

Board of Education
LANCASTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lancaster, New York

MINUTES

January 12, 2009

Regular Session

Court Street Elementary School, 91 Court 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.

The regular meeting of the board of education was called to order at 7:08 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 sailors, soldiers, police, firemen, and EMTs who protect us in the United States and abroad.

Mrs. Deborah Bojanowski welcomed everyone to the board meeting and then introduced Mrs. Karen Schanne, school and community social worker, and Mrs. Karen Overhoff, first grade teacher, who presented information on an after school Jr. Scrabble program. Mrs. Schanne talked about the students who stay after school for this fun, educational activity. Miss Jaclyn Hardy, a third grade teacher, spoke about the ways this activity enhances learning. Mrs. Overhoff explained how the Scrabble Club runs and Mrs. Benz, a parent, talked about the positive experience her child is having meeting friends and learning vocabulary words. Several students talked about the club and invited the board members to play a game with them. A Scrabble cake was presented to the board members along with certificates. Mrs. Bojanowski thanked the students, staff, and parents for attending the board meeting.

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 **JR. SCRABBLE
PRESENTATION**

Dr. Perini presented Mrs. Tracy Rabey, a counselor at the middle school, with a certificate for receiving tenure on December 11, 2008. Dr. Weidler presented Mrs. Amy Moberg, a third grade teacher at Hillview Elementary, with a certificate for receiving tenure on December 27, 2008.

4.2 TENURE PRESENTATION

Mr. Graber presented Dr. Casimino with a Developmental Achievement Citation for his participation in the New York State School Board Association's Leadership Development Program. This program was developed by NYSSBA to recognize the extensive time and effort required of school board members who strive to continually expand their governance knowledge and skills. Dr. Casimino completed 40 credits of NYSSBA's developmental events to qualify for this award.

4.3 DEVELOPMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT CITATION TO DR. JOSEPH CASIMINO

No one addressed the board at this time.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

A letter from the Depew-Lancaster Boys & Girls Club dated December 10 was presented to the board. The letter thanked the district for the donation of \$803.00 from the proceeds of the annual Turkey Bowl at Lancaster Middle School. Mr. Myszka, as a board member for the Boys & Girls Club, thanked Mr. Aaron Przykuta, a teacher at the middle school, for organizing this event and the students for their participation. A letter from the Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association (E-NSSA) dated December 11 was distributed to the board. The letter thanked the board of education for supporting the 29th annual Scholastic Achievement Recognition Dinner (SARD) with a contribution of \$500.00. A copy of the memorandum from Mr. Myszka that was sent the Ms. Robin Zahm, the Lancaster Central Teachers Association chief negotiator, was distributed to the board. The letter explained that the district prefers to commence negotiations in March 2009, instead of January 2009, as the association requested due to the budget crisis.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Maciejewski to accept the minutes from the regular session held on December 8, 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:

No items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

No items to report

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, congratulated Dr. Casimino on his achievements with NYSSBA, and wished everyone a happy new year.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No items to report.

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. Foley said he attended a seminar sponsored by the Erie County Association of School Boards with Mrs. MacKay, Mrs. Kless, Mr. Myszka, and Mr. D'Arcy. The seminar was about budgeting and was very informative. Mr. Graber mentioned that the annual legislative breakfast is

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

scheduled for February 7 at the Millennium Hotel. Mr. Maciejewski said he was encouraged from the meeting on January 5 by all who attended and shared their thoughts on how to handle the budget crisis and encouraged the public to attend the work sessions. Mr. Graber added that there are several work sessions scheduled and they are televised over Time Warner, listed on the district’s Website, or you can call the district office for a schedule. Mr. Graber noted that he received a message from Mr. Roy Schneggenburger regarding budget cuts. Mrs. MacKay said Freed Maxick & Battaglia will be conducting a risk assessment similar to last year.

Mr. Myszka began his report by saying he attended a holiday concert at the high school on December 14 which was fantastic. Mr. Myszka talked about the annual holiday program for families in need that was held at the Youth Bureau on December 17. Mr. Myszka said he attended several workshops on how to handle tough economic times. Mr. Myszka said that he and Dr. Valley visit classrooms throughout the district periodically and it is all about educating the children. Mr. Myszka noted his goal through this fiscal crisis is to maintain programs.

No old business was discussed.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Casimino to approve the personnel changes for the period ending January 12, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to approve the recommendation that Mrs. Jacqueline Clinard and Mrs. Jacqueline Bull be appointed as co-acting principals at the William Street School effective February 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009, with a stipend of \$1000.00 each per month, as submitted.

Mr. Graber noted that Mrs. Karen MacGamwell, principal of William Street, is retiring on February 1, 2009.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

10.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS

12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

12.12 CO-ACTING PRINCIPALS AT WILLIAM STREET SCHOOL

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS

12.21 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION 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: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS

13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.12 BUDGET AMENDMENT – SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE - APPROVED

MOVED by Foley SECONDED by MacKay to approve the budget increase as listed in the expenses for the bus purchase, as submitted.

Mr. Myszka explained the bus reserve fund and the process for purchasing buses.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 2009-2010 CLASSIFIED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - APPROVED

MOVED by Kless SECONDED by Foley to approve the 2009-2010 classified staff holiday schedule, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.14 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR - APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to approve the 2009-2010 school calendar, as submitted.

Mr. Myszka noted that school will begin before Labor Day in September 2009 to meet the 188 day requirement.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.15 CONTRACT – FREED MAXICK & BATTAGLIA - APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the contract between the district and Freed Maxick & Battaglia for their fees to perform the required annual risk assessment audit for the 2008-2009 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.16 HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACT – ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the contract between the district and the Orchard Park Central 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.

13.17 FOOD SERVICE
OPERATING REPORT –
APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.18 POLICY 1ST READING -
#8130 EQUAL
EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES

A copy of policy #8130 Equal Educational Opportunities was submitted to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the January 26 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

13.19 POLICY ADOPTION -
#6213.1 DISCIPLINING
OF A TENURED
TEACHER OR
CERTIFIED
PERSONNEL

MOVED by Foley SECONDED by Ehrle to adopt the policy #6213.1 Disciplining of a Tenured Teacher or Certified Personnel, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.20 POLICY ADOPTION -
#7133 EDUCATION OF
HOMELESS CHILDREN
AND YOUTH

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Maciejewski to adopt the policy #7133 Education of Homeless Children and Youth, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 1 Nays (Kless)

MOTION APPROVED.

13.21 POLICY 1ST READING -
#7242 MILITARY
RECRUITERS' ACCESS
TO SECONDARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS
AND INFORMATION ON
STUDENTS

A copy of policy #7242 Military Recruiters' Access to Secondary School Students and Information on Students was submitted to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the January 26 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Maciejewski requested some budget information. Mrs. Bojanowski noted she was called out for a moment during the meeting and as the Lancaster Administrative Supervisory Association representative she congratulated Mr. Myszka and the board of education on appointing the co-principals at William Street School.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 8:01 p.m. MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.
