

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

**MINUTES**

September 27, 2010

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

Brenda Christopher, Trustee

Kenneth Graber, Trustee

David Zalenski, Trustee

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

Edward J. Myszka, Superintendent of Schools - excused

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. Ami Measer, English teacher at the high school, spoke about the Freshman Seminar, which is a program specifically designed to help incoming freshmen 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.

Mr. Matthew Baehr, Mr. Jerome Marsala, and Mr. Michael Snider, industrial arts/technology teachers at the high school spoke about Project Lead the Way. The teachers explained the program; spoke about past Project Lead the Way students and their post-graduation successes.

Dr. Sarah Weidler introduced the elementary level teachers who received tenure appointments at the June board meeting. Dr. Perini introduced the secondary level teachers while Mrs. MacKay and Mr. Maciejewski presented certificates to the newly-tenured teachers.

**MEETING DATE**

**KIND**

**PLACE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS**

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**
- 2.0 **PLEDGE TO FLAG**
- 3.0 **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- 4.0 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 4.1 **FRESHMAN SEMINAR**

- 4.2 **PROJECT LEAD THE WAY**

- 4.3 **TENURE PRESENTATION**

- 4.4 **RAISING STANDARDS –  
MRS. MICHELE ZIEGLER**

Mrs. Michele Ziegler spoke about the state’s change in levels of proficiency on assessments and presented information about the district’s graduation rates and types of diplomas past students received.

Mr. Lee Chowanec, 93 Northwood Drive, addressed the board about girls hockey.

No correspondence was received.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Christopher to accept the minutes from the regular session held on September 13, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to accept the minutes from the board retreat held on September 20, 2010, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mrs. Theresa Adamec, assistant principal at the high school, had no items to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mrs. Lynn Fisher, secondary vice 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 one was present to report.

Mr. Graber said he attended an Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB) meeting on September 23, as a member of the delegate assembly. Mr. Maciejewski announced there will be a meeting of the audit committee on October 12 at 6:30pm to discuss the district’s recent audit.

Dr. Valley outlined some items on Mr. Myszka’s administrative report beginning with the information regarding the possible reductions in state aid payments and the STAR property tax program. The State Division of Budget confirmed that the district’s STAR payment reduction is anticipated in the amount of \$74,000. The state aid payment hold/cut reduction, per Chapter 313, is at 0.670660 percent and Lancaster’s potential cut is \$192,046. Combining the STAR reduction and state aid cut, Dr. Valley said total reduction is estimated at \$266,046. Dr. Valley spoke about the budget meeting at BOCES on September 15 and the enormous impact of a mid-year state aid cut. Dr. Valley announced that the College Board named 45 Lancaster High School students AP Scholars for their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP exams. A copy of a letter sent by Mrs. Kathleen Knauth, principal at Hillview Elementary, was shared with the board regarding the landscaping work completed by Connor Nowak, a former Hillview student, for his Eagle Scout project.

**5.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

**6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**7.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

**7.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 2010**

**8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS**

**9.0 BOARD REPORTS**

**10.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Mrs. MacKay spoke about the voting guide for the New York State School Board Association’s annual business meeting and said a work session will be scheduled after the next meeting to review the recommendations.

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Casimino to approve the personnel changes for the period ending September 27, 2010, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve recommendations of the committee on special education, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski 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 Zalenski to approve the financial reports, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to approve the authorization of Edward J. Myszka, superintendent of schools, to perform specific duties for the school district effective August 27, 2010, as submitted.  
Mrs. MacKay noted these duties were completed by Mr. Alan Getter who retired effective August 27, 2010.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Christopher SECONDED by Graber to accept and adopt the 2010-2011 board goals as discussed at the September 20, 2010, as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Christopher SECONDED by Maciejewski to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Summit Educational Resources, Inc., as submitted.  
VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

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 AUTHORIZATION OF DUTIES TO EDWARD J.MYSZKA

13.13 BOARD OF EDUCATION 2010-2011 GOALS - APPROVED

13.14 CONTRACT – SUMMIT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, INC.

MOTION APPROVED.

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Aspire of Western New York to provide vision services for a specific student, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.15 CONTRACT – ASPIRE OF WESTERN NEW YORK

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to authorize the proposed settlements to Gold Seal Equity Partnership and Donato, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.16 TAX CERTIORARIS – GOLD SEAL EQUITY PARTNERSHIP AND DONATO HOMES, INC.

Mr. Mike Sage, 75 Court Street, spoke about cuts to the budget and how they are handled by the district.

Mr. Chowaniec spoke about federal stimulus funds, the budget advisory committee, and property taxes.

Mr. Mark Martzolf, 5305 William Street, spoke about open house at the William Street School and parking at Court Street Elementary.

At 8:47pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Buchert to move to executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

At 9:23pm MOVED by Christopher SECONDED by Buchert to reconvene regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:24pm MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Casimino to adjourn the regular session.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

REGULAR SESSION

ADJOURNMENT