Mrs. MacKay said she attended the legislative breakfast. Mrs. MacKay said the legislators discussed the shortfalls districts will be facing and that districts should look at ways to share costs. Mr. Zalenski said he also attended the legislative breakfast.

Mr. Myszka began his report by saying he met with our attorney and administrators from the Iroquois Central School District regarding boundaries for the next phase of the Windsor Ridge subdivision. Mr. Myszka said the boundaries require approval by the Erie 1 and 2 BOCES superintendents and finally, the commissioner of education. Mr. Myszka said there is a subdivision in the planning stages in the north end of the district that will border Clarence Central School District.

No old business was discussed.

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the personnel changes, for the period ending February 8, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Casimino 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.

Dr. Valley spoke about postponing the district’s application for the International Baccalaureate Program (IB). Dr. Valley said given the present financial and political landscape of our state government and the resultant effects state deficits will have on our district, it would not be fiscally prudent to add a costly program at this time.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the financial reports, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**10.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**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 RECOMMENDATION TO POSTPONE THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE APPLICATION**

**13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS**

**13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED**

**13.12 HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACT – CLARENCE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Casimino to approve the contract between the district and the Clarence Central School District for health and welfare services provided during the 2009-2010 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 POLICY ADOPTION - #5574 MEDICAID COMPLIANCE PROGRAM POLICY

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Buchert to adopt policy #5574 Medicaid Compliance Program, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.14 BOCES ELECTION – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the nominations of Mr. Wayne Schlifke, residing in the Alden Central School District, Mr. Andrew Loeb, residing in the Hamburg Central School District, and Mr. Raymond Carr, residing in the Cheektowaga Central School District, as candidates for election to be held on April 27, 2010, to serve as trustees for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Erie County (Erie 1 BOCES), in a term beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.15 FOOD SERVICE OPERATING REPORT – APPROVED

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the food service department operating report for December, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Kevin Masters, 720 Schwartz Road, addressed the board regarding the LCTA contract negotiations.

15.0 BUDGET WORK SESSION

At 8:37pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to move into a budget work session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. John Armstrong, director of special education, presented the 2010-2011 proposed special education program budget. Mr. Armstrong’s budget includes an increase in high needs students at the secondary level. Mr. Getter noted that the BOCES part of the special education budget will be adjusted as more firm numbers are established.

Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Pat Bruce, information manager, Mr. Getter, and Dr. Valley presented the proposed 2010-2011 BOCES budget. A discussion took place about BOCES services and several questions were answered by administrators.

At 9:44pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Ehrle to move into executive session to discuss negotiations and a personnel issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

REGULAR SESSION

At 10:20pm MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Graber to move into regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

At 10:21pm MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Zalenski to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk