

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

MINUTES

November 3, 2008

Regular Session

J. Norman Hayes Administration Building, 177 Central Avenue, Lancaster

Kenneth Graber, President
David Ehrle, Vice President
Joseph Casimino EdD, Trustee

Mary Kless, Trustee
Marie MacKay, Trustee
Richard Foley, Trustee

Joseph Maciejewski, 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 7:00 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 those protecting our freedom including police officers and firemen.

Mr. Tony Tylenda, high school coordinator of student affairs, Leadership in Action teacher, and student union advisor; with Ms. Bonnie Blatner, middle school teen leadership teacher and middle school student council advisor; Mr. Mark Skowron, social studies teacher and senior class advisor; Mrs. Megan Hewett, school counselor and junior class advisor; and eleventh grade students, Cory Davis, Marissa Benzin, and Casey Dudziak discussed the purpose, process, requirements, and the benefits of a proposed leadership academy. After a brief discussion, Mr. Graber said the board is in favor of opportunities for the children and will discuss this program during the budget process.

Mr. Roy Schneggenburger, 87 Stony Road, spoke about Veterans Day and Lt. Col. Matthew Urban, a Buffalo native who is the most decorated soldier in history.

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 **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
PRESENTATION**

- 5.0 **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Joshua Szary, 5252 William Street, spoke about the behavior and punishment policy and procedures at the high school.

Mr. Graber said Mr. Maciejewski is excused this evening due to a work related issue. Mr. Graber also mentioned that the yearbook photos are postponed until December 8.

MOVED by Kless SECONDED by Casimino to accept the minutes from the regular session held on October 20, 2008, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mr. Daniel Paveljack, principal of the high school, had no items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Eric Przykuta, president, had no items to report.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

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

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No items to report.

Mr. Graber said the board will discuss the New York State School Boards (NYSSBA) convention that took place in New York City at the next meeting when Mr. Maciejewski returns. Mr. Graber announced that Commissioner of Education, Richard Mills is resigning his position effective June 2009 and acknowledged appreciation for him.

Mr. Myszka began his report by announcing the purchase of the vacant land located on Division Street next to Central Avenue Elementary School, that was approved by the voters last May, was finalized. Mr. Myszka said he attended the Academy of Finance luncheon at the Elks on October 22 and a Substance Abuse Coalition meeting on October 23. Mr. Myszka attended a superintendent’s meeting on October 30 at Erie1 BOCES where he learned the state will be conducting physical education audits. Mr. Myszka said he is waiting for legislature to act on November 18 to address the deficit and see if and how much money will be cut from the education part of the state budget. Mr. Myszka also noted the IRS is auditing school districts for 403(b) compliance. Mr. D’Arcy assured the district is in compliance with a third party administrator, Omni. Mr. Myszka also said he attended a grade level meeting (4th) on October 28 at William Street School. Dr. Weidler discussed the K-6 grade level meetings where the teachers share instructional strategies in a variety of ways. Mr. Myszka said the girl’s gymnastics team won the Section VI title for the second year in a row at the field house on November 1.

No old business was discussed.

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

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS
- 12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Foley to move the addendum portion of the personnel changes to executive session for discussion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Foley SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the personnel changes for the period ending November 3, 2008 without the addendum, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

- 12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS
- 12.21 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

- 12.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

- 13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS
- 13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

- 13.12 POLICY ADOPTION - #7121 DIAGNOSTIC SCREENING OF STUDENTS

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Foley to adopt the policy #7121 Diagnostic Screening of Students, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

- 13.13 POLICY 1ST READING - #7512 STUDENT PHYSICALS

A copy of policy #7512 Student Physicals was submitted to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the November 18 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

- 13.14 SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by MacKay for the district to sponsor the Scholastic Achievement Recognition Dinner in the amount of \$500.00, as submitted.

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

13.15 TAX CERTIORARI –
MEADOWOOD
APARTMENTS

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Foley to authorize payment of the approved settlement to Dover, LP in the amount of \$3,028.60, as submitted.

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

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the board at this time.

15.0 TRANSPORTATION
APPEAL

A transportation appeal for 36 Creekwood Drive was discussed in detail.

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Casimino to affirm the superintendent's decision.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 4 Ayes 2 Nays (Foley & MacKay)
MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:18 p.m. MOVED by Foley SECONDED by Casimino to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue and the addendum to the personnel changes.

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

16.0 REGULAR SESSION

At 9:20 p.m. MOVED by Kless SECONDED by MacKay to reconvene the regular session.

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

12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Foley to approve the addendum to the personnel changes for the period ending November 3, 2008, as submitted.

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

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 9:22 p.m. MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Casimino to adjourn the regular session.

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