

Board of Education
LANCASTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lancaster, New York

MINUTES

November 18, 2008

Regular Session

Hillview Elementary School, 11 Pleasantview Drive, Lancaster

Kenneth Graber, President
Joseph Casimino EdD, Trustee
Richard Foley, Trustee

Mary Kless, Trustee
Joseph Maciejewski, Trustee
Marie MacKay, Trustee

David Ehrle, Vice President, arrived at 7:46 pm

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
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, for the men and women defending our freedom, and for all veterans on this past Veterans Day.

Mrs. Kathleen Knauth, principal of the Hillview Elementary School, welcomed everyone and spoke about the special events occurring at the school for American Education Week. She introduced Miss Jennifer Ratka, Mr. Andrew Niederhauser, Mrs. Elizabeth Wetzler, Miss Dana Breidenstein, Mrs. Joyann Carrol, Mrs. Katie Smith, Mrs. Kathleen Thurnherr, Mrs. Mary Georger, Mrs. Sharon Parini, Mrs. Rebecca Falls and several Hillview students who spoke about the many activities taking place at the school. Miss Ratka spoke about field trips, special events, and many different subjects of interest the students are studying.

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**
- 4.1 **HILLVIEW HIGHLIGHTS -
PRESENTATION**

Mr. Graber began with a brief overview of the mini grant program. Mr. Graber and Dr. Weidler presented certificates to the following recipients for the 2008-09 school year: Mrs. Maria Vilardo, Ms. Kelly Ambrose (2), Mrs. Joy Carroll, Mrs. Katie Smith, Mrs. Debbie Kwak, Mrs. Maureen Kuciewski, Mrs. Jennifer Cybulski, Miss Amy Kline, Mrs. Wendy Kalp, Mr. Scott Dixon, Mrs. Shelley Stoffel, Mrs. Kelly Pershyn, Mrs. Nancy Korkuc, Mr. Steve Smith, Mrs. Amy Balling, Mrs. Marlene Jarnot, Mrs. Nancy Lipomi, and Mrs. Francine Simon.

No one addressed the board at this time.

Mr. Graber said Mr. Ehrle is excused for being late to the meeting due to a work obligation. Mr. Graber also commended the students on their presentation.

Mr. Myszka distributed a copy of a letter to the board, from Wendy Bicknell, voicing her appreciation of the Teen Leadership class taught by Ms. Bonnie Blatner at the middle school.

MOVED by Kless SECONDED by Casimino to accept the minutes from the regular session held on November 3, 2008, as submitted.

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

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Kathleen Knauth wished everyone a warm, healthy Thanksgiving with their family and friends.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

No items to report.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, thanked Mr. Myszka for the note that was emailed to all support staff on November 18 regarding School-Related Professionals Recognition Day.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No items to report.

Mr. Graber began his report by discussing the 89th annual New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) convention several board members attended from October 16 through October 19, 2008 in New York City and spoke briefly about the different sessions he attended. Mr. Maciejewski also spoke about the sessions he attended and the duties he performed as the voting delegate. Dr. Casimino attended the convention for the first time and benefitted by speaking to board members from other districts about their common concerns.

**4.2 PRESENTATION OF THE
MINI GRANT AWARDS**

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

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**

Mr. Myszka began by discussing the staff development day that took place on November 4 for teachers and support staff. Mr. Myszka said the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Committee (SSAC) met on November 5. Mr. Myszka said he spoke with the SSAC members about a parent program to increase understanding and awareness of underage drinking and its consequences on students and families in our community. The parent program would be mandatory for parents of incoming freshman in order for the students to be allowed to attend district-sponsored events. Mr. Myszka said he attended the DECA installation ceremony on November 5 with Mr. Graber, Mrs. Kless, Mrs. MacKay, Dr. Casimino, Dr. Vallely, Mr. Paveljack, Mr. Cornell, Mrs. Piotrowski, DECA advisor, and several high school teachers. Mr. Myszka said he met with the administrative staff on November 17 to discuss the fiscal crisis in New York State. Mr. Myszka said if the Governor’s proposals are acted upon, the district would lose 7% or \$2 million less in state aid than originally planned. Mr. Myszka said in anticipation of this state aid reduction he cut 10% from materials and supplies and 20% from conferences in the 2008-09 operating budget totaling \$378,520. Mr. Graber noted Mr. Myszka is being very prudent. Mr. Maciejewski commended Mr. Myszka on his proactive approach to the budget crisis and asked Mr. Myszka to determine if we have any non-instructional positions that are not filled and suggested a soft hiring freeze.

No old business was discussed.

MOVED by Foley SECONDED by Casimino to approve the personnel changes for the period ending November 18, 2008, as submitted.

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

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Foley to approve the tenure appointment on the effective date, as submitted.

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

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

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

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

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

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS

12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

12.12 TENURE RECOMMENDATION

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

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

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

A copy of policy #7512 Student Physicals was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the December 8 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

13.12 POLICY 2ND READING - #7512 STUDENT PHYSICALS

A copy of policy #6213.1 Disciplining of a Tenured Teacher or Certified Personnel was submitted to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the December 8 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

13.13 POLICY 1ST READING - #6213.1 DISCIPLINING OF A TENURED TEACHER OR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

A copy of policy #7133 Education of Homeless Children and Youth was submitted to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the December 8 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

13.14 POLICY 1ST READING - #7133 EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Mr. Ehrle arrived at 7:46 pm.

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by MacKay to approve the bid results for the Project Lead the Way, as submitted.

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

13.15 PROJECT LEAD THE WAY BIDS - APPROVED

No one addressed the board at this time.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

A transportation appeal for 36 Creekwood Drive was tabled until December 8, 2008.

15.0 TRANSPORTATION APPEAL - TABLED

At 7:47 p.m. MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to move into executive session to discuss labor negotiations and the superintendent's mid-year evaluation.

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

16.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:36 p.m. MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to reconvene the regular session.

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

16.0 REGULAR SESSION

At 9:37 p.m. MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Kless to adjourn the regular session.

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

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk