

Board of Education  
Lancaster Central School District  
Lancaster, New York

Minutes

Meeting Date

June 20, 2023

Kind

Regular Session

Place

Lancaster High School, One Forton Drive, Lancaster – Auditorium

Members Present

Michael Sage, President  
Glenn Jackson, Vice President  
Shannon Cohen, Trustee  
Jill Fecher, Trustee  
Kevin Davenport, Trustee  
John Talarico, Trustee

District Administrators Present

Michael Vallely, PhD, Superintendent of Schools  
Daniel D'Amico, Asst. Superintendent for Human Resources  
Andrew Kufel, PhD, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Pupil Services  
Jamie Phillips, Asst. Superintendent for Business & Support Services  
John Armstrong, Director of Special Education  
Karen Marchioli, EdD, Director of Elementary Education  
Michele Ziegler, Director of Instructional Technology & Accountability

Others Present

District administrators and faculty members

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Pledge to Flag
- 3.0 Moment of Silence

The regular meeting of the board of education was called to order at 7:00pm by President Sage. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mr. Sage asked for a moment of silent reflection.

- 4.0 Presentation
- 4.1 Art Show

Mrs. Ann PerrySmith, art department chairperson, and Mr. Sage congratulated the following students for donating artwork to display in the board room at the Central Avenue School and the Art Gallery at the high school: Emma Plotnicki, Lily Marshall, Olivia Czarnecki, Olivia Friedmann, Julianna Lam, Jasper Sawicki, Zoe Berg, Paige Hares, Violet Carson, Joshua Olewniczak, Isabelle Januska, Cora Rizzo and Amelia Dudziak.

- 4.2 Rifle Team Recognition

Mr. Gembar, Varsity Rifle Team Coach, presented information to the board regarding the activities of the club. Mr. Gembar and Mr. Sage presented certificates to the following students for their accomplishments at Section VI and the State Invitational: Tyler DeKruger, Miranda Leach, Jayden Eckert, Jessi Holm, Megan Powell and John Martzolf.

4.3 Culture, Climate and Inlusivity Goal

Ms. Bonnie Blatner and Dr. Kufel spoke about the Culture, Climate, and Inlusivity goal and what is taking place in our schools to focus on supporting students.

5.0 Correspondence

An email was received from Adrienne Gummo on June 6, 2023.

6.0 Approval of Minutes  
6.1 Regular Session  
June 5, 2023

Moved by Davenport seconded by Fecher to accept the minutes from the regular session held on June 5, 2023, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

7.0 Staff Organizations

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

No one present to report.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Abraham congratulated the Class of 2023 and the LCTA retirees.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

No one present to report.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

8.0 Board Reports  
8.1 Review of 2022-2023  
District Goals

Mr. Sage updated the community regarding the 2022-2023 district goals.

9.0 Superintendent's  
Administrative Report

Dr. Vallely presented his administrative report.

10.0 Old Business

No old business was discussed.

11.0 New Business  
11.1 Personnel Items  
11.1.1 Lancaster Central Teachers  
Association, Inc. – Extension  
Agreement

Moved by Jackson seconded by Davenport to approve the negotiated agreement between the Superintendent and the Lancaster Central Teachers Association, Inc., effective September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

11.1.2 Superintendent's Employment  
Contract

Moved by Cohen seconded by Fecher to approve the amendment to the Contract of Employment between the Board of Education and Michael J. Vallely, Ph.D., as presented to the Board of Education.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

11.1.3 Personnel Changes

Moved by Davenport seconded by Cohen to approve the personnel changes for the period ending June 20, 2023, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

11.2 Education Items

11.2.1 Committee on Special Education

Moved by Talarico seconded by Jackson to approve the recommendations of the committee on special education, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.0 Business & Financial Items

12.1 Financial Reports

Moved by Cohen seconded by Fecher to approve the financial reports, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.2 Policy 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

#5630 Facilities: Inspection, Operation, and Maintenance

Policy #5630 Facilities: Inspection, Operation, and Maintenance was presented to the board for a second reading. This policy will be placed on the board's next agenda for adoption.

12.3 Policy 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

#7420 Sports and the Athletic Program

Policy #7420 Sports and the Athletic Program was presented to the board for a first reading. This policy will be placed on the board's next agenda for a second reading.

12.4 Policy 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

#8240 Instruction In Certain Subjects

Policy #8240 Instruction In Certain Subjects was presented to the board for a first reading. This policy will be placed on the board's next agenda for a second reading.

12.5 Contract – Clarence Central School District

Moved by Fecher seconded by Davenport to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Clarence Central School District, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.6 Contract – Sound Transformations Music Therapy Services

Moved by Cohen seconded by Jackson to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Sound Transformations Music Therapy Services, to provide music therapy services to students for the 2023-2024 summer and school year, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.7 Contract – BHSC Services

Moved by Fecher seconded by Davenport to approve three contracts between the Lancaster Central School District and BHSC Services to provide speech-language therapy services, occupational and physical therapy, and psychological and CSE/CPSE services for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.8 Contract Renewal  
YMCA Buffalo Niagara

Moved by Davenport seconded by Fecher to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and the YMCA Buffalo Niagara for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.9 Contract – Associated Physical  
and Occupational Therapists, PLLC

Moved by Cohen seconded by Fecher to approve the service agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Associated Physical and Occupational Therapists, PLLC, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.10 Construction Change Orders

Moved by Fecher seconded by Davenport to approve change orders 77P3 CO-323-006, 77P3 CO-323-007, 77P3 CO-326-003, 77P4 CO-403-001, and 77P4 CO-403-002, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.11 Contract – Rachael Schneider  
Licensed Behavior Analyst, PLLC

Moved by Cohen seconded by Talarico to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Rachael Schneider Licensed Behavior Analyst, PLLC, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.12 School Lunch and Breakfast  
Prices for the 2023-2024  
School Year

Moved by Davenport seconded by Fecher to approve the school lunch prices of \$2.40 at the K-3 level, \$2.70 at the 4-6 level, \$2.85 at the 7-12 level, and \$1.50 for breakfast for all grade levels effective September 1, 2023, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.13 Bid Award: Printed Forms  
and Stationery

Moved by Fecher seconded by Jackson to approve the recommended bid award for printed forms and stationery to multiple vendors, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.14 Bid Award: Transportation  
Parts and Supplies

Moved by Davenport seconded by Talarico to approve the attached vendors for transportation parts and supplies, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.15 Payment from Employee Benefit  
Accrued Liability Reserve Fund

Moved by Cohen seconded by Fecher to authorize payment up to \$700,000 from the District's Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund account to cover authorized expenditures for liabilities consistent with the collective bargaining agreement obligations for 2022-2023, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.16 Contract Extension: Erie  
Bus Inc., DBA WNY Bus Co.

Moved by Davenport seconded by Jackson to approve the extended contract with Erie Bus Inc., DBA WNY Bus Co., for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$190.75 per student per day for an estimated total not to exceed \$2,823,100, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

13.0 Public Hearing

Jennifer Binis, 204 Central Avenue, spoke about democracy and thanked the board members for keeping the students safe.

Michael Manuella, 62 Brady Avenue, addressed the board regarding an error that occurred during a Regents exam.

Nancy Orticelli, 5463 Seneca Street, West Seneca addressed the board regarding freedom, power, and library books.

14.0 Adjournment

At 8:12pm moved by Fecher seconded by Jackson to adjourn the regular session.

Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk