

Board of Education
LANCASTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lancaster, New York

MINUTES

March 9, 2009

Regular Session

Como Park Elementary School, 1985 Como Park Blvd., Lancaster

David Ehrle, Vice President
Richard Foley, Trustee
Mary Kless, Trustee

Joseph Maciejewski, Trustee
Marie MacKay, Trustee

Kenneth Graber, President – Excused
Joseph Casimino, EdD – Excused

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 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Ehrle. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mr. Ehrle asked for a moment of silence for individual reflection and for the military, police, and firemen who keep us safe.

Mrs. Mary Marcinelli, principal of Como Park Elementary School, welcomed everyone and spoke about student engagement and achievement using the Interwrite boards. She introduced Mrs. Robin Zahm, kindergarten teacher, and Ms. Therese McGreevy, 3rd grade teacher, who spoke about student interaction, motivation, and how the Interwrite boards make the world come alive. Mrs. Zahm and Ms. McGreevy shared a few lessons and spoke about how the Interwrite boards have changed their classrooms and the way they teach. Mrs. Marcinelli thanked the board members for their support.

Mr. Lee Chowanec, 92 Northwood Drive, discussed a Youth Family Service Division to coordinate information among the Lancaster Youth Bureau, the school resource officers, and other departments and asked several questions regarding this new division. Mr. Chowanec also talked about the shortfall in the 2009-2010 budget and how the district will handle it.

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**

5.0 **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Roy Schneggenburger, 87 Stony Road, requested a change to the minutes of the February 9, 2009 board meeting. Mr. Schneggenburger spoke about Warren Buffett, the *Buffalo News*, and the United States economy. Mr. Schneggenburger requested that the bargaining unit representatives state their name and the number of people in their respective memberships during the staff organization section of the board meeting. Mr. Schneggenburger also spoke about teachers’ pay increases.

Mrs. Sharon Doherty, 172 Seneca Place, discussed a girls hockey event that took place this past weekend where approximately 200 girls attended. Mrs. Doherty also asked the board to keep the girls varsity hockey team proposal in mind.

Mr. Ehrle shared a letter from Mr. Mark Garcia of the Buffalo Public Schools dated February 9, 2009 and a letter from Lancaster Village Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. Michael Stegmeier, dated February 6, 2009.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Foley to accept the minutes from the budget work session held on February 3, 2009, as submitted.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Maciejewski, to accept the minutes from the regular session held on February 9, 2009, as amended.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Kless SECONDED by Foley to accept the minutes from the budget work session held on February 23, 2009, as submitted.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:
Mrs. Deborah Bojanowski, LASA representative, had no items to report from the association’s 18 members.
Lancaster Central Teachers Association:
Mr. Eric Przykuta, president, had no items to report from the association’s 500 members.
Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:
Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, had no items to report from the association’s 480 members.
Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:
No one to report.

Mrs. Kless spoke about the State Issues Conference she attended from March 1 through March 3, 2009, sponsored by the New York State School Boards Association, in Albany. Mrs. MacKay spoke about the food service committee meeting that took place on February 24, 2009.

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

10.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S
ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT

Mr. Myszka began his report by asking Dr. Perini to speak about the initiatives currently being pursued in writing in grades 7 – 12. Dr. Perini discussed the development of specific writing goals and benchmarks for Lancaster students in grades 7 – 12 and the pilot program that will be in place in the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Myszka announced the transportation department received a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority in the amount of \$19,182 for a diesel initiative to reduce emissions. Mr. Myszka and Mr. D'Arcy met with Mr. Doug Schaefer of Mach Architecture + Engineering, PC to discuss plans for the EXCEL project. Mr. Myszka, Dr. Vallely, and Mr. D'Arcy went to Iroquois Central School District to discuss the boundaries of the next phase of the Windsor Ridge development with Superintendent Neil Rochelle.

No old business was discussed.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Foley to approve the personnel changes for the period ending March 9, 2009 with the addendums, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS
12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS
12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS
12.21 COMMITTEE ON
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: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

12.22 COMMITTEE ON
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL
EDUCATION APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Foley to approve the appointment of Ms. Colleen Thurnherr as parent member to the Committee on Special Education, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED

12.23 APPOINTMENT OF CSE
PARENT MEMBER -
APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL
ITEMS
13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS
APPROVED

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Foley to approve the recommended bid award for the purchase of marching band uniforms to Stanbury Uniforms in the amount of \$25,822.50, as submitted.

Mr. Foley asked if these uniforms were allocated in the 2008-09 budget and Mr. D’Arcy confirmed.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.12 BID AWARD –
MARCHING BAND
UNIFORMS - APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 FOOD SERVICE
OPERATING REPORT –
APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to approve the contract between the district and the Iroquois Central School District for health and welfare services provided during the 2008-2009 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.14 HEALTH AND WELFARE
SERVICES CONTRACT –
IROQUOIS CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT -
APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to approve the contract between the district and the Amherst Central School District for health and welfare services provided during the 2008-2009 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.15 HEALTH AND WELFARE
SERVICES CONTRACT –
AMHERST CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT -
APPROVED

Mr. Schneggenburger spoke about the usage of the Cemetery Road bridge, the transportation department, and the busing policy for students. Mr. Schneggenburger suggested the students assemble at certain areas in the morning to be picked up in large groups to conserve fuel and increase the wellness of the students.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

The budget work session began at 8:20 pm.

15.0 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mr. Myszka discussed the proposed general support budget for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Myszka noted there are no increases in this section from last year. Mr. Myszka noted the budget will be adopted at the April 21 board meeting when the stimulus figures are received. Mr. D’Arcy spoke about the Schedule D positions and the number of student participants in each activity. After a brief discussion, the board requested additional information and agreed to discuss at the next meeting. A discussion took place about the school resource officers and security guards at the high school. Members of the board requested additional information to be discussed at a future

meeting. Mrs. MacKay discussed the increase in legal services and asked about shared services through BOCES. Mr. Myszka explained that the district will use BOCES services for the negotiation process with the LCTA and LASP. Mr. Myszka noted the first draft of the budget shows an increase of 4.9 percent in expenditures. The revenues are still unknown until details of the stimulus package are released. Mr. Myszka discussed the decreasing population in grades K-3 and noted grades 7-12 are stable. Mr. Myszka noted the vacancies in staff due to resignations and retirements are not being filled at this time, thus creating an overall reduction in personnel.

At 8:57 p.m. MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Maciejewski to move to executive session to discuss litigation, negotiations, and a personnel issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:38 p.m. MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 REGULAR SESSION

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Foley to accept the Verizon settlement, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

At 9:42 p.m. MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Kless to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT