

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

**MINUTES**

May 11, 2009

Regular Session

Lancaster High School, One Forton Drive, 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 7:40 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 police, firemen, EMTs, and all who protect our freedom throughout the world, and our veterans. President Graber thanked everyone who attended the meet the candidates program and the annual budget hearing. Mr. Graber also thanked the candidates and Mr. John Trojanowsky, for chairing the hearing.

Dr. Perini 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. Mr. Graber and Mr. Ehrle presented certificates to the students who received awards in the different levels of competition. Dr. Perini thanked Mrs. Piotrowski and presented her with a certificate.

Mrs. Mary Ann Pantera, advisor of the Model UN club, gave a brief explanation of the Model UN club and the competitions that were attended this year and also showcased the club's Web site. Mr. Graber and Mr. Ehrle 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 **PRESENTATIONS/  
RECOGNITION**
- 4.1 **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Melissa Boehmer, advisor of the Masterminds club, gave a brief explanation of the Masterminds club and spoke about the competitions that were attended this year. Mr. Graber and Mr. Ehrle presented certificates to the students who received awards in the different levels of competition. Mrs. Boehmer noted the junior varsity team received first place this year.

Dr. Perini introduced Mr. Brett Miller, an art teacher at the high school, who spoke about the Illustration Cartooning course offered at the high school. Mr. Miller spoke about awards some of the cartooning students won this year. Mr. Graber and Mr. Ehrle presented certificates to the students who received awards. Mr. Miller thanked the board of education and administration for approving this art course.

Dr. Perini then introduced Mrs. Nancy Mariani, art department chairperson, who introduced students who won awards at different art shows this year. Mr. Graber and Mr. Ehrle presented certificates to the students who received awards. Mrs. Mariani spoke about the Pageant of the Masters and showed a video that was presented on the *Buffalo News*' Website about the Living Masterpieces art show.

Dr. Perini introduced three students selected to the WNY Academic Team by *Business First* and presented them with certificates.

Mr. Peter Kruszynski, principal of the middle school, and Mr. Cesar Marchioli, assistant principal, presented the board with information regarding scheduling changes for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The elective programs will change to ten week courses which will allow the students to take additional electives. Some additional courses were added that will feed into the academies at the high school level. These scheduling changes will not impact the accelerated program and classes will still be 40 minutes long.

No one addressed the board at this time.

Mr. Graber noted he received a thank you note from Ms. Pernick, physical education department chairperson, for allowing her to present the physical education department's plan at the last board meeting.

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Kless to accept the minutes from the regular session held on April 21, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:            7 Ayes            0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mr. Peter Kruszynski, president, thanked Mrs. Kless and Mr. Ehrle for their service and wished them well.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

No one present to report.

4.2 CURRICULUM AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES AT LANCASTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
7.1 MEETING MINUTES  
APPROVED

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

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. Graber said he attend the Living Masterpieces art show and commended Mrs. Mariani on an incredible program. Mrs. Kless said she attended a volunteer reception at Como Park Elementary School where she was happy to see all the children exercising at the same time. Mr. Graber announced the annual law conference sponsored by the Erie County Association of School Boards is scheduled for August 5 at the Millennium Airport Hotel.

**9.0 BOARD REPORTS**

Mr. Myszka began his report with an announcement of the Code ED testing that is taking place in the district. Code ED is a high volume, high speed communication service used for mass emergency notification by the district. Mr. Myszka said a test call will be placed reminding all residents to vote for the school budget on May 19. Mr. Myszka noted he attended the Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council spring forum with Dr. Perini. Mr. Myszka announced the annual Lancaster Youth Bureau Hall of Fame awards ceremony is scheduled for May 14. Mr. Myszka discussed the letter sent to a district parents regarding the A H1N1 influenza and said he met with Dr. Billittier, of the Erie County Health Department, to discuss precautionary measures that everyone can take to avoid the spread of contaminants. Mr. Myszka spoke about budget presentations that took place throughout the district. Mr. Myszka asked Dr. Valley to talk about ELA test scores achieved by the district. Dr. Valley announced that Lancaster ranked #1 in Western New York on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA. Dr. Valley congratulated the entire teaching staff.

**10.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

No old business was discussed.

**11.0 OLD BUSINESS**

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the personnel changes for the period ending May 11, 2009, 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 MacKay to approve recommendations of the committee on special education, 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 Foley SECONDED by MacKay to approve recommendations of the committee on preschool special education, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**12.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED**

12.23 LCSD PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION PLAN -  
APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Foley to approve the physical education plan as presented to the board of education on April 21, 2009, as submitted.

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

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL  
ITEMS  
13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS  
APPROVED

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Kless 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 Ehrle SECONDED by Foley to approve the appointment of Mr. George Campbell as chief elections inspector for the district's annual budget/proposition vote and trustee election to be held on May 19, 2009 at a flat rate of \$150.00 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 RENEWAL -  
YMCA – APPROVED

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the contract between the Lancaster Central School District and the YMCA Buffalo Niagara, as submitted.

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

13.14 FOOD SERVICE  
OPERATING REPORT –  
APPROVED

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

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

13.15 TAX CERTIORARI –  
CAYUGA HEIGHTS  
CORPORATION, ET. AL -  
APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Foley to authorize payment of the approved settlement to Cayuga Heights Corporation, et al., doing business as Lancaster Country Club, in the approximate amount of \$51,031.81, as submitted.

Mr. Maciejewski said he spoke to the assessor today regarding this assessment challenge. Mr. Myszka explained the reserve for tax assessment challenges.

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

13.16 BID REJECTION –  
GARBAGE AND REFUSE  
REMOVAL - APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to approve the rejection of the bids for garbage and refuse removal and prepare to re-bid, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Casimino to approve the recommended bid award for milk and milk products and beverages awarded to Upstate Milk in the amount of \$117,194.26 and Depew Milk in the amount of \$21,163.50, and the ice cream bid awarded to Perry’s Ice Cream in the amount of \$17,043.75.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.18 BID AWARD: DISTRICT CALENDAR

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to approve the recommended bid award for printing of the district calendar awarded to Sommer and Sons.

A discussion took place regarding the bid process for printing the district calendar.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 1 Nay (Foley)

MOTION APPROVED.

13.18 BID AWARD: DISTRICT CALENDAR

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Casimino to approve the recommended bid award for printing of the Your Lancaster Schools awarded to Sommer and Sons.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 1 Nay (Foley)

MOTION APPROVED.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the board at this time.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:10pm MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Ehrle to move to executive session to discuss the superintendent’s evaluation.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 REGULAR SESSION

At 10:00 p.m. MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by MacKay to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 10:01pm MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk