

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

MINUTES

September 14, 2009

Regular Session

Lancaster Central High School, One Forton Drive, Lancaster, Auditorium

Marie MacKay, President

Kenneth Graber, Trustee

Wendy Buchert, Trustee

David Zalenski, Trustee

Joseph Casimino EdD, Trustee

Joseph Maciejewski - Excused

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

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 and for Mrs. Marcia Hucul, cook manager at the middle school, who passed away on September 5, 2009. Mrs. Hucul worked for the district since 1986.

Dr. Perini introduced Mr. Tom Murphy, lead teacher of the summer school program for special education students, and Mr. Kevin Miller, principal of the general education summer school program, who spoke about the success of that program. A number of students completed their graduation requirements through one of the two programs. Mr. Daniel Paveljack, principal of the high school, escorted several students to the auditorium where Mrs. MacKay presented them with their diplomas.

Dr. Perini spoke about the New York Schools Data Analysis Technical Assistance Group (DATAG) award that recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the educational performance of students by promoting data driven policies, which was presented to Dr. Vallely. Dr. Vallely credited the district's administrators and teachers for achieving the award.

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 **AUGUST 2009 GRADUATES**

- 4.2 **DATA ANALYSIS
TECHNOLOGICAL
ADVISORY GROUP
AWARD TO DR. VALLELY**

- 4.3 **AMERICAN RECOVERY
AND REINVESTMENT ACT
- MR. EDWARD MYSZKA**

Mr. Myszka spoke about the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund which is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to be provided to school districts to ensure they have the resources to avert cuts and retain teachers and programs. Mr. Myszka began by saying how hard the board of education worked on the budget and thanked Mr. Ehrle, Mrs. Kless, and the current board members for salvaging the education program offered in the district within an unstable economic climate. Mr. Myszka explained that the district has always tried to cut things, not people. Mr. Myszka explained some of the cuts included materials and supplies, conferences, professional development, Classroom Instruction that Works, and data coaches. Mr. Myszka explained that even after cutting these items, more cuts would have been necessary if the ARRA funds weren't received by the district. The district received \$3.6 million in ARRA funds which and are being used to keep Central Avenue Elementary School open, avert staffing and administrative lay-offs, and keep a nine period day at the middle and high schools instead of changing to an 8 period day. Mr. Myszka noted the ARRA is a two-year commitment but does not know what the allocation for next year will be.

Mr. Eric Przykuta, 241 Peppermint Road, president of the Lancaster Central Teachers Association (LCTA), expressed condolences to the Hucul family, and noted that the teachers are present at the meeting to support education in Lancaster even though the LCTA contract is not renewed at this time. Mr. Przykuta also said the teachers will do what is best for all students in the district.

A letter from the Village of Lancaster dated September 8, 2009, was distributed to the board. The village requested to purchase the parcel of land on Richmond Avenue, commonly referred to as the “spraypool” for a nominal fee of \$1 plus the closing costs.

Information regarding a tax assessment challenge settlement was distributed to the board as information.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Casimino to accept the minutes from the regular session held on August 24, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

 Mrs. Deborah Bojanowski, principal of Court Street Elementary, expressed condolences to the Hucul family.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

 No one present to report.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE
6.1 LETTER FROM THE
VILLAGE OF LANCASTER
DATED SEPTEMBER 8,
2009

6.2 TAX ASSESSMENT
CHALLENGE
SETTLEMENT
INFORMATION DATED
AUGUST 27, 2009

7.0 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, expressed condolences to the Hucul family.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

Mr. Zalenski said he attended an Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB) team meeting which summarized plans for the annual legislative breakfast. Dr. Casimino also attended the ECASB meeting and said the budget looks good. Dr. Casimino said the ECASB will look at seminars and clinics to see what is profitable and what is not. Dr. Casimino also said the association has not decided on a fundraising event for this year.

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Myszka began his report by saying he met with the Lancaster Central Teachers Association (LCTA) negotiation team on August 25 and then on September 1 which was the first meeting with Mr. Dennis Campagna, Esq., the mediator from the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB). Mr. Myszka noted that the second meeting with the mediator is scheduled for Monday, September 21. Mr. Myszka said he, Dr. Vallely, and Mrs. Mary Cesarz, the district’s lead nurse, were invited to a meeting with Dr. Billittier, the Erie County Commissioner of Health, to discuss plans for the H1N1 vaccine. Mr. Myszka said that flags were flown at half-staff on Patriots Day, September 11, in all buildings and he requested that a moment of silence be observed on that day honoring the victims of the 9/11 tragedy. Mr. Myszka reminded everyone that the board retreat is Tuesday, September 15, at 5:30pm at the district office, to formulate the 2009-2010 board goals. Mr. Myszka discussed tentative opening day enrollment figures which decreased by 77 students from last June. Mrs. MacKay talked about opening day and the Right to Know presentation.

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mrs. MacKay announced that the board is meeting tomorrow at 5:30pm at the district office to set goals for the 2009-2010 school year and it is open to the public.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the personnel changes, for the period ending September 14, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS
12.11 PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS
12.21 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

Information was distributed to the board members regarding the district's special education space requirements plan.

12.23 SPECIAL EDUCATION
SPACE REQUIREMENTS
PLAN – INFORMATION

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL
ITEMS

13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS
APPROVED

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to authorize Mr. Alan Getter, assistant superintendent for business and support services, to perform specific duties for the school district effective September 21, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.12 AUTHORIZATION OF
DUTIES TO ALAN
GETTER

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Pediatric Home Nursing Services, Inc., PSA Healthcare, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 CONTRACT – PEDIATRIC
HOME NURSING
SERVICES, INC., PSA
HEALTHCARE

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the agreement between the district and People Home Health Care Services Licensed Inc., as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.14 CONTRACT: PEOPLE
HOME HEALTH CARE
SERVICES LICENSED
INC.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to approve the agreement between the district and Ellen Cool, MT-BC, LCTA, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.15 CONTRACT: ELLEN
COOL, MT-BC, LCAT

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the agreement between the district and Aspire of WNY, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.16 CONTRACT: ASPIRE OF
WNY

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the recommended bid award for the sale of used vehicles to Alden Trucks LTD for \$2,668.00 David Blakeley Inc. for \$1,006.00, Casey's for \$28.00, Ed Henning Inc. for \$8,284.45, Robert Stonebraker for \$400.00, and Joseph Thering for \$505.00, as submitted.

13.17 BID AWARD: SALE OF
USED VEHICLES

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the appointment of Harris Beach PLLC as chief legal officer of the Lancaster Central School District for all Taylor Law purposes, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the establishment of a new checking account with JP Morgan Chase Bank for the P&A Group, Inc. to administer the 105-h and flexible spending account plans offered to the district’s employees, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to split the high school band extra-class account into three separate accounts, symphonic band, wind symphony, and concert band account, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

A copy of policy #7315 Student Use of Computerized Information Resources (Acceptable Use Policy) was submitted to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the September 29 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

A copy of policy #7360 Student Access to Networked Information Resources was submitted to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the September 29 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

A copy of policy #8271 Children’s Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy was submitted to the board for a first reading. This policy will be added to the September 29 agenda for additional review, discussion and revision, if necessary.

13.18 APPOINTMENT OF HARRIS BEACH PLLC – TAYLOR LAW PURPOSES

13.19 ESTABLISH NEW BANK ACCOUNT – APPROVED

13.20 REVISE EXTRA CLASS ACCOUNT – LHS BANDS

13.21 POLICY 1ST READING - #7315 STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES (ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY)

13.22 POLICY 1ST READING - #7360 STUDENT ACCESS TO NETWORKED INFORMATION RESOURCES

13.23 POLICY 1ST READING - #8271 CHILDREN’S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT: INTERNET CONTENT FILTERING/SAFETY POLICY

13.24 2009-2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Buchert to adopt the amended 2009-2010 board of education meeting schedule, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

No one addressed the board at this time.

At 7:47pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 PUBLIC HEARING

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk