

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

**MINUTES**

January 24, 2011

Regular Session

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

Marie MacKay, President	Brenda Christopher, Trustee
Joseph Maciejewski, Vice President	Kenneth Graber, Trustee
Wendy Buchert, Trustee	David Zalenski, Trustee
Joseph Casimino, EdD, Trustee	

Michael Vallely, PhD, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Pupil Services

Jamie Phillips, Asst. 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

Edward J. Myszka, Superintendent of Schools - Excused

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.

Dr. Perini presented Miss Lynne Bona, a music teacher at the high school, with a certificate for receiving tenure.

Mr. John Armstrong presented a certificate to Miss Kathleen Gibbs, a science teacher at the high school and a home teacher, for a letter received from a family in the district who was impressed with her exemplary effort as a home teacher.

Dr. Perini spoke about different opportunities available for the students at the Lancaster High School. She then introduced Mrs. Theresa Adamec, assistant principal, who spoke about the Response to Intervention (RTI) program and how students at-risk of dropping out are being helped. Mrs. Adamec then introduced Mr. Cesar Marchioli, assistant principal, who spoke about NovaNet, an on-line credit recovery program, which helps students that failed a course regain credit. Mr. Marchioli then introduced Mr. John Bender, assistant principal, who spoke about the Alternative Evening Program

**MEETING DATE**

**KIND**

**PLACE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS**

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EXCUSED**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**
- 2.0 **PLEDGE TO FLAG**
- 3.0 **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- 4.0 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 4.1 **TENURE PRESENTATION**

- 4.2 **TEACHER RECOGNITION –  
MISS KATHLEEN GIBBS**

- 4.3 **LANCASTER HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENT  
SUCCESS**

scheduled to begin on January 31, 2011. Mr. Bender said the goals of these types of programs are to help at-risk students to graduate and be successful.

Mr. David Penn, 13028 Steiner Road, Akron, a math teacher at the middle school, spoke about the LCTA contract.

Mrs. Teresa Wolf, 5491 Martha’s Vineyard, Clarence Center, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at William Street School, spoke about teacher annual professional performance reviews (APPR).

Mrs. Shannon Skowron, 6136 Briarwood Dr. South, East Amherst, a science teacher at the high school, spoke about teacher APPRs and state deadlines.

Mr. John Shear, 256 Heather Hill Drive, West Seneca, a social worker in the district, spoke about teacher APPRs.

Mr. Kyle Doody, 25 Sunset Drive, a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Hillview Elementary School, spoke about teacher APPRs.

Mrs. Amanda Shamrock, 127 Central Boulevard, Cheektowaga, a music teacher at Hillview Elementary School, spoke about teacher APPRs.

Mrs. Mary Szatkowski, 387 Schwartz Road, a special education teacher at William Street School, spoke about teacher APPRs.

No correspondence was received.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to accept the minutes from the regular session held on January 10, 2011, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

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

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Eric Przykuta, president, said the LCTA is committed to a fair and equitable contract and encouraged administration to work with them.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

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

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one was present to report.

Mr. Graber said he attended a delegate assembly meeting of the Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB) on January 13. Mr. Graber enrolled in a volunteer reading program and read to a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at John A. Sciole Elementary on January 24.

Mr. Zalenski attended a legislative team committee meeting of the ECASB on January 13. Mr. Zalenski announced ECASB’s annual legislative

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

9.1 BOARD REPORTS

breakfast on February 12, 2011. Mr. Zalenski also said he attended a Channel 17 forum panel regarding the status of the Race to the Top grant.

Mr. Maciejewski reminded everyone about the budget advisory committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 7pm, at William Street School.

Mr. Zalenski and Mrs. Buchert spoke about the status of the board’s goal on communication.

Dr. Valley outlined some items on Mr. Myszka’s administrative report beginning with announcing the budget advisory committee meeting scheduled for January 26, 2011 at William Street School. Dr. Valley also talked about the anticipation of Governor Andrew Cuomo’s state budget.

Mr. Graber added that he attended a meeting of the Lancaster Educational and Alumni Foundation on January 18 and announced the next meeting on February 15, at 7pm, at the district office.

Mrs. Christopher requested updated information regarding a floor hockey accident at the high school.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Christopher to approve the personnel changes for the period ending January 24, 2011, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Casimino to approve recommendations of the committee on special education, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to approve recommendations of the committee on preschool special education, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to approve the financial reports, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

9.2 UPDATE ON BOARD GOALS – MR. DAVID ZALENSKI AND MRS. WENDY BUCHERT

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 SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

12.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS  
13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

**13.12 FOOD SERVICE  
OPERATING REPORT –  
APPROVED**

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Casimino to approve the food service department operating report for November, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**13.13 & 13.14 CONTRACTS:  
WEST SENECA  
CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT AND  
CLARENCE CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MOVED by Christopher SECONDED by Buchert to approve the contract between the district and the West Seneca Central School District and the contract between the district and the Clarence Central School District for health and welfare services provided during the 2010-2011 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**13.15 DECLARE EQUIPMENT  
SURPLUS**

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Zalenski to declare the attached listings of equipment as surplus and prepare for sale through a public offering, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**14.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

Mrs. Ursula Lundgard, a social studies teacher at the high school, spoke about LCTA contract negotiations.

Mr. Doug Pane, 2 Ashford, spoke about LCTA contract negotiations.

Mr. Brett Miller, 5636 Broadway, an art teacher at the high school, spoke about LCTA contract negotiations.

Mr. Maciejewski spoke about the APPR process.

Mrs. Carrie Zerkowski, 32 Quail Run Lane, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at William Street, spoke about her family and the LCTA contract.

Mrs. Lynn Fisher, 2130 Two Rod Road, Marilla, a business teacher at the high school, spoke about LCTA negotiations.

**15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:17pm MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Buchert to move to executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**REGULAR SESSION**

At 9:52pm MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

At 9:53pm MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Christopher to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:            7 Ayes            0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk