

Board of Education
LANCASTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lancaster, New York

MINUTES

September 22, 2008

Regular Session

Lancaster Central High School, One Forton Drive, Lancaster

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

Mary Kless, Trustee
Marie MacKay, 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 the men and women, of the past and present, guarding our freedom.

Dr. Marie Perini and Dr. Sarah Weidler introduced the teachers who received tenure appointments at the previous board meeting. Mr. Graber and Mr. Ehrle presented the teachers with certificates.

Dr. Vallely presented information from the state regarding the school district's performance in the 2006-07 school year with unverified data for the 2007-08 school year. Data illustrated out of 32 subject categories in 2006-07 the district saw increases in 18. The district showed increases in 27 categories in 2007-08. which is the highest 2-year growth in district history. Dr. Vallely reviewed the statistics in all categories and spoke briefly about the math results, SAT scores, and 2007-08 AP results. Dr. Vallely commended the faculty, staff, and district representatives for their achievements.

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/
RECOGNITION**
- 4.1 **PRESENTATION –
TEACHER TENURE
PRESENTATION**

- 4.2 **PRESENTATION – NYS
SCHOOL REPORT CARD –
DR. MICHAEL VALLELY**

- 5.0 **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Graber said he received a letter from the Putman Valley Central School District regarding a resolution their board adopted. Mr. Graber noted it is being submitted for adoption at the New York State School Boards Association annual convention. Mr. Graber gave the letter to Mr. Maciejewski, voting delegate for the district, to take to the convention.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Casimino to accept the minutes from the regular session held on September 8, 2008, as corrected.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**7.0 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED**

**7.1 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED**

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to accept the minutes from the board retreat held on September 13, 2008, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

**7.2 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED**

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mr. Peter Kruszynski, president, 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.

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. Ehrle spoke about the Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB) executive board meeting that took place on September 18. Mr. Ehrle reminded the board about the ECASB Leaders Forum that will be held on October 2. Mr. Graber reminded everyone about the 6th Annual Redskin Revelry marching band show that is scheduled on September 27. Mr. Graber also reminded everyone about Family Day which is scheduled for September 28. Mr. Graber spoke about the town's 175th anniversary celebration that was attended by several district representatives.

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Myszka shared the official beginning enrollment information which, compared to June 30, 2008, showed an increase of 13 students. Mr. Myszka discussed the *Business First* school district rankings that were released on September 12. Lancaster ranked 16 out of 97 school districts this year based on 2006-07 data. Lancaster ranked 3rd in cost effectiveness and 3rd in administrative efficiency. Mr. Myszka spoke about WinCap, the new financial information management system, kick-off meeting he attended with BOCES representatives, WinCap representatives, the business office staff, information services department, and the personnel department. Mr. Myszka said the change-over will begin in late October/early November with a final implementation date of July 1, 2009. Mr. Myszka noted he attended an excellent middle school faculty meeting on September 8. Mr. Myszka spoke

**10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S
ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

about the Family Day event scheduled for September 28. Dr. Catherine Ansuini, from Buffalo State College, is the guest speaker and the Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra will provide entertainment along with other surprises.

No old business was discussed.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Foley to approve the personnel changes for the period ending September 22, 2008, with the addendum, as submitted.

A brief discussion took place regarding the Universal Prekindergarten Program.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 1 Nays (Kless)

MOTION APPROVED.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by MacKay SECONDED by Foley to approve the financial reports, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Foley to accept and adopt the 2008-2009 Board Goals, as amended.

The board and administration discussed goals from the previous year and their accomplishments. A copy of the 2008-2009 board goals was distributed to the board for discussion. Mr. Ehrle suggested the board continue to collaborate with county and state organizations.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS

12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS

12.21 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

12.22 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS

13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

13.12 BOARD OF EDUCATION - 2008-2009 GOALS - APPROVED

13.13 POLICY 2ND READING - #1335 APPOINTMENT

CLAIMS AUDITOR

A copy of policy #1335 Appointment and Duties of the Claims Auditor was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the October 6 agenda for adoption.

13.14 POLICY 2ND READING - #6180 DETERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS: EMPLOYEE OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

A copy of policy #6180 Determination of Employment Status: Employee or Independent Contractor was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the October 6 agenda for adoption.

13.15 POLICY 2ND READING - #8320 SELECTION OF LIBRARY AND MULTIMEDIA MATERIALS

A copy of policy #8320 Selection of Library and Multimedia Materials was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the October 6 agenda for adoption.

13.16 POLICY 2ND READING - #6540 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

A copy of policy #6540 Family and Medical Leave Act was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the October 6 agenda for adoption.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the board at this time.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:39 p.m. MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by MacKay to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

16.0 REGULAR SESSION

At 8:24 p.m. MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Kless to reconvene regular session.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m. MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Foley to adjourn the regular session.
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.