

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

MINUTES

June 1, 2009

Regular Session

Lancaster High School, One Forton Drive, Lancaster

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

Richard Foley, Trustee
Joseph Maciejewski, Trustee
Marie MacKay, Trustee

Mary Kless, 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 7:01pm 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, soldiers, sailors, and all who protect our freedom. President Graber noted that Mrs. Noreen Jakubik, a retired bus driver for the district, passed away on May 25 and Ms. Kazimiera Zangel, a retired food service worker, passed away on April 18.

Mrs. Jacqueline Bull, co-principal of William Street School welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mrs. Bull discussed the structure and goals of the Math Olympiads program at William Street School. Mr. Graber and Mr. Ehrle presented certificates to the top 16 participants in the program. Mrs. Bull congratulated two students who were accepted into the University of Buffalo Gifted Math Program. Board members were then asked to participate in a Math Olympiad exercise and were presented with certificates. Mrs. Bull thanked the parents, teachers, and students for their enthusiasm and participation in the Math Olympiads program.

Mr. Graber thanked Mrs. Bull and Mrs. Clinard. Mr. Graber also noted that Mrs. Kless is excused from the meeting and he congratulated newly elected board members Mr. David Zalenski and Mrs. Wendy Buchert.

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**
- 4.1 **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Mr. Roy Schneggenburger, 87 Stony Road, spoke about D-Day, freedom in America, and the Participation in Government classes at the high school.

Mr. Graber spoke about the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) annual convention that takes place in New York City from October 15 through October 18. Mr. Graber received a letter from Ms. Linda Hoffman, the NYSSBA District 1 representative, asking for support of her candidacy for a seat on the NYSSBA board. Mr. Graber said the Erie County School Board Association's (ECASB) annual dinner is scheduled for June 11. Mr. Graber received information about the Go Green Team 2009 at the William Street School and spoke about some of the go green activities taking place at the school. Mr. Graber thanked the teachers and staff at the William Street School for their efforts.

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by MacKay to accept the minutes from the annual budget hearing held on May 11, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Foley to accept the minutes from the regular session held on May 11, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Maciejewski to accept the minutes from the annual budget/proposition/trustee vote held on May 19, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Jacqueline Clinard, principal of William Street School, thanked the board for supporting the students.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

No one present to report.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 marching band banquet at the high school. Dr. Casimino said it was well-attended and represented the school well. Mr. Graber also mentioned that he and Mr. Myszka also attended the banquet. Mr. Graber said he attended the Students Annual Recognition Dinner (SARD) sponsored by the ECASB.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7.1 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

7.2 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

7.3 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S
ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT

Mr. Myszka began his report by talking about the SARD dinner that took place on May 21. Mr. Myszka noted he attended with Mr. Graber and Mr. Daniel Paveljack, principal of the high school, along with students, Andrew Chaves, Braden Czapl, and Derek Jansma. Mr. Myszka said the insurance committee met on May 26 where they discussed options for health insurance coverage for the next year and beyond. Mr. Myszka, Dr. Valley, Mrs. Mary Cesarz RN, the district's lead nurse, Mr. Weist, and Mrs. Burgio participated in a conference call with Dr. Billittier of the Erie County Department of Health regarding the status of the Influenza A H1N1 virus. The Department of Health shared recommendations to avoid the spread of this virus. Mr. Myszka mentioned there were two cases confirmed in the district. Mr. Myszka said the screening committee narrowed their search to three candidates for the principal position at the William Street School and he planned to present his recommendation to the board at the June 22 meeting. Mr. Myszka spoke about the NYSSBA convention and said two teachers, Ms. Rose Monterosso and Ms. Dana Breidenstein were asked to present on the topic of Responsive Classroom. Mrs. Tracie Lopardi, Esq., attorney for the school district, will also participate in this presentation. Mr. Myszka said these teachers will receive statewide recognition at the convention in New York City. Dr. Valley spoke about the recent test scores released by the New York State Education Department and said they are the best in the district's history. Math scores in grades 3 through 8 were highest in district history and the ELA scores in grade 8 are number one in Western New York. Dr. Valley congratulated the teachers, administrators, and students for doing a phenomenal job and noted that all the rankings are going up. Mr. Graber thanked everyone for the team effort and said the community should be aware of these achievements.

Information was given to the board regarding the establishment of a girls hockey league with other schools throughout the area for implementation in the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Myszka will follow-up with Mr. Jankiewicz, athletic director, to see if there is enough interest to form a league.

Mr. Graber scheduled a work session after the regular session on June 22 to discuss board assignments for next year. Mr. Graber noted appointments for the different positions take place at the reorganizational meeting on July 6.

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the personnel changes for the period ending June 1, 2009 with the addendum, as submitted.
 VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
 MOTION APPROVED.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS
 11.1 RECOMMENDATION FOR
GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

12.0 NEW BUSINESS
 12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS
 12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS

12.21 COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL EDUCATION
APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Maciejewski 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 Casimino 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 UNIVERSAL
PREKINDERGARTEN
PROGRAM

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the YMCA and Carousel Nursery School to provide services for the Universal PreK program for the 2009-2010 school year, as submitted. The YMCA will accommodate 108 students at a projected cost of \$227,036 and Carousel will accommodate 40 students at a projected cost of \$77,000. Mrs. Deanna LaDuca, owner, spoke about Carousel and how they prepare 4-year olds for kindergarten. Mrs. LaDuca also mentioned that they offered two scholarships this year to former graduates of Carousel Nursery School.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL
ITEMS

13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS
APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.12 FOOD SERVICE
OPERATING REPORT –
APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the food service department operating report for April, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 VOTING STATISTICS

Statistics from the annual budget vote that took place on May 19, 2009 were distributed to the board.

13.14 HEALTH AND WELFARE
SERVICES CONTRACT –
BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT - APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to approve the contract between the district and the Buffalo City 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.

A copy of the 2009-2010 board of education meetings schedule was submitted to the board for review and discussion.

Mr. Myszka thanked Mrs. Brenda Chmura, assistant director of special education, for her years of service and wished her well as she accepted a position as Director of Special Education in the North Collins school district.

Mr. Roy Schneggenburger, 87 Stony Road, commended the district on academics, asked about the vendors who applied for the PreK program, and spoke about the Relay for Life scheduled for June 6, 2009.

Mr. Myszka noted the Relay for Life is a walk-a-thon taking place at the high school track to raise money to fight cancer.

At 8:11pm MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to move to executive session to discuss the superintendent's evaluation and negotiations.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

At 9:40pm MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by MacKay to reconvene regular session.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

At 9:41pm MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to adjourn the regular session.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

16.0 REGULAR SESSION

17.0 ADJOURNMENT