

Board of Education
LANCASTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lancaster, New York

MINUTES

October 25, 2010

Regular Session

John a. Sciole Elementary School, 86 Alys Drive, Depew

Marie MacKay, President

Joseph Maciejewski, Vice President

Wendy Buchert, Trustee

Joseph Casimino, EdD, Trustee

Brenda Christopher, Trustee

Kenneth Graber, Trustee

David Zalenski, Trustee

Edward J. Myszka, Superintendent of Schools

Michael Vallely, PhD, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction &
Pupil Services

John Armstrong, Director of Special Education

Marie Perini, EdD, Director of Secondary Education

Sarah Weidler, PhD, Director of Elementary Education

Michele Ziegler, Director of Instructional Technology & Accountability

Richard Hitzges, EdD, Interim Asst. Superintendent for Business & Support
Services

District residents, staff members, students, and media representatives

The regular meeting of the board of education was called to order at 7:00pm by President MacKay. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mrs. MacKay asked for a moment of silence for individual reflection.

Mrs. Peg Hopkins, principal of John A. Sciole Elementary School, welcomed everyone to the board meeting during New York State School Board Recognition Week and thanked the members of the board for their dedicated service. Mrs. Hopkins introduced several students in grades kindergarten through eight who held up letters that spelled thank you. The students read statements that expressed their gratitude. Mrs. Hopkins read a poem titled, *Ode to the School Board*, and presented tokens of appreciation to the members of the board.

Mr. Zalenski spoke in detail about the board's goals that were adopted in September. Mr. Zalenski said the board will focus on their goals and periodically track their progress at future meetings.

No one addressed the board at this time.

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**
- 4.1 **BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECOGNITION**

- 4.2 **BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOALS – MR. DAVID
ZALENSKI**

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to accept the minutes from the regular session held on October 12, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Peg Hopkins, principal at John A. Sciole Elementary School, had no items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Eric Przykuta, president, spoke about meeting with the fact-finder.

Mrs. Melissa Kreutzer, teacher at William Street School, spoke about the Veteran's Day Celebration at William Street.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

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

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one was present to report.

Mr. Zalenski spoke about the Erie County Association of School Board's website and said the public can view the political candidate's views on educational issues prior to the election. Mr. Zalenski said he attended the PTO meeting at Como Park Elementary School on October 14.

Mr. Graber spoke about the Lancaster Educational and Alumni Foundation, Inc. and said the next meeting is scheduled for November 10; interested community members are welcome to attend.

Mrs. MacKay said the superintendent and the members of the audit committee will interview two candidates for the assistant superintendent for business and support services position on October 28. Mrs. MacKay spoke about the Lancaster/Depew football game and school spirit.

Mr. Myszka said the meeting with Dr. Foster, the fact-finder, will take place on October 26. Mr. Myszka said the district and the Lancaster Central Teachers Association submitted briefs and await Dr. Foster's recommendation. Mr. Myszka said the budget advisory committee will meet on November 15 at 7pm at William Street School. At the first meeting, a representative of Harris Beach PLLC, the district's legal council, will be present to discuss the legal framework that the school district and board of education must work within to draft a budget. Mr. Myszka said the plans to create an alternative evening school are progressing. Mr. Myszka spoke about the EdTech Conference that took place at Lancaster Middle School on October 23, and thanked Mrs. Heidi Chaves, the district's technology curriculum mentor.

Mrs. MacKay spoke about the November events calendars that were distributed to the board members.

7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

12.0 NEW BUSINESS
12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the personnel changes for the period ending October 25, 2010 with the addendum, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Zalenski 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 Casimino 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.

12.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS
13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Casimino to approve an expenditure of \$500 to support the Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association's Annual Scholastic Achievement Recognition Ceremony, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.12 SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION DINNER SPONSORSHIP

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Graber to approve acceptance of a grant, in the amount up to \$100,000, from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - GRANT

No one addressed the board at this time.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:47pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to move to executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:03pm MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Maciejewski to reconvene regular session.

REGULAR SESSION

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:04pm MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk