

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

**MINUTES**

January 25, 2010

Regular Session

William Street School, 5201 William Street, Lancaster, New York

Marie MacKay, President

Joseph Maciejewski, Vice President

Wendy Buchert, Trustee

Joseph Casimino, EdD, Trustee

David Ehrle, Trustee

Kenneth Graber, Trustee

David Zalenski, Trustee

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.

Academy of Finance Director, Mr. Scott Dixon, introduced himself and Class of 2010 students, Amanda Fleck and Laurie Plewinski. Mr. Dixon explained the opportunities of the finance academy and how Lancaster is leading educational reform. Mr. Dixon shared an informational video with the board. The students spoke about their experiences with the academy and how they are prepared for their futures in college and beyond.

Mr. Doug Schaefer of Mach Architecture + Engineering PC, updated the board on the status of the current capital project.

No one addressed the board at this time.

A letter from the Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association dated January 13, 2010 was shared with members of the board.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to accept the minutes from the regular session held on January 11, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

**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 **PRESENTATION**
- 4.1 **ACADEMY OF FINANCE –  
LEADING EDUCATION  
REFORM**

- 4.2 **BOND ISSUE UPDATE**

- 5.0 **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 6.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7.0 **MEETING MINUTES  
APPROVED**

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Jacqueline Bull, principal of William Street School, had no items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mrs. Ursula Lundgard, vice president, expressed her feelings about the unresolved labor agreement.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

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

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

Dr. Casimino said he attended the arts academy recital on January 13. Mr. Zalenski attended the Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB) legislative team meeting on January 21 and discussed the plans for the legislative breakfast that is scheduled for February 6. Mr. Zalenski and Mrs. Buchert attended a general meeting of the ECASB and said all board of education members were asked to join Facebook as a means of communication. Mrs. Buchert also noted that New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) has a Facebook page which is open to the public. Mrs. Buchert, Mr. Zalenski, Mrs. MacKay, and Dr. Valley attended a Nuts & Bolts seminar sponsored by the ECASB where they discussed budget planning for the upcoming year. Mr. Graber invited members of the community to attend the board work sessions and spoke about the importance of these meetings. Mrs. MacKay said she attended a food service committee meeting on January 16. The committee discussed student charges and the status of the department at this time.

Mr. Myszka began his report saying he attended the law conference sponsored by Hodgson Russ LLP on January 15. Mr. Myszka spoke about one of the sessions he attended regarding teachers and social networking. Mr. Myszka talked about an article that was printed in the *Buffalo News* on January 22, about a former student who passed away. Mr. Myszka spoke about the services offered through the district and the proactive approach the district takes regarding substance abuse. Mr. Myszka said the governor released the state budget today and asked Mr. Getter to explain. Mr. Getter said the numbers and formulas are still under review but the district is expecting a \$4 million shortfall in state aid and even more in the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Myszka said with the uncertainty of the state budget, the district will have to make assumptions and ask the community for support. Mr. Myszka said the town assessor will attend the next board meeting to explain the property revaluation process. Mrs. MacKay said the first budget work session is scheduled for February 1 at 7pm at the district office and the public is welcome.

No old business was discussed.

**8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS**

**9.0 BOARD REPORTS**

**10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT**

**11.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**12.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS**

**12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES**

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the personnel changes, for the period ending January 25, 2010, 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 Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to approve recommendations of the 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 Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve recommendations of the committee on preschool special education, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

12.23 TEXT BOOK APPROVAL: CULINARY ESSENTIALS

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the textbook, *Culinary Essentials*, by Johnson and Wales University, to be utilized in the district’s hospitality and tourism courses, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

12.24 TEXT BOOK APPROVAL: ASÍ SE DICE

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the textbook, *Así se dice*, by Glencoe, to be utilized in the district’s Spanish courses, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS

13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

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

13.12 AUTHORIZATION OF DUTIES TO BETH ULBRICH

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the authorization of Mrs. Beth Ulbrich as deputy treasurer, as a designated signatory on all school district checks with a signature plate, and appoint as central treasurer for the extra-class activity accounts, effective December 29, 2009, for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 POLICY 2<sup>ND</sup> READING - #5574 MEDICAID COMPLIANCE PROGRAM POLICY

A copy of policy #5574 Medicaid Compliance Program Policy was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the February 8 agenda for adoption.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to approve the bid results for Project Lead the Way, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.14 PROJECT LEAD THE WAY BIDS - APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.15 HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACT – WEST SENECA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.16 HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACT – IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and State Aid Specialists, LLC to review various state aid documents to verify the district is receiving the maximum state aid possible at 13 percent of the amount received in excess of previously filed reports, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.17 CONTRACT APPROVAL – SCHOOL AID SPECIALISTS, LLC

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to approve the removal of Key Bank as a designated depository for district funds, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.18 REMOVE AS DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY – KEY BANK

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Graber to approve the food service department operating report for November, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.19 FOOD SERVICE OPERATING REPORT – APPROVED

Mr. Lee Chowanec, 93 Northwood Drive, addressed the board regarding state aid figures, work sessions conflicting with town board meetings, the status of the teacher’s contract, and asked the board to keep the residents in mind when developing a fair and equitable budget.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:42pm MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to move into executive session to discuss negotiations.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

REGULAR SESSION

At 9:49pm MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50pm MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Graber to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk