

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

**MINUTES**

February 9, 2009

Regular Session

Lancaster High School, One Forton Drive, Lancaster

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

Richard Foley, Trustee  
Mary Kless, Trustee  
Marie MacKay, Trustee

Joseph Maciejewski, 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  
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 police, firemen, EMTs, and all those who protect us, including our teachers.

There were no presentations.

Mr. Larry Blas, 6 Fieldstone Lane, presented the board with information regarding his proposal of a girl's varsity ice hockey team at Lancaster High School beginning in the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Graber said every proposal will be considered.

Mr. Roy Schneggenburger, 87 Stony Road, spoke about National Salute to a Hospitalized Veteran Day, Presidents Day, and read an article about Mr. Ed Freeman, medal of honor recipient, who passed away this past week at age 80.

Mr. Graber said he received letters from Mrs. Judith Katz and Mr. Edward Cavan, incumbents on the Erie 1 BOCES school board, seeking nomination for re-election this April. Mr. Graber said he has received several pieces of correspondence from the National School Boards Association seeking membership from the district. Mr. Graber noted the district belongs to the state and the county associations, and would prefer not to enroll in the national organization at this time. Mr. Myszka received notification of Mr.

**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**

5.0 **PUBLIC HEARING**

6.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Scott Dixon, academy of finance director, being selected by American Express to enter the 2009 American Express Nonprofit Leadership Academy. Dr. Perini noted that this is a tremendous honor and offered congratulations to Mr. Dixon.

**7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**7.1 MEETING MINUTES**  
**APPROVED**

MOVED by Kless SECONDED by Foley to accept the minutes from the regular session held on January 26, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS**

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

No items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Eric Przykuta, president, had 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.

**9.0 BOARD REPORTS**

Mr. Graber said he attended the performance of *Seussical* at the middle school and commented on a fantastic job by Mrs. Sarah Gembar, middle school music teacher, middle school musical director. Mr. Graber also mentioned the high school will be performing *Guys & Dolls* this week. Mr. Graber said he attended the annual legislative breakfast sponsored by the Erie County Association of School Boards and was able to meet with legislators and ask questions about the budget. Mr. Graber discussed the 2009 State Issues Conference sponsored by the New York State School Boards Association scheduled for March 1 through March 3, 2009. Mrs. Kless indicated she would like to attend and the other board members agreed she could attend.

**10.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE**  
**REPORT**

Mr. Myszka began his report by providing the board with some information, a Guide to Aidable/Non-Aidable Transportation Expenses from the New York State Education Department and a copy of the New York State Education Law §3635-b – authorization to provide pupil transportation in child safety zones for review. Mr. Myszka noted this information will be discussed further as the budget process continues. Mr. Myszka also noted enrollment information was distributed to the board for the fifth attendance period. Mr. Myszka also discussed the legislative breakfast held on February 7 and that the district will use the Governor's figures for the budget. The district is projected to receive \$1.8 million less than last year in state aid. Mr. Myszka said he doesn't know what the federal government will do but the district will plan accordingly. Mr. Myszka said he attended the musical at the middle school, the DARE graduation, a biograph museum at William Street.

**11.0 OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

- 12.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS
- 12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mr. Myszka withdrew his recommendation for the marching corps assistant appointment for further review.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the personnel changes for the period ending February 9, 2009 with the addendum, as submitted.

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

- 12.12 TENURE  
RECOMMENDATION

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Foley to approve the tenure appointment on the effective date, as submitted.

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

- 12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS
- 12.21 COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
APPROVED

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

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

- 12.22 COMMITTEE ON  
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL  
EDUCATION APPROVED

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

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

- 12.23 & 12.24 TEXT BOOK  
APPROVAL: FOOD FOR  
TODAY AND FOOD,  
NUTRITION &  
WELLNESS - APPROVED

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Foley to approve the textbooks, *Food for Today* by Glencoe, and *Food, Nutrition & Wellness* by Roberts Larson Duyff, to be utilized in the district's food and nutrition courses, as submitted.

A discussion took place regarding the quantity of textbooks purchased and the grade levels and courses these textbooks will be used for.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           5 Ayes           1 Nay (MacKay)  
MOTION APPROVED.

- 13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL  
ITEMS
- 13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS  
APPROVED

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

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

- 13.12 HEALTH AND WELFARE  
SERVICES CONTRACT –  
CLARENCE CENTRAL

MOVED by Kless SECONDED by MacKay to approve the contract between the district and the Clarence Central School District for health and welfare services provided during the 2008-2009 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 CONTRACT – DEAF  
ADULT SERVICES -  
APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Kless to approve the contract between the district and Deaf Adult Services for interpreting services provided from January 2009 through January 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.14 BOCES ELECTION – CALL  
FOR NOMINATIONS

MOVED by Foley SECONDED by Casimino to approve the nominations of Mrs. Judith Katz, residing in the Williamsville Central School District, and Mr. Edward Cavan, residing in the Sweethome Central School District, as candidates for election to be held on April 21, 2009, to serve as trustee for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Erie County (Erie 1 BOCES), in a term beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.15 – 13.16 POLICY  
ADOPTION - #7242  
MILITARY  
RECRUITERS' ACCESS  
TO SECONDARY  
SCHOOL STUDENTS  
AND INFORMATION TO  
STUDENTS AND #8130  
EQUAL EDUCATIONAL  
OPPORTUNITIES

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Foley to adopt the policy #7242 Military Recruiters' Access to Secondary School Students and Information to Students and # 8130 Equal Educational Opportunities, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.17 BUDGET CALENDAR  
AMENDED

MOVED by Kless SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the amended 2009-2010 budget calendar, as submitted.

Mr. Myszka noted the budget adoption date was moved due to the uncertainty of the state budget and mentioned this calendar is used as a guide. Mr. Graber discussed the budget process and reiterated that all are welcome at the budget work sessions.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Schneggenburger commended Mr. Dixon for the work he has done with the Finance Academy, and spoke about a bank versus a credit union.

At 7:35 p.m. MOVED by Kless SECONDED by Foley to move into a budget work session.

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

Mr. Armstrong reviewed the special education program's proposed budget for the 2009-2010 school year which includes no new staffing. Mr. Armstrong discussed budget increases for the work study program, tuition for students who attend private day schools, physical therapy, and for education services for non-public schools. Mr. Armstrong spoke about a change in the law regarding students who attend non-public schools and that the district will now be liable for their services. Mr. Armstrong noted that a request for proposal for occupational therapy and physical therapy is in process. There is a limited amount of vendors for this proposal; it will go out to three vendors. Mr. Armstrong spoke about the number of student who were declassified over the past several years. Mr. Armstrong also spoke about increased physical therapy and why the need for it has increased over past years. A discussion took place regarding teacher aides and how they are placed among schools in the district. The board requested more information regarding teacher aides.

Mr. Schneggenburger asked about the number of students who receive special services and if teacher aides are full or part time. Mr. Armstrong said approximately 900 students receive special education services and there are 75 full-time teacher aides in the district. Mr. Armstrong noted the district is average or slightly below the state average on the percentage of special education students.

Dr. Valley, Mr. D'Arcy, Mr. Armstrong, and Mrs. Patricia Bruce, information manager, presented the proposed BOCES budget for the 2009-2010 school year. Dr. Valley began by noting the BOCES budget has been reduced by 1.51 percent over last year. Dr. Valley began by discussing reductions to the budget which include removing Classworks and canceling some subscriptions. Dr. Valley discussed the Hardware Software Committee and how requests are processed. Mr. D'Arcy explained that the employee handbook is going electronic to save money and spoke about the financial system conversion from FAME to WinCap, which is scheduled to go live on July 1, 2009. Dr. Valley discussed a rapid call system which is being investigated by the district to call everyone in the district if an emergency arises. Mrs. Bruce discussed charges by BOCES for senior level help desk services and for a level 2 technician who works in the district two days per week. A discussion took place about the alternative learning program, eSchool, and the Discovery Depot program. Mr. Armstrong explained the Governor's proposal regarding PreK for special needs children and how the school districts will have to fund 15 percent of the total cost.

At 8:32 p.m. MOVED by Foley SECONDED by MacKay to move to executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:                   6 Ayes                   0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**16.0 REGULAR SESSION**

At 9:20 p.m. MOVED by Kless SECONDED by Foley to move to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**17.0 ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:21 p.m. MOVED by Kless SECONDED by Ehrle to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk