

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

MINUTES

March 22, 2010

Regular Session

Lancaster High School, One Forton Drive, 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 and for Mrs. Wilma Meyer, a retired substitute teacher, who worked for the district from 1973 through 1981, who passed away on March 17; Mr. Stanley Krawczyk, a retired cleaner, who worked for the district from 1984 through 1995, who passed away on March 20; and for Mrs. Barbara Kazmierczak, a retired account clerk typist who worked for the district from 1981 through 2002, who passed away on March 22.

Dr. Weidler presented Mrs. Laurie Naab, an elementary teacher at William Street School, with a certificate for receiving tenure on April 16, 2010.

Mr. Myszka spoke about the importance of education in the school district and asked everyone to work together to save programs in this dire situation concerning the national and state economy. Mr. Myszka asked for community support for the school budget and asked for volunteers to serve on a task group to help pass the budget. Mr. Getter explained Phase 2 and 3 of the budget in detail which includes closing Central Avenue Elementary School due to declining enrollment. Mr. Getter spoke about the contingency budget, if the proposed budget fails, and that the district would have to adopt an 8-period day at the middle and high schools.

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

4.1 TENURE PRESENTATION

**4.2 UPDATED BUDGET – MR.
EDWARD J. MYSZKA AND
MR. ALAN GETTER**

5.0 PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mrs. Ann Marie Parucki, 61 Cambria Avenue, asked what will be done with the Central Avenue School if it is closed.

Ms. Roxanne Leffel, 15 Signal Drive, asked where her children will attend school if Central Avenue is closed.

Ms. Rachel Zilka, 16 Reimers Avenue, a junior at Lancaster High School, spoke about the impact of a potential 8-period day.

Mr. James Quigley, 44 Whitestone Lane, spoke about the BOCES program and how students are challenged, but now things are being taken away.

Mr. Ryan Glauser, 460 Aurora Street, a junior at Lancaster High School, addressed the board regarding stimulus money and administrators' wages.

Michael Capiozzi, 28 Hodge Street, a senior at Lancaster High School, addressed the board regarding the 8-period day.

Mrs. Lori Roney, 3690 Walden Avenue, spoke about her children's deficiencies and said they were not fully prepared for college.

Mr. Mark Rogers, 13 Hill Valley Drive, addressed the board about district's staff and how cuts take place in the private sector.

Mr. Jonathan Mans, 9 Michaels Walk, a junior at the Lancaster High School, addressed the board regarding the 8-period day.

Mrs. Lori Turner, 15 Marrano Dive, has a daughter at John A. Sciole Elementary. Mrs. Turner requested answers from the board.

Mrs. Kathy Mauer, 41 Hemlock Lane, spoke about her children's great education.

Ms. Ashley Zych, 34 Heritage Drive, a junior at Lancaster High School, spoke about Project Lead the Way, and asked the board to keep the academies and opportunities for students to attend vocational programs at Harkness Center.

Ryan Glauser addressed the board regarding pay cuts.

Mr. Mark Zych, 34 Heritage Drive, a 31-year resident, volunteered for the task group.

Ms. Cori Greenawalt, 10 Old Orchard Common, a teacher at Court Street Elementary, spoke about where she grew up and community support.

A student addressed the board regarding electives being cut.

Ms. Sarah Shiver, 5743 Broadway, addressed the board regarding parents voting for the school budget.

A high school student addressed the board regarding electives and an 8-period day.

Mr. David Hobba, 19 Alys Drive East, addressed the board about the tax increase.

Mr. Jacob Schultz, 3489 Walden Avenue, addressed the board regarding cuts, electives, and what will happen if the budget does not pass.

Mr. Gauss, 266 Warner Road, addressed the board regarding the school budget.

Ms. Alexandra Hoeglmeier, 9 Willowridge Lane, a freshman at the high school, addressed the board regarding ways to save money and asked what happens if the budget does not pass.

Ms. Emalee Galvin, 35 Church Street, addressed the board regarding the closing of Central Avenue School.

Ms. Courtney Schupp, 41 Hinchey Avenue, addressed the board about cutting teachers.

Ms. Amanda Franke, 15 Pearl Street, addressed the board about after school buses.

Mr. Shawn Bruso, 18 Old Post Road, a 2007 graduate, addressed the board regarding ways to pass the budget.

Mr. Michael Nalezynski, 31 Benson Drive, addressed the board about the community and tax dollars.

Mr. Jeffrey Schmid, 5849 Broadway, spoke about the difficulty of the budget situation.

Mr. Mark Fromholt, 49 Brandel Avenue, addressed the board regarding the closing of Central Avenue School and the 9-period day.

Ms. Cheryl Prout, 341 Westwood Road, spoke about her personal situation when Central Avenue closed the first time.

Ms. Mary Miranda, 9 East Drullard Avenue, spoke about different ways to cut costs in the district.

Ms. Michele Czech, 15 St. John Street, and two children spoke about closing Central Avenue.

Ms. Lisa Watt, 79 Williamsburg Lane, addressed the board regarding a wage freeze.

Mr. Timothy Wrotny, 48 Lake Forest Parkway, addressed the board regarding increasing revenues.

Ms. Tabitha Maloney, 158 Marrano Drive, addressed the board regarding lowering costs and redistricting.

Mr. Daniel Mayer, 734 Ransom Road, spoke about class sizes and the closing of Central Avenue.

Mr. Joshua Schmid, 5849 Broadway, a sophomore at the high school, spoke about conversations with teachers and time spent traveling on buses.

Ms. Casey Dudziak, 13 Parkwalk, a senior at the high school, spoke about teachers losing their jobs.

Mr. John Buckles, 5226 Genesee Street, spoke about working together and austerity budgets when he was a student.

Ms. Cynthia Crowe, 78 Old Lake Avenue, addressed the board regarding the closing of Central Avenue School.

Mrs. MacKay thanked everyone for coming with their input. Mrs. MacKay announced the vote on May 18 and asked everyone to vote for the future of the students and to maintain an excellent education.

No correspondence was received.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL

8.1 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED – MARCH 8, 2010

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Ehrle to accept the minutes from the regular session held on March 8, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

8.2 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED – MARCH 15, 2010

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Ehrle to accept the minutes from the budget work session held on March 15, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

9.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

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

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Eric Przykuta, president, said the LCTA commended students for attending the meeting, said that parents and teachers are concerned, and asked if teachers were welcomed on the task group.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

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

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

Mr. Zalenski said he attended the sports banquet and commended the student athletes. Mr. Zalenski also said he attended a seminar sponsored by the Erie County Association of School Boards called “The 4th R Redefining Literacy,” where Dr. David Warlock presented.

Mrs. MacKay said she attended the Awards for Excellence dinner sponsored by the Western New York Educational Service Council, on March 11, where Mr. Tony Tylenda, a teacher at the high school, received a 2010 Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Mr. Myszka said he interviewed Ms. Jamie Lapp for a long-term English position at the high school and Ms. Amy Mahoney to cover a leave at Court Street Elementary. Mr. Myszka said the Lancaster Education Foundation Committee met on Thursday, March 18, to organize information to create an education foundation. Mr. Myszka offered congratulations to Mrs. Theresa Fancher, a teacher at Hillview Elementary, who was selected to receive the Dr. James Kreider Cooperating Teachers Award from Buffalo State College. Mr. Myszka said he met with administrators regarding the budget and more information will follow.

No old business was discussed.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the personnel changes, for the period ending March 22, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Ehrle to approve recommendations of the committee on special education, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Ehrle to approve recommendations of the committee on preschool special education, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the financial reports, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

10.0 BOARD REPORTS

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

12.0 OLD BUSINESS

13.0 NEW BUSINESS

13.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS

13.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

13.2 EDUCATION ITEMS

13.21 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

13.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

14.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS

14.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

14.12 BUILDING CLOSING

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Ehrle to table the resolution to reassign students from Central Avenue Elementary to Court Street, Como Park, and Hillview beginning in September 2010 until April 12, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.13 LANCASTER CENTRAL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION RETIREMENT INCENTIVE

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Buchert to approve an agreement between the district and the Lancaster Central Teachers Association offering a one-time retirement incentive, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.14 ESTABLISH AN UNEMPLOYMENT RESERVE FUND

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Graber to approve the creation of an unemployment insurance reserve fund, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.15 LEGAL NOTICE, ANNUAL BUDGET/PROPOSITION VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Buchert to approve the resolution to publish the legal notice for the annual budget vote and trustee election, and institute all other procedures required to conduct the vote and election, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.16 LANCASTER/IROQUOIS BOUNDARY

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the alteration of the school district boundaries between the Lancaster Central School District and the Iroquois Central School District in the Windsor Ridge South subdivision, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Alan Stachowiak, 15 Glendale Drive, addressed the board regarding parent notification if Central Avenue closes.

16.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:14pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Ehrle to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

REGULAR SESSION

At 11:00pm MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Graber to move into regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

At 11:01pm MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk