

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

**MINUTES**

October 28, 2013

Regular Session

Central Avenue School Building, 149 Central Avenue, Lancaster

Marie MacKay, President  
Wendy Buchert, Vice President  
William Gallagher, Trustee  
Kenneth Graber Esq., Trustee

Kimberly Nowak, Trustee  
Robert Szatkowski, Trustee  
Patrick Uhteg, Trustee

Michael Vallely, PhD, Superintendent of Schools  
Marie Perini, EdD, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction &  
Pupil Services

John Armstrong, Director of Special Education  
Karen Marchioli, 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 7:00pm by President MacKay. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mrs. MacKay asked for a moment of silent reflection for the sudden passing of Joan Droit, a Grand Island School District board member.

The Lancaster High School Marching Band was recognized by the board of education for earning state champion status in large school division 2 competition at the New York State Field Band Conference Championships at the Syracuse Carrier Dome on Sunday, October 27, 2013. Mr. Richard Goss, Mr. Dan DeAngelis, Mr. Jacob Seymour, and a few band members were present on behalf of the marching band.

Mrs. Molly Marcinelli, principal of Como Park Elementary School, on behalf of the staff, thanked the board members for their service and dedication during New York State School Board Recognition Week. Students from every grade level presented a piece of artwork representing what they are thankful for. Mrs. Pantera presented board members with anti-bullying t-shirts Participation in Government classes. Student Union Representatives, Kristen Vero and Alicia Bauer, thanked board members for their service to the students and presented them with photo collages.

**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 **LHS MARCHING**  
**REDSKINS RECOGNITION**

- 4.2 **BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RECOGNITION**

- 4.3 **STUDENT RECOGNITION –**  
**NATIONAL MERIT**  
**SCHOLARSHIP**  
**SEMIFINALIST – ANNE**  
**FORTMAN**

Dr. Kufel introduced Lancaster High School Student, Anne Fortman, and congratulated her for being named a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. Mrs. MacKay presented her with a certificate of excellence.

**4.4 NYS GRADE 3 – 8 MATH AND ELA ASSESSMENT RESULTS**

Dr. Perini presented the 2013 New York State Assessment results for Grades 3 – 8 ELA and Mathematics.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:49pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to move to executive session to discuss a bus stop appeal.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

At 8:26pm MOVED by Uhteg SECONDED by Buchert to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**5.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

The following people addressed the board regarding NYS assessments and the Common Core Learning Standards: Dawn Thurnherr, 31 Doe Haven Circle; Lee Chowaniec, 93 Northwood Drive; Joy Carr, 40 Airview Terrace; Julie Kaska, 239 Banko Drive; Heidi Indelicato, 17 Chestnut Corner; Mike Sage, 75 Court Street; Becky Middaugh, 9 Worthington Lane; and Tracey Diegelman, 308 Pleasantview.

**6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. MacKay noted the correspondence received by the board of education since the last board meeting.

**7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**7.1 REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Gallagher to accept the minutes from the regular session held on October 7, 2013, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS**

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Jacqueline Clinard thanked board members for their service.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

No one present to report.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

No one present to report.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

**9.0 BOARD REPORTS**

Mr. Graber and Mrs. Buchert spoke about events they attended since the last board meeting.

**10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Dr. Vallely presented his administrative report.

**11.0 OLD BUSINESS**  
**11.1 NYS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE BOARD'S (ECB) 5-POINT PLAN**

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Gallagher the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the New York State Board of Regents adopted various statewide educational reform initiatives as part of the Regents Reform Agenda to promote student readiness and success for college and careers; and

WHEREAS, those initiatives include, but are not limited to, statewide adoption of the Common Core learning standards, addition of objective measures to teacher and principal evaluations known as Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR), enhancement of the quality of teacher training programs, alignment of state tests with the new Common Core learning standards, and development of an education data portal (EDP) for schools, teachers, administrators, and parents to provide data driven instruction; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives have placed many challenges on school districts across the state in regards to funding, already existing budget shortfalls, inadequate teacher and staffing levels, professional development, strict timelines for implementation, and lack of public awareness; and

WHEREAS, these reform initiatives are required of school districts as mandated under various statutory and regulatory provisions; and

WHEREAS, various requests for relief and adjustments to the implementation of the Regents Reform Agenda have been made to the State Education Department by numerous education stakeholders across New York without any significant impact; and

WHEREAS, the Common Core learning standards represent the most significant increase in student expectations New York Schools ever faced and our students need and deserve the best efforts of local educators working together to help them succeed; and

WHEREAS, while the Board of Education has and will continue to meet its legal mandate under its oath of office to act as a body to comply with Regents requirements or risk being removed as set forth under Section 306 of the Education Law or lose state funding for the District if they fail to meet these obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Board further has an obligation and duty to act in the best interests of the Lancaster Central School District, its students, staff, parents and community; and

WHEREAS, the demands of the various other Regents reform initiatives have diverted District resources, a priority must be placed on adapting the Common Core learning standards to focus on instruction and student learning and achievement to ensure our students have the relevant skills and knowledge for success in college and careers in a highly competitive global economy; and

WHEREAS, to foster that same goal and priority, a cooperative body of New York's seven leading statewide educational organizations including the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA), New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), the New York State Council of School Superintendents

(NYSCOSS), the School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS), the New York State Association of School Business Officials (NYSASBO), the New York State Parent Teacher Association (NYSPTA), and the Conference of Big 5 School Districts, have come together through the New York State Educational Conference Board (ECB) to issue a position paper entitled Common Ground on Common Core that outlines a plan to give students the support and resources they need to succeed under the state’s new Common Core learning standards; and

WHEREAS, the ECB paper includes five critical points to get the Common Core back on track through the unified and consolidated efforts of these diverse educational groups all focusing on: 1) A campaign to build understanding; 2) Investing in professional development; 3) Ensuring adequate funding; 4) Assessing statewide concerns with student testing; and 5) Establishing a process of ongoing review and refinement;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, the Lancaster Central School District acknowledges and supports the principals as set forth in the ECB position paper, Common Ground on Common Core, (attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution) and calls upon the Commissioner of Education, the Board of Regents and other policymakers to recognize and adhere to these actions to properly implement the Common Core so that improved student learning can become a reality in every classroom.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS  
12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS  
12.11 TENURE – MISS JAMIE PHILLIPS

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Gallagher to approve the tenure of Miss Jamie Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services, effective December 13, 2013, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.12 PERSONNEL CHANGES

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Nowak to approve the personnel changes for the period ending October 28, 2013, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS  
12.21 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.22 COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Policy #6551 Family and Medical Leave Act was distributed to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the November 12 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

Policy #1332 Duties of the School District Treasurer was distributed to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the November 12 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

Policy #6510 Health Insurance was distributed to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the November 12 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

Policy #6220 Temporary Personnel was distributed to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the November 12 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

Policy #6130 Evaluation of Personnel was distributed to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the November 12 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

Policy #7220 Graduation Requirements/Early Graduation/Accelerated Programs was distributed to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the November 12 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

Policy #7243 Student Data Breaches was distributed to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the November 12 agenda for adoption.

Policy #1510 was distributed to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the November 12 agenda for adoption.

- 13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS
- 13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED
- 13.12 POLICY 1<sup>ST</sup> READING - #6562 EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED PERSONS
- 13.13 POLICY 1<sup>ST</sup> READING - #1332 DUTIES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
- 13.14 POLICY 1<sup>ST</sup> READING - #6510 HEALTH INSURANCE
- 13.15 POLICY 1<sup>ST</sup> READING - #6220 TEMPORARY PERSONNEL
- 13.16 POLICY 1<sup>ST</sup> READING - #6130 EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL
- 13.17 POLICY 1<sup>ST</sup> READING - #7220 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/ EARLY GRADUATION/ ACCELERATED PROGRAMS
- 13.18 POLICY 2ND READING - #7243 STUDENT DATA BREACHES
- 13.19 POLICY 2ND READING - #1510 REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS AND RULES

13.20 CONTRACT – ALLGAIER  
CONSTRUCTION  
CORPORATION

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Gallagher to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Allgaier Construction Corporation for a total cost of \$148,000, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.21 CONTRACT – EPIC  
CONTRACTING OF  
ORCHARD PARK, INC.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Gallagher to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Epic Contracting of Orchard Park, Inc. for a total cost of \$24,800, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.22 CONTRACT – HOOT  
MECHANICAL AND  
ELECTRICAL, INC.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Hoot Mechanical and Electrical, Inc. for a total cost of \$181,500, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.23 CONTRACT – WEYDMAN  
ELECTRICAL, INC.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Gallagher to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Weydman Electrical, Inc. for a total cost of \$3,598,000, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.24 CONTRACT EXTENSION  
PREMIER CONSULTING  
ASSOCIATES, LLC.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Nowak to approve the contract extension between the district and premier Consulting Associates, LLC, in the annual amount of \$85,000, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.25 DONATION  
ACCEPTANCE – CLASS  
OF 1962

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Gallagher to approve the acceptance of the donation from the Class of 1962, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Mrs. Heidi Indelicato, 17 Chestnut Corner, thanked the board for adopting a Common Core resolution.

15.0 FUTURE  
PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. MacKay announced future presentations and the next board meeting.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Nowak to adjourn the meeting in memory of retired Detective Joseph Cieslik.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk