

Board of Education
LANCASTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lancaster, New York

MINUTES

October 26, 2009

Regular Session

John A. Sciole Elementary, 86 Alys Drive, Depew, New York

Marie MacKay, President

Wendy Buchert, Trustee

Joseph Casimino, EdD, Trustee

Joseph Maciejewski, Vice President

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

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 7:02pm by President MacKay. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mrs. MacKay asked for a moment of silence for individual reflection.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Casimino to appoint Mr. David Ehrle to the board of education until the election on May 18, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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 of education for their dedicated service. Several third grade students shared their thoughts on what would make school a better place. Tokens of appreciation were presented to the members of the board.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to recognize the importance of voluntary service to the children of our community and in commemoration of Volunteer Week, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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**
- 4.1 **APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER – MR. DAVID EHRLE**

- 5.0 **BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Mary Marcinelli, principal of Como Park Elementary School, conducted some of her third grade students in a thank you song about heroes. Mrs. MacKay and the other members of the board thanked everyone for their presentation.

No one addressed the board at this time.

A copy of the letter regarding the H1N1 virus was distributed to the board for information. Mrs. MacKay spoke about the preventive measures to keep this virus from spreading.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to accept the minutes from the regular session held on October 13, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Peg Hopkins welcomed Mr. Ehrle back to the board of education.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mrs. Robin Zahm, elementary vice president, questioned about a comment allegedly made at a previous board meeting regarding negotiations.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, welcomed Mr. Ehrle to the board of education.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

Mr. Graber began by discussing the 90th annual New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) convention several board members attended from October 15 through October 18, 2009 in New York City and spoke briefly about the different sessions he attended. Mr. Zalenski also spoke about the sessions he attended and the duties he performed as the voting delegate. Mr. Zalenski also noted that he finalized his building visits, where he saw a lot of happy faces, and said the administrators were hospitable.

Mr. Myszka spoke about the Responsive Classroom presentation by Mrs. Rose Monterosso, a third grade teacher at Como Park Elementary, Ms. Dana Breidenstein, a first grade teacher at Hillview Elementary, and Mrs. Tracie Lopardi, a mother of two students in our district, at the NYSSBA convention. Mr. Myszka said there was standing room only and Lancaster was represented well. Mr. Myszka spoke about the Governor’s proposed mid-year cuts in aid and stated that Lancaster could lose \$1.8 million. Mr. Graber noted that the legislators will meet on November 11 in a special session. Mr. Myszka also spoke about the tentative plans to use our facilities as inoculation centers for the H1N1 vaccine.

Mr. Myszka presented his goals for the 2009-2010 school year and noted they are a collaboration of the administrative team.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARING

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

9.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

10.0 BOARD REPORTS

11.1 SUPERINTENDENT’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

11.2 SUPERINTENDENT’S GOALS FOR 2009-10

Mrs. MacKay reminded the members of the board of education that pictures for the yearbook will be taken on November 9, 2009. Mrs. MacKay also noted the location of the board meeting has been changed to the Lancaster High School auditorium.

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Buchert to approve the personnel changes, for the period ending October 26, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Casimino to approve recommendations of the committee on special education, with the amended attachment.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Agendas for professional development day, November 3, were distributed to the board as information.

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Casimino to approve the financial reports, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Summit Educational Resources, Inc., as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Dr. Gillian Richardson to provide a reading diagnosis for a specific student, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.0 OLD BUSINESS

13.0 NEW BUSINESS

13.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS

13.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

13.2 EDUCATION ITEMS

13.21 COMMITTEE ON

SPECIAL EDUCATION

APPROVED

13.22 COMMITTEE ON

PRESCHOOL SPECIAL

EDUCATION APPROVED

13.23 PROFESSIONAL

DEVELOPMENT DAY

AGENDAS

14.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

ITEMS

14.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS

APPROVED

14.12 CONTRACT – SUMMIT

EDUCATIONAL

RESOURCES - APPROVED

14.13 CONTRACT – DR.

GILLIAN RICHARDSON -

APPROVED

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Graber 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: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mr. Myszka told the board of education members that the contract for \$250 to the Buffalo Bills, Inc. for the use of the Ralph Wilson Stadium will be paid by the marching band booster club. The district will pay to transport the students to the stadium.

Mrs. MacKay wished the marching band luck in Syracuse. Mr. Graber spoke about the football team and the wonderful season they are having.

No one addressed the board at this time.

15.0 PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:11pm MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Graber to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk