

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

MINUTES

June 22, 2009

Regular Session

J. Norman Hayes Administration Building, 177 Central Avenue, 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 7:00pm 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 the school resource officers who keep us safe and help us enjoy life in Western New York.

Mr. Graber presented Mr. John Simme, district messenger, with a certificate of excellence for his years of service to the district. Mr. Graber noted Mr. Simme is retiring and was a fantastic help to the district.

Mrs. Kathleen Knauth, principal of Hillview Elementary School, introduced Ms. Lynn Hrusa, an art teacher at Hillview. Mrs. Hrusa spoke about a poster contest sponsored by Buffalo for Africa with the theme of "Making a Difference in our World". Cameron Chomen, a third grade student at Hillview, won first place for his poster. Mr. Graber mentioned that Cameron was honored at the Erie County Association of School Boards annual dinner and presented him with a certificate of excellence.

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 **RECOGNITION – MR.
JOHN SIMME – DISTRICT
MESSENGER**

- 4.2 **RECOGNITION – MR.
CAMERON CHOMEN –
HILLVIEW STUDENT**

- 4.3 **RECOGNITION – MS.
MELISSA KURZDORFER**

Mr. Len Jankiewicz, athletic director, and Mr. Chuck Friedmann, track coach, spoke about the accomplishments of Melissa Kurzdorfer, a junior at the high school, and presented her with a certificate of excellence.

4.4 NYSSBA AWARDS

Dr. Perini, Mr. Gary Lee, music teacher at the high school, and Mr. Kenneth Kowalski, music teacher at the middle school, presented the following students with certificates of excellence: Christopher Sendziak, Amanda Nassar, Angela Koeth, Elizabeth Benz, and Sean Hruby. Dr. Perini also announced several band awards won this year.

4.5 RECOGNITION – RELAY FOR LIFE

Mr. Graber presented Ms. Karen Berger, an English teacher at the high school, and Ms. Brittany Haensly, a 12th grade student at the high school, certificates of excellence for their participation in planning the Relay for Life at the high school on June 6 and 7. Ms. Berger explained the Relay and noted they raised \$35,000 for cancer research. Ms. Haensly presented Mr. Myszka with a CD and a t-shirt from the event.

4.6 RECOGNITION – MS. REGINA RIPPER

Mr. Kowalski and Mrs. Sarah Gembar, director of the middle school marching band, presented Ms. Regina Ripper with a certificate of excellence for 18 years of volunteer service taking care of the uniforms. Mr. Kowalski and Mrs. Gembar spoke about her years of selfless giving and how much the marching bands have appreciated her dedication. Amanda Scranton, a marching band student, presented Ms. Ripper with a bouquet of flowers.

4.7 RECOGNITION – MR. DAVID EHRLE AND MRS. MARY KLESS

Mr. Graber thanked Mr. Ehrle and Mrs. Kless for their years of service on the board of education. Mr. Graber noted these are volunteer positions, and he appreciated that Mr. Ehrle and Mrs. Kless took time away from their families to do this and presented them with a small token of appreciation. Mr. Ehrle and Mrs. Kless thanked the board of education, the district's administrators, teachers, and support staff for their hard work.

4.8 PRESENTATION – BOND ISSUE UPDATE

Mr. Douglas Schaefer, from MACH Architecture + Engineering, P.C., presented the board with information on the district's bond issue. Mr. Schaefer noted the roof installations at the middle school, John A. Sciole Elementary, and Como Park School have been completed. Mr. Schaefer also noted the summer work scheduled for the high school, middle school, J. A. Sciole, Hillview, Court Street and Como Park are all on schedule.

Mr. Graber asked if there were any objections to moving item 13.20 out of order and there were none.

13.20 BOND ISSUE CHANGE ORDER – NETH & SON, INC.

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Kless to approve the change order R-001, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Mark Lawniczak, clerk of the works, presented the board with an update on the status of the work being done throughout the district under the bond issue.

Mr. Graber spoke about Mr. Roy Schneggenburger, a resident, who carried the flag during the Relay for Life.

Information was given to the board regarding insurance coverage of an accident that occurred in one of the district’s buildings. Mr. Graber said he received information from the National School Boards Association. Mr. Graber said he received a thank-you from Ms. Maria Vilardo, a mini-grant recipient. Mr. Graber received information from the Western New York Educational Service Council regarding their annual law conference scheduled for August 5.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to accept the minutes from the regular session held on June 1, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Deborah Bojanowski, principal of Court Street School, thanked the board and administration for recognizing the student’s accomplishments and noted she is honored by the presence of Mrs. Karen MacGamwell, former principal at William Street School. Mrs. Bojanowski also welcomed Mr. David Zalenski and Mrs. Wendy Buchert, newly-elected board members.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

No one present to report.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, thanked Mr. Ehrle and Mrs. Kless for their years of service and wished them the best.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

Mrs. Kless attended the F.I.T. program on June 15 at the field house. Mrs. MacKay said she attended a food service committee meeting on June 10. Mrs. MacKay said the committee discussed some new policies they would like to implement and said that the food service department did make a profit this year. Mr. Graber attended senior recognition at the high school on June 8. Mr. Graber also attended the breakfasts in Lancaster and in Depew sponsored by the Rotary Club. Dr. Casimino said he attended the marching band banquet.

Mr. Myszka began by saying he met with the LCTA negotiating team on June 8 and shared the district’s proposals and that the LCTA canceled the session scheduled for June 15. Mr. Myszka noted this was the second time the LCTA canceled a meeting. Mr. Myszka said he and Dr. Valley interviewed the finalists for the principal position at the William Street

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7.1 MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S

ADMINISTRATIVE

REPORT

School and his recommendation is on the agenda. Mr. Myszka said he attended a superintendent’s meeting on June 11 where they discussed the feasibility of having Section VI girls hockey for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Myszka expressed a desire that club hockey be initiated first with a walk-in to Section VI similar to how the boys hockey was handled. Mr. Myszka said a labor/management insurance committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 29, with our consultant to discuss options for next year. Mr. Myszka was advised by Independent Health that premiums will rise from 21 to 45 percent. The committee will work on cost avoidance and to maintain coverage.

A draft of the 2009-2010 board of education meetings schedule was distributed to the board for review. Mr. Graber noted the reorganizational meeting was changed to July 12, 2010 because the town board meetings take place on the first and third Mondays of each month. This schedule will be placed on the reorganizational meeting agenda for approval.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to approve the appointment of Jacqueline Bull as principal (K-6) effective July 1, 2009, at an annual salary of \$90,000 inclusive of the Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association longevity, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Kless to approve the tenure appointments on the effective dates, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Foley to approve the tenure of Michael Cornell as assistant principal effective August 21, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the tenure of Dr. Michael Vallely as assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction, and pupil personnel services, effective September 1, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS
11.1 2009-2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

12.0 NEW BUSINESS
12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS
12.11 PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT AT WILLIAM STREET SCHOOL

12.12 TENURE APPOINTMENTS

12.13 TENURE APPOINTMENT – MICHAEL CORNELL

12.14 TENURE APPOINTMENT – MICHAEL J. VALLELY, PH.D.

12.15 SUPERINTENDENT’S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Kless to approve the amendment to the contract of employment between the Board of Education and Edward J. Myszka, as presented to the Board of Education.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.16 PERSONNEL CHANGES

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to approve the personnel changes for the period ending June 22, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.17 AND 12.18 TEACHERS ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT – LEN JANKIEWICZ & HEIDI CHAVES

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to vote on item 12.17 and 12.18 together.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Foley that consistent with the new regulations adopted by the Board of Regents and the collective bargaining agreement between the Lancaster Central Teachers Association and the Superintendent of Schools, the district confirms and reauthorizes Mr. Jankiewicz’ status and role as Athletic Director and in so doing, confirms his tenured status as General Academic teacher with 29 years seniority credit and that his continued role as Athletic Director shall not be additive to nor in any manner diminish this service credit and authorizes Mrs. Chaves to continue serving and be assigned to the instructional support service role of Technology Curriculum Mentor and in so doing confirms her tenured status granted September 1988, and initiates seniority credit, additive to her 2004 level of service (17 years 201 days) in the elementary education tenure area for which she is duly certified from July 1, 2009 forward, 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 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.

12.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 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 May, 2009, as submitted.

Mr. Graber noted the prices will not have to be raised for next year. Mrs. MacKay talked about the district using the food service department for different events throughout the year such as PTO events. A conversation took place about the card system and how well it worked out this year.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 2009-10 FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET - APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Kless to approve the 2009-10 food service department budget, as submitted.

It was noted the food service budget is separate from the general budget but the district maintains control. It was also noted that the food service department receives no taxpayer subsidy.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.14 PAYMENT OF ALL BILLS RECEIVED TO 6/30/09- APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Kless to approve payment of all bills received and verified to June 30, 2009, and to authorize budget transfers as necessary to keep accounting records clear of deficits, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.15 PROJECT LEAD THE WAY BID PARTICIPATION

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by MacKay to approve the district's participation in the Monroe-2 Orleans BOCES cooperative bid process for computers, software, technology engineering equipment and supplies for Project Lead the Way for the 2009-2010 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.16 DISTRICT CREDIT CARD USAGE – REVIEW – INFORMATION ONLY

Mr. D'Arcy submitted a report to the board regarding the usage of district credit cards for the period beginning December 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009. Mr. D'Arcy reviewed the usage of the credit cards and found no problems or discrepancies.

13.17 CREATION OF RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE FUND - APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Ehrle to establish a retirement contribution reserve fund and operate pursuant to Section 6-r of the New

York State Education Law and which shall be used for the purpose of financing retirement contributions, as submitted.

Mr. Myszka explained that this reserve is for the employee’s retirement system, not the teachers, and rates are projected to escalate between 2 and 3 percent. Mr. Myszka said this reserve fund does not require taxpayer approval and approximately \$200,000 will be placed in it.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.18 ERS STANDARD WORK HOURS

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to approve the schedule of our district’s labor classifications along with their corresponding standard hours as required by the NYS Employee Retirement System (ERS), as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.19 BID AWARD – WASTE REMOVAL

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the recommended bid award for waste removal to Waste Management of New York, LLC in the estimated annual amount of \$40,661.28, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.20 CONTRACT – OMNI FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to approve the renewal agreement between the district and OMNI Financial Group, Inc., as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Phil Ippolito, a Lancaster resident, spoke about the bid for garbage and refuse removal.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:23pm MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by MacKay to move to executive session to discuss negotiations and a personnel matter.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 WORK SESSION

At 9:25pm MOVED by Foley SECONDED by MacKay to move to a work session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

A discussion took place regarding the board’s positions for the 2009-2010 school year. The following members are interest in the following positions:

President – Dr. Casimino and Mrs. MacKay

Vice President – Mr. Maciejewski

NYSSBA Voting Delegate – Mrs. Buchert, Alternate – Mr. Zalenski

Budget and Finance – Dr. Casimino, Alternate – Mr. Graber

Delegate Assembly – Mr. Graber, Alternate – Mr. Foley

Legislative Team – Mr. Zalenski, Alternate - Mr. Maciejewski

Audit Committee – Chairperson – Mrs. MacKay, Mr. Maciejewski, Mr. Foley

Lancaster Development – It was agreed upon that the district will not have a representative.

Mr. Graber noted that Ms. Linda Hoffman, from Springville, is interested in representing NYSSBA as the District 1 representative and wants the district to nominate her.

A conversation took place regarding the position as president of the board and Dr. Casimino and Mrs. MacKay spoke about their qualifications.

At 10:00pm MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to adjourn the regular session.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk