

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

**MINUTES**

May 10, 2010

Regular Session

Lancaster High School, One Forton Drive, Lancaster, New York, Auditorium

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 - Excused

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 7:56pm by President MacKay. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mrs. MacKay asked for a moment of silence for individual reflection and for Mr. George Casey, a board member at Grand Island Schools, who passed away suddenly on May 7, 2010.

Mr. John Bender, academy liaison at the high school, spoke about the earthquake that happened in Haiti and how the academy members, French Honor Society members, and Leo Club members at the high school brainstormed different ideas to raise money to help. The students, with the help of Gelia Marketing Communications, organized a spaghetti dinner that took place at the Twin District Fire Hall and served approximately 450 patrons. The students also sold t-shirts, designed by Brenna Dimmig, a senior at the high school, for this event. Approximately \$4,000 was raised and a check was presented to Ms. Karen Grobyn, a representative from the Greater Buffalo Chapter of the American Red Cross. Ms. Grobyn thanked everyone for their generosity and said the Red Cross will continue to help in Haiti.

Mrs. MacKay introduced Mrs. Lori Piotrowski, DECA advisor, who gave an explanation of the DECA program and spoke about the regional, state and national accomplishments the students achieved this year. Mrs. MacKay and Mr. Maciejewski presented certificates to the students who received awards in the different levels of competition.

**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 **DONATION TO THE RED  
CROSS**

4.2 **DECA STUDENT  
RECOGNITION**

4.2 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE  
BY MR. DOUG SCHAEFER

Mr. Doug Schaefer of Mach Architecture + Engineering PC, gave an overview of the status of the current capital project and what will take place over the summer. A discussion took place about the rates for the next phase of construction. Mr. Schaefer said they will go back to the 2003 hourly rates for additional services in this next phase of construction. A conversation took place about change orders and Mr. Schaefer explained that change orders happen during the project when issues come up during the work process and the board asked for change orders to be approved prior to work being done.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Mary Bitka, 21 Sugarbush Lane, spoke about construction change orders and replacing doors at Central Avenue.

Mr. Mike Sage, 75 Court Street, questioned the tax levy increase if the budget doesn't pass.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

7.0 MEETING MINUTE

APPROVAL

7.1 MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED – APRIL 27,  
2010

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Buchert to accept the minutes from the regular session held on April 27, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mr. Peter Kruszynski, president, had no items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Eric Przykuta, president, spoke about the LCTA's support of the budget.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

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

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Graber spoke about tax rates listed in the *Buffalo News*, and discussed comparisons to the tax rate in Lancaster. Mr. Graber also commented that Mr. Casey was very active on the BOCES board and that he always took the leadership role.

Mr. Zalenski attended the talent show at the middle school on April 28 and said the students did a great job.

Mr. Ehrle reminded everyone that this is his last formal board meeting and said it is an honor and pleasure to work with the administration and the board of education in this district.

Mr. Maciejewski said he and Dr. Vallely visited PTO meetings and he spoke about a write-up on Facebook by Ms. Andrea Barsi, a Sciole parent, who encouraged at least 100 people to commit to vote on the budget.

Mrs. MacKay said she attended the Court Street PTO meeting to discuss the budget and said that Mrs. Bojanowski invited Central Avenue parents to attend their meeting.

Mrs. Molly Marcinelli, principal at Como Park Elementary, said they are planning a family picnic, on June 17 at 5pm, and are inviting the Central Avenue families to attend.

Mr. Myszka began his report by discussing the full-scale evacuation drill that took place at the high school on April 28. Mr. Myszka thanked School Resource Officer Kerl, Mrs. Terry Adamec, assistant principal at the high school, and Mr. Robert MacPeck, from the Lancaster Office of Emergency Management, teachers, and support staff for taking part in this necessary drill to test our readiness to deal with a large scale emergency should one ever occur. Mr. Myszka said the first meeting with Dr. Howard Foster, fact-finder, took place on May 5. Mr. Myszka said the LCTA and the district defined the open issues to Dr. Foster and are to prepare briefs stating their respective positions for the next meeting on July 28.

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to remove the agreement for architectural services from the table.

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

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Zalenski to adopt the resolution for Rider #1 to Abbreviated Standard Form of Agreement for Architectural Services with Mach Architecture + Engineering, P.C. relative to Phase 3 of the 2007 EXCEL project, as submitted.

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

12.0 NEW BUSINESS  
12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS  
12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Graber to approve the personnel changes, for the period ending May 10, 2010, as submitted.

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

12.12 TENURE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Buchert to approve the tenure appointment of Ms. Andrea Johnson, effective on June 5, 2010, 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 Buchert SECONDED by Casimino 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 Zalenski 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 Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the financial reports, as submitted.

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

13.12 APPOINTMENT OF  
ELECTION WORKERS  
AND CHIEF INSPECTOR  
FOR ANNUAL VOTE

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Buchert to approve the appointment of Mr. James O'Rourke as chief elections inspector for the district's annual budget/proposition vote and trustee election to be held on May 18, 2010 and the individuals noted be appointed as inspectors and registrars for the vote at a salary of \$7.50 per hour.

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

13.13 CONTRACT – DEAF  
ADULT SERVICES -  
APPROVED

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Deaf Adult Services, as submitted.

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

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Mike Sage, 75 Court Street, spoke about Facebook information regarding the vote on May 18.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:02pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to move to executive session to listen to a grievance hearing.

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

REGULAR SESSION

At 10:29pm MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Graber to move into regular session.

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

At 10:30pm MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           6 Ayes           0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

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Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk