

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

MINUTES

September 29, 2009

Regular Session

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

Marie MacKay, President

Joseph Maciejewski, Vice President

Wendy Buchert, Trustee

Joseph Casimino EdD, 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

Alan Getter, Assistant Superintendent for Business & 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

A work session took place at 6:30pm with Mr. Tom Malecki, of Drescher & Malecki, the district's external auditing firm, to discuss the 2008-2009 audit report. The regular meeting of the board of education was called to order at 7:05pm by President MacKay. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mrs. MacKay asked for a moment of silence for individual reflection and for Miss Marie Diana, retired social studies teacher, who passed away on September 16, 2009. Miss Diana worked in the district from 1950 to 1995.

Dr. Marie Perini and Mr. Michael Cornell, assistant principal at the high school, introduced the secondary level teachers who received tenure appointments at the previous board meeting. Dr. Weidler introduced the elementary level teachers while Mrs. MacKay and Mr. Maciejewski presented certificates to them.

Mr. Myszka announced that the presentation of the audit report is postponed until the October 13 board of education meeting.

Mrs. Ami Measer, English teacher at the high school, spoke about the Freshman Seminar, which is a program specifically designed to help incoming freshman transition into high school life successfully and safely. Mrs. Measer spoke about the program development, the goals, and the program delivery. Mrs. Measer also reviewed the Freshman Seminar section of the district's Website and discussed the sessions that all freshmen will attend.

MEETING DATE

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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 **TENURE PRESENTATION**

- 4.2 **2008-2009 AUDIT REPORT**

- 4.3 **FRESHMAN SEMINAR –
MRS. AMI MEASER**

Mr. Mark Lawniczak, clerk of the works, updated the board with information regarding the status of the work being done throughout the district under the bond issue.

Mr. Eric Przykuta, 241 Peppermint Road, president of the Lancaster Central Teachers Association (LCTA), congratulated the newly tenured teachers, and noted that the school year is off to a great start.

A petition was received from the Lancaster High School alumni requesting the baseball field at the high school be named after Mr. Pat Dobson, who led the Redskin baseball team to the sectional championship, graduated from the high school in 1959, and later played in the major leagues. Mr. Myszka noted that Mr. Dobson was honored in 1995 as one of the first inductees on the Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor at the high school.

Mr. Myszka announced that the Health Careers Academy and the Academy of Finance have been approved to receive a \$2,000 grant award from the WNY Career Pathways Consortium.

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Maciejewski to accept the minutes from the regular session held on September 14, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Graber to accept the minutes from the board retreat held on September 15, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Jacqueline Bull, principal of the William Street School, congratulated the newly tenured teachers and said her staff is looking forward to a new assistant principal.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

No one present to report.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, had nothing to report.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

Mr. Graber announced that the Town of Lancaster opened the Richard E. Pascucci Memorial Band Shell this past Sunday and he attended the concert. The Lancaster High School Symphonic Band and the Town Band performed at this event for several hundred people. Dr. Casimino performs in the Town Band.

4.4 BOND ISSUE UPDATE – MR. MARK LAWNICZAK

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE
6.1 PETITION RECEIVED FROM LHS ALUMNI

6.2 WNY CAREER PATHWAYS GRANT AWARD

7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
7.1 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED – SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

7.2 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED – SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Zalenski said he attended the mandatory parent program at the high school on September 9 and it was informative and eye-opening. Mr. Zalenski said it is a worthwhile program and encouraged that it continue. Mr. Zalenski also attended an Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB) meeting where they discussed the collaborative efforts for the New York State School Boards Association's annual convention.

Mrs. MacKay attended the parent program and said it is an awesome program and she also wants it to continue.

Dr. Casimino noted that he read the district's technology report and said it is an excellent comprehensive plan for the district.

**10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S
ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Mr. Myszka began his report by saying he attended the Lancaster-Depew Substance Abuse Coalition meeting on September 17 where he spoke about the parent program. Mr. Myszka said the second session of LCTA negotiations with Mr. Dennis Campagna, Esq., the mediator from the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB), took place on September 21. Mr. Myszka also met with the members of PTO Council on September 17 where he discussed the utilization of the stimulus funds by the district. Mr. Myszka said he met with Mrs. Heidi Chaves, technology mentor, to update the renewal of the district's technology plan. Mr. Myszka attended a meeting at Erie 1 BOCES with Dr. Anthony Billittier, the Commissioner of the Erie County Department of Health, who informed the superintendents that the H1N1 vaccine will be available in mid-October. Mr. Myszka discussed a meeting he attended with Mr. Robert MacPeck, disaster coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management in the Town of Lancaster, to discuss using the field house as a site for community vaccinations. Mr. Myszka discussed a letter he received from Harris Beach PLLC about a conflict of interest with the Honorable John M. Curran.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. MacKay reminded the board members that their yearbook pictures will be taken before the meeting on November 9. Mrs. MacKay also said the board will interview candidates for the vacant seat on the board on October 19 in executive session.

**12.0 NEW BUSINESS
12.11 APPOINTMENT OF
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Graber to approve the appointment of Mr. Gregory Heer for the position of assistant principal at an annual salary of \$69,000, effective October 5, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.12 PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the personnel changes, for the period ending September 29, 2009 with the addendum, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS
12.21 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Casimino 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 Graber 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 Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to accept and adopt the 2009-2010 board goals as discussed at the September 15, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.12 BOARD OF EDUCATION 2009-2010 GOALS - APPROVED

MOVED by Casimino SECONDED by Graber to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and the Town of Lancaster, which grants permission to operate a social work counselor program for the students residing within the town of Lancaster and/or Lancaster Central School District through the Lancaster Youth Bureau at a cost to the district of \$35,575.50 for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 CONTRACT – TOWN OF LANCASTER – SOCIAL WORK COUNSELOR PROGRAM

A copy of policy #7315 Student Use of Computerized Information Resources (Acceptable Use Policy) was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the October 13 agenda for adoption.

13.14 POLICY REVIEW - #7315 STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES (ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY)

13.15 POLICY REVIEW - #7360 STUDENT ACCESS TO NETWORKED INFORMATION RESOURCES

A copy of policy #7360 Student Access to Networked Information Resources was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the October 13 agenda for adoption.

A copy of policy #8271 Children’s Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy was submitted to the board for a second reading. This policy will be added to the October 13 agenda for adoption.

No one addressed the board at this time.

At 8:03pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue and negotiations.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

At 9:52pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Maciejewski to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

At 9:53pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to adjourn the regular session. Mrs. MacKay noted that this meeting will be dedicated in honor of Miss Marie Diana for her years of service to the Lancaster Central School District. Dr. Casimino spoke about Miss Diana regarding her dedication to the students of the district.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.16 POLICY REVIEW - #8271
CHILDREN’S INTERNET
PROTECTION ACT:
INTERNET CONTENT
FILTERING/SAFETY
POLICY

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

REGULAR SESSION

ADJOURNMENT