

Board of Education
LANCASTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lancaster, New York

MINUTES

June 7, 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

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 8:06pm by President MacKay. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mrs. MacKay asked for a moment of silence for individual reflection.

Dr. Weidler presented Mrs. Andrea Johnson, a teacher at Hillview Elementary School, with a certificate for receiving tenure on June 5, 2010.

Dr. Perini introduced Ms. Kathleen Wilson, family and consumer science teacher at the high school, who spoke in detail about the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism and the articulation agreement with Russell J. Salvatore School of Hospitality and Business at Trocaire College.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the articulation agreement with Trocaire College, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

No one addressed the board at this time.

A letter from the American Red Cross, dated May 14, 2010, was distributed to members of the board.

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 **TENURE PRESENTATION**

- 4.2 **TROCAIRE COLLEGE
ARTICULATION
AGREEMENT**

- 5.0 **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 6.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**
- 6.1 **LETTER FROM THE
AMERICAN RED CROSS**

- 6.3 **LETTER FROM THE
LANCASTER**

A letter from the Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers, received on June 3, 2010, was distributed to members of the board.

7.0 MEETING MINUTE
APPROVAL
7.1 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED – MAY 10, 2010

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Graber to accept the minutes from the annual budget hearing held on May 10, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

7.2 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED – MAY 10, 2010

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to accept the minutes from the regular session held on May 10, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

7.3 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED – MAY 18, 2010

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Zalenski to accept the minutes from the annual budget/proposition/trustee vote held on May 18, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mrs. MacKay congratulated Mrs. Christopher on her election to the board, and to Mr. Graber and Dr. Casimino on their reelection. Mrs. MacKay also thanked the community, LCTA members, and trustees of the board for their help in passing the budget.

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Deborah Bojanowski, principal of the Court Street Elementary School, invited everyone to attend a retirement party honoring Mr. Dennis Weist, superintendent of buildings and grounds and Mrs. Pat Comerford-Haley, principal of Central Avenue Elementary School, both retiring in June.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Eric Przykuta, president, thanked the public for passing the budget.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, congratulated Mrs. Christopher, Mr. Graber, and Dr. Casimino on their election to the board of education.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Graber said he attended the Lancaster Youth Bureau's celebration of 40 years of serving the children, youth, and families in the Lancaster community. Mr. Graber spoke about the Lancaster Educational and Alumni Foundation and said he received approval from the State Education Department. The foundation will provide funds for programs the district can no longer afford.

Mr. Zalenski thanked the community and the LCTA for their help in passing the budget. Mr. Zalenski spoke about the plans of the Erie County School Boards legislative team to speak to assemblymen and senators requesting support for school districts.

Mr. Maciejewski spoke about all the bargaining units helping and working together to pass the budget. Mr. Maciejewski said he attended the Relay for Life at the high school.

Dr. Casimino thanked everyone for their help in passing the budget and said many districts proved the governor wrong. Dr. Casimino said people in New York State value education and they understand the price they pay for it is well worth it.

Mr. Graber said the Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra (CKSO) performed at a fundraiser for the Lancaster Opera House on May 28 and he thanked Mr. Ken Kowalski and the students.

Mrs. MacKay said she attended an insurance committee meeting on May 12 where they discussed the district's medical insurance plan. Mrs. MacKay said she attended the leadership banquet on May 16 and the marching band banquet on May 19. Mrs. MacKay also spoke about the Scholastic Achievement Recognition Dinner she attended on May 20. Mrs. MacKay said she was honored to sit with the top students from our district.

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S
ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT

Mr. Myszka began his report by thanking the board of education and the community for their support in passing the budget. Mr. Myszka also congratulated Mrs. Christopher, Mr. Graber and Dr. Casimino. Mr. Myszka spoke about the PTO meetings, the Home School Association meeting, and the Rotary Club meeting he attended to speak about the importance of passing the budget. Mr. Myszka said he attended the 2010 Erie-Niagara Scholastic Achievement Recognition Dinner on May 20 with Mrs. MacKay, Mr. Paveljack, and students, Matthew Loecher, Chelsea Recor, and Cory Davis. Mr. Myszka said the following students were honored on May 20, 2010 at the Youth Bureau's 2010 Hall of Fame: Alyssa Billittier, Andrea Billittier, Nicholas Buscaglia, Ariel Centinello, Christopher Giza, Heidi Hammer, Samantha Mercuri, Courtney Schupp, Noel Smith, Caressa Trueman, and Marisa Vero. Mr. Myszka said *Business First* is due out Friday, June 11. Mr. Myszka said the district was rated #1 in administrative efficiency. Mr. Myszka spoke about the Art Alive program that was held at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery and commended Mrs. Nancy Mariani, art chairperson, and her staff. Mr. Przykuta requested the district review Part A of the retirement incentive passed by legislation and signed into law by the governor. Mr. Myszka agreed to review it when the costs are received and will make a decision based on financial consideration.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. MacKay said the Western New York Educational Service Council's annual law conference is scheduled for August 4, 2010.

Mr. Zalenski spoke about the girls hockey jerseys.

- 12.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS
- 12.11 TENURE APPOINTMENT
- THERESA ADAMEC

Dr. Vallely spoke about the excellent qualifications of Mrs. Adamec and congratulated her on being recommended for tenure in Lancaster.

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the tenure of Theresa Adamec as assistant principal effective July 10, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Dr. Vallely spoke about the accomplishments of Dr. Sarah Weidler, Dr. Marie Perini, and Mrs. Michele Ziegler over the past three years. Dr. Vallely said that these three leaders are reliable, effective, thorough, and professional. As valuable members of the curriculum office team, Dr. Vallely said he is pleased to recommend them for tenure in the district.

- 12.12 TENURE APPOINTMENT
- MARIE PERINI

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the tenure of Dr. Marie Perini, Ed.D., as director of secondary education (7-12), effective on September 20, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

- 12.13 TENURE APPOINTMENT
- SARAH WEIDLER

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to approve the tenure of Dr. Sarah Weidler, Ph.D., as director of elementary education (K-6), effective on September 1, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

- 12.14 TENURE APPOINTMENT
- MICHELE ZIEGLER

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the tenure of Michele Ziegler, as director of instructional technology services and accountability (K-12), effective on September 1, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

- 12.15 TENURE
APPOINTMENTS

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to approve teacher tenure appointments on the effective dates, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

- 12.16 PERSONNEL CHANGES

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the personnel changes for the period ending June 7, 2010 with the addendum, as submitted.

Mr. Maciejewski noted that he is no relation to Matthew Maciejewski who is listed on the personnel changes.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

- 12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS
- 12.21 COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL EDUCATION
APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert 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 Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve recommendations of the committee on preschool special education, as submitted.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

12.23 TEXT BOOK INFORMATION: PHYSICS FOR SCIENTISTS & ENGINEERS: A STRATEGIC APPROACH

Information on the *Physics for Scientists & Engineers: A Strategic Approach* textbook was distributed to the board of education for review. Consistent with past practice, the approval of this textbook will be placed on the board’s next agenda.

12.24 NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE – STUDENT TRACKER FOR HIGH SCHOOLS AGGREGATE REPORT

A copy of information obtained from the National Student Clearinghouse regarding attendance of former graduates from 2007-2009 in post secondary institutions was shared with the board. Mrs. Ziegler gave an explanation of the reports.

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS
13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Casimino 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 Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the food service department operating report for April, 2010, as submitted.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 NYS RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PARTICIPATION

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to approve participation in the New York State Retirement Incentive Bill, Part B, and establish the “open window” period from June 16, 2010 through September 12, 2010 for non-NYSUT (LASA, Managerial, and Confidential) members.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

13.14 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR - APPROVED

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the 2010-2011 school calendar, as submitted.

Mr. Myszka noted that students will start after Labor Day on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.15 2010-2011 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS SCHEDULE – DRAFT

A copy of the 2010-2011 board of education meeting schedule was submitted to the board for review and discussion.

13.16 HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACTS – KENMORE – TOWN OF TONAWANDA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to approve the contract between the district and the Kenmore – Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District for health and welfare services provided during the 2009-2010 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.17 UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to approve Carousel Nursery School to provide services for the Universal PreK program for the 2010-2011 school year, as submitted. Carousel Nursery School will accommodate 144 students at a projected cost of \$273,600.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.18 BID AWARD: SUMMER SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the recommended bid award for summer school transportation of students with special needs to First Student in the amount of \$48.00 per student per day, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.19 BID AWARD – WASTE REMOVAL

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Casimino to approve the recommended bid award for garbage and refuse removal to Allied Waste Services in the estimated annual amount of \$36,912.96, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.20 BID AWARD: MILK, MILK PRODUCTS & BEVERAGES; & ICE CREAM

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the recommended bid award for milk and milk products and beverages awarded to Upstate Milk in the amount of \$126,248.07, and the ice cream bid awarded to Perry’s Ice Cream Co., Inc. in the amount of \$17,037.50.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to authorize the district’s participation in an Installment Purchase Agreement (IPA) with BOCES with details to follow, as submitted.

Mr. Getter explained the IPA for purchasing computer equipment and a discussion took place regarding details of this resolution.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Zalenski to table this resolution until the next meeting.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.21 INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT (IPA) - BOCES

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to adopt the amended 2009-2010 board of education meeting schedule, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.22 2009-2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Casimino to authorize the agreement between the district and Part D Advisors to prepare all documents related to the Medicare Early Retirement Subsidy Program, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.23 MEDICARE EARLY RETIREMENT SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Mr. Mike Sage, 75 Court Street, asked about notification to parents of the UPK program.

Mr. Przykuta spoke about the charity hockey game that took place on May 15. Mr. Przykuta said \$4,800 was raised with half being donated to the Lancaster Youth Bureau and half being donated to the Trinity Church Food Pantry.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

At 9:36pm MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to move to executive session to discuss the superintendent’s evaluation.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:59pm MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Casimino to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

REGULAR SESSION

At 11:00pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk