

Board of Education
LANCASTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lancaster, New York

MINUTES

March 23, 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 7:03 p.m. 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 armed forces around the world that protect us and for the firemen, police, and EMTs.

Mr. John Armstrong, director of special education, presented Mrs. Danielle Pitirri, social worker at the William Street School and Central Avenue Elementary School, with a certificate for receiving tenure on March 21, 2009.

Dr. Vallely spoke about one of the board's goals regarding possibly adding gifted and talented and enrichment programs to the district's curriculum. Dr. Valley then spoke about the Stanford University's Educational Program for Gifted Youth (EPGY) and how it would fit in the Lancaster School District. Dr. Vallely explained that EPGY is a continuing project dedicated to developing and offering multimedia computer-based distance-learning courses that provide high ability students of all ages with an individualized education experience. A discussion took place about the EPGY program and the International Baccalaureate program and it was decided some additional research would need to be completed.

MEETING DATE

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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 **TENURE PRESENTATION**

- 4.2 **STANFORD UNIVERSITY'S
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
FOR GIFTED YOUTH
PRESENTATION – DR.
MICHAEL VALLELY**

- 5.0 **PUBLIC HEARING**

No one addressed the board at this time.

President Graber said he received correspondence from the National School Boards Association asking for our membership. Mr. Graber noted that we belong to the county and the state associations and it is not necessary to enroll at the national level at this time. Mr. Graber noted he received an invitation to the winter guard program on March 7 but could not attend. Mr. Graber received a letter from Mr. Gary Goetz praising a member of the districts personnel. Mr. Graber received a letter from Mr. Larry Blas regarding girl’s hockey. Mr. Graber received an invitation to the foreign language honor society induction ceremony scheduled for March 25 at the high school. Mr. Graber announced that petitions for school board are available and the deadline for submission is April 20. Mr. Graber noted the annual district budget vote is May 19, 2009.

MOVED by Kless SECONDED by Ehrle to accept the minutes from the regular session held on March 9, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Deborah Bojanowski, LASA representative, thanked Mr. Myszka and Dr. Vallely for attending the variety show at Court Street Elementary.

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.

No one addressed the board at this time.

Mr. Myszka began his report saying he attended Court Street’s annual variety show on March 17. Mr. Myszka also attended an awards banquet honoring school administrators including Mr. Daniel Paveljack, principal of Lancaster High School, sponsored by the Western New York Educational Service Council (WNYESC). Mr. Myszka noted that Mr. Paveljack will also be honored as principal of the year by the School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS). Mr. Myszka said the first LCTA negotiations meeting to review proposals was held on March 16. Mr. Myszka said Mrs. Terry Adamac, assistant principal at the high school, School Resource Officer Kerl, and Mr. Don Marchese, counselor at the high school, are currently working on a plan to implement the parent program for incoming freshman. Mr. Myszka announced that Mrs. Julie Murray, physical education teacher at Hillview, was honored with the Western Zone’s Amazing Person Award for her dedication and contribution to the field of physical education and her amazing teaching. Finally, Mr. Myszka noted he is waiting for the

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**7.1 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED**

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

**10.1 SUPERINTENDENT’S
ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

state to pass the budget and to see how the stimulus package will benefit the district.

No old business was discussed.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the personnel changes for the period ending March 23, 2009, as submitted.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by MacKay to approve recommendations of the committee on special education, as submitted.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Casimino 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.

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

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Foley 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.

Mr. Graber explained that this legal notice can be approved at this time because it does not require the budget amount to be on it. Mr. Myszka explained the legal notice must be published at least four times during the seven weeks preceding the budget vote so as long as time permits the legal notice can be changed. Mr. Myszka also explained the school bus reserve that was authorized by voters and how we need voter approval to use funds from that reserve.

Mr. Roy Schneggenburger, 87 Stony Road, spoke about the district's publication, *Your Lancaster Schools* and the *Lancaster Bee*. Mr. Schneggenburger also spoke on behalf of Mr. Lee Chowanec about the Youth and Family Services Division, the school resource officers, and the Lancaster Depew Substance Abuse Coalition. Mr. Myszka spoke about the

- 11.0 OLD BUSINESS
- 12.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS
- 12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES
- 12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS
- 12.21 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED
- 12.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED
- 13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS
- 13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED
- 13.12 LEGAL NOTICE, ANNUAL BUDGET/PROPOSITION VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Teen Speak-Out program to be held at the Potter House on March 27. Mr. Myszka said this program is to listen to our youth and see what we can do for them as a community.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:59 p.m. MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to move to executive session to discuss labor negotiations, and a personnel issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 REGULAR SESSION

At 9:57 p.m. MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Ehrle to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 p.m. MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Maciejewski to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.