

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

**MINUTES**

September 13, 2010

Regular Session

J. Norman Hayes Administration Building, 177 Central Avenue, Lancaster

Marie MacKay, President

Joseph Maciejewski, Vice President

Wendy Buchert, Trustee

Joseph Casimino, EdD, Trustee

Brenda Christopher, 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

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.

Mrs. MacKay introduced Mr. Thomas Murphy, lead teacher of the summer school program for special education students, Mr. John Zeis, principal of the general education summer school program, and Mr. Daniel Paveljack, principal of the high school, who spoke about the success of the summer school program. A number of students completed their graduation requirements through these programs. Mr. Daniel Paveljack escorted several students to the auditorium where Mrs. MacKay presented them with their diplomas.

Some presentations were postponed until the end of the meeting due to technical difficulties.

Mr. John Efthemis, an English teacher at the high school, spoke about a Community Awareness Program (CAP) which is being initiated this year for students at the high school. Mr. Efthemis explained the eligibility requirements, volunteer opportunities, and the writing components of this project. CAP is being piloted this year with the senior class as an alternate means of students fulfilling their English writing requirements while engaging in worthwhile community service; participation is voluntary.

**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 AUGUST 2010 GRADUATES**

**4.3 SENIOR EXIT PROJECT –  
MR. JOHN EFTHEMIS**

**5.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

No one addressed the board at this time.

A letter from Beverly Renning received on September 9, 2010 was distributed to the board members.

MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Graber to accept the minutes from the regular session held on August 30, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mr. Daniel Paveljack, principal at the high school, had no items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Eric Przykuta, president, welcomed the students back to school.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, had no items to report.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one was present to report.

Mr. Graber spoke about the Lancaster Educational and Alumni Foundation, Inc. (LEAF) and said the next meeting is scheduled for September 15, at 7pm at the district office. Mr. Graber said the membership drive will kick-off at the high school open house in October. Mrs. Christopher said she attended open house at the middle school.

Mr. Myszka said he interviewed candidates for a math position, social studies position, and an English position at the high school, a teacher assistant at William Street, and a reading position at the middle school. Mr. Myszka announced that Mr. David Pelino, a social studies teacher at the middle school, received a grant through McDonald's Corporation that will purchase a digital camera for the classroom. Mr. Myszka said opening enrollment was 6,107 students, down 56 students overall from last year, a lower-than-anticipated decline. Mr. Myszka said he met with Mr. Walter Foltarz, superintendent of buildings and grounds, and Mrs. Kim Glauser, secretary of the community education department, to discuss building usage. Mr. Myszka said the opening day format was successful. The new format gave the William Street teachers time to prepare for open house. William Street School will have three separate open house events (by grade level) upon the recommendation of local officials due to safety concerns. Mr. Myszka said traffic congestion resulted in an accident in front of the school during last year's open house.

Mrs. MacKay said the board's retreat is scheduled for September 20, 6pm, at the district office.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the personnel changes for the period ending September 13, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

**6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 30, 2010**

**8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS**

**9.0 BOARD REPORTS**

**10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**11.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**12.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS**

**12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES**

MOTION 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.

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Christopher SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the contract between the district and the Buffalo City School District for health and welfare services provided during the 2009-2010 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Mrs. Ziegler spoke about the state's changes in levels of proficiency on student assessments and how these changes affect students who previously met proficiency but no longer do. Mrs. Ziegler explained how the cut scores are calculated and reviewed how Lancaster's students compared to other districts in the area. Mrs. Ziegler noted that more data will be presented in the future to help assist the district in better preparing students for college.

Mr. Peter Herrscher, business department chairman, spoke about opportunities offered to the students by the business department and how the business curriculum helps the students prepare for college. Mr. Herrscher and business teachers, Mrs. Lori Piotrowski, Mr. Scott Dixon, Mrs. Lynn Fisher, Mrs. Erin Bortz, and Miss. Sarah Dorman, spoke about their credentials and history with the district.

No one addressed the board at this time.

Mrs. MacKay asked for a moment of silence in memory of September 11, 2001, for the firemen, policemen, and all of the victims of that tragedy.

At 8:09pm MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Graber to move to executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS  
12.21 COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVED

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL ITEMS  
13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED

13.12 CONTRACT: BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

4.2 ASSESSMENTS AND CUT SCORES – MICHELE ZIEGLER

4.4 LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

REGULAR SESSION

At 9:17pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:18pm MOVED by Zalenski SECONDED by Casimino to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:           7 Ayes           0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

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Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk