

Board of Education
Lancaster Central School District
Lancaster, New York

Minutes

Meeting Date	March 11, 2024
Kind	Regular Session
Place	William Street School, 5201 William Street, Lancaster
Members Present	Michael Sage, President Shannon Cohen, Vice President Kevin Davenport, Trustee Glenn Jackson, Trustee John Talarico, Trustee
Members Excused	Jill Fecher, Trustee Timothy Talbot, 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 Andrew Krazmien, Director of Secondary Education Karen Marchioli, Ed.D., Directory 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 for Sandra Casimino, hired in 1979 as a clerk typist and retired in 2004 as district clerk, who passed away on February 22, 2024; and for Patricia Bosinski, an elementary teacher from 1969 through 2000, who passed away on February 29, 2024.
4.0 Presentation – Annual Fire Inspection	Mr. Michael Bryniarski, Director of Facilities, presented information regarding the annual fire inspection completed in February 2024.
5.0 Correspondence	
5.1 Email Received	An email was received from Chris Papadimitriou on February 8, 2024
5.2 Letter Received	A letter was received from Renee Wilson on February 12, 2024

- 5.3 Email Received
 - An email was received from Tarja Parssinen on March 6, 2024
- 5.4 Email Received
 - An email was received from Michael D. Mastrangelo on March 7, 2024
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes
 - 6.1 Regular Session
 - February 5, 2024
 - Moved by Jackson seconded by Cohen to accept the minutes from the regular session held on February 5, 2024, as submitted.
 - Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
 - Motion approved.
 - 6.2 Budget Work Session
 - February 26, 2024
 - Moved by Cohen seconded by Talarico to accept the minutes from the budget work session held on February 26, 2024, as submitted.
 - Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
 - Motion approved.
 - 7.0 Staff Organizations
 - Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:
 - No one present to report.
 - Lancaster Central Teachers Association:
 - Secondary Vice President Marc Rinow had no items to report.
 - Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:
 - No one present to report.
 - Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:
 - No one present to report.
 - 8.0 Board Reports
 - There were no board reports.
 - 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 Personnel Changes
 - Moved by Cohen seconded by Davenport to approve the personnel changes for the period ending March 11, 2024, as submitted.
 - Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
 - Motion approved.
 - 11.1.2 Appoint School Lunch
 - Manager
 - Moved by Cohen seconded by Jackson to approve the appointment of Arlene Denver as School Lunch Manager commencing March 7, 2024, as submitted.
 - Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
 - Motion approved.
 - 11.2 Education Items
 - 11.2.1 Committee on Special Education
 - Moved by Davenport seconded by Talarico to approve the recommendations of the committee on special education, as submitted.
 - Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

11.2.2 Committee on Preschool
Special Education

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

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.0 Business & Financial Items

12.1 Financial Reports
March 11, 2024

Moved by Cohen seconded by Jackson to approve the financial reports from March 11, 2024, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.2 Policy 2nd Reading
#6214 Incidental
Teaching

Policy #6214 Incidental Teaching 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 2nd Reading
#6190 Workplace Violence
Prevention Policy

Policy #6190 Workplace Violence Prevention Policy was presented to the board for a second reading. This policy will be placed on the board's next agenda for adoption.

12.4 Policy 2nd Reading
#5110 Budget Planning and
Development

Policy #5110 Budget Planning and Development was presented to the board for a second reading. This policy will be placed on the board's next agenda for adoption.

12.5 Policy 2nd Reading
#5511 Reserve Funds

Policy #5511 Reserve Funds was presented to the board for a second reading. This policy will be placed on the board's next agenda for adoption.

12.6 Policy 1st Reading
#7350 Timeout and Physical
Restraint

Policy #7350 Timeout and Physical Restraint was presented to the board for a first reading. This policy will be placed on the board's next agenda for a second reading.

12.7 Policy 1st Reading
#7440 Student Voter
Registration and Pre-Registration

Policy #7440 Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration was presented to the board for a first reading. This policy will be placed on the board's next agenda for a second reading.

12.8 Appointment of Chief Election
Inspector, Chairperson, and
Election Inspectors

Moved by Talarico seconded by Cohen to approve the appointment of a chief election inspector, chairperson, and election inspectors for May 21, 2024, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.9 Contract – Frontier
Central School District

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

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.10 Contract – Williamsville
Central School District

Moved by Jackson seconded by Cohen to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Williamsville Central School District, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.11 Contract – West Seneca
Central School District

Moved by Jackson seconded by Cohen to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and West Seneca Central School District, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.12 Contract – Clarence
Central School District

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

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.13 Food Service Department
Operating Systems Reports
January 2024

Moved by Davenport seconded by Cohen to approve the food service department operating system reports for January 2024, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.14 Contract – GPG Music

Moved by Cohen seconded by Talarico to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and GPG Music to provide a custom composition and arrangement services for the 2024-25 marching band show in the amount of \$8,000, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.15 AIA Contract – Stohl
Environmental, LLC

Moved by Jackson seconded by Talarico to approve the AIA contract between the Lancaster Central School District and Stohl Environmental,

LLC in an estimated cost not to exceed \$14,000 for air monitoring and sampling for Phase 5 of the 2018 capital project, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.16 AIA Contract – CJ Brown
Energy and Engineering, PC

Moved by Davenport seconded by Cohen to approve the AIA contract between the Lancaster Central School District and CJ Brown Energy and Engineering, PC at a total cost of \$13,395 for testing of various new systems for Phase 5 of the 2018 capital project, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.17 AIA Contract – Encorus
Group

Moved by Jackson seconded by Talarico to approve the AIA contract between the Lancaster Central School District and Encorus Group in the estimated amount not to exceed \$16,000 for construction occurring at Hillview Elementary School and 295 Pleasant View, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.18 Construction Change Orders

Moved by Talarico seconded by Jackson to approve change orders 77P4 CO-403-008, 77P4 CO-406-001, 77P4 CO-409-007, 77P4 CO-422-005, 77P4 CO-423-007, 77P4 CO-423-008 and 77P4 CO-426-004, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.19 Contracts – Various Providers
of Special Education Services

Moved by Cohen seconded by Talarico to approve the agreements between the Lancaster Central School District and the various approved special education providers for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.20 Internal Audit Report and
Corrective Action Plan

Moved by Jackson seconded by Talarico to accept the internal audit risk assessment report and the corrective action plan, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.21 Declare Surplus Equipment

Moved by Cohen seconded by Jackson to declare the attached listing of equipment surplus and authorize their disposal in accordance with Board of Education policy #5250, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.22 State Quality
Environmental Review
(SEQR) for the Proposed
Capital Project

The Lancaster Central School District's Resolution Adopting Negative

Declaration Pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality
Review Act for Proposed Capital Improvement Project
Moved by Davenport seconded by Cohen:

Whereas, the Lancaster Central School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “District”) proposes the following work to be completed at certain District facilities and campuses pursuant to a capital improvement project: (a) Lancaster High School: replacement of interior heating and cooling systems, piping, insulation and HVAC controls; renovation of bathrooms including floors, ceilings, lighting, millwork, sinks and plumbing; replacement of exterior doors or frame and addition of ADA hardware to existing doors; replacement of exterior windows/ storefront systems; replacement of roof system in various areas; renovations within the weight room, classrooms, interior learning spaces, and the counseling space to include an office and conference space; replacement of lighting, ceilings and finishes in various areas; installation of new synthetic turf fields with 125 foot height maximum sport lighting; building a new storage building at the new turf complex; renovation of the building’s front entrance exterior, including ramps and steps; upgrades to fire alarm system and addition of security cameras; (b) William Street School: renovations to asphalt parking lots and drive lanes, replacement of existing sidewalks, curbs, walkways; modification of the existing loading dock, creation of a new loop road, parking areas, and walking paths; upgrades to site drainage, storm piping and on-site storm retention; addition of 14 new classrooms with associated interior work; addition of storage space; renovations to existing cafeteria; renovations of classroom spaces into office spaces and associated reconfiguration of interior spaces; installation of a new elevator; renovations to roof mounted air handling and ventilation equipment and upgrade HVAC units; installation of new PE space; upgrades to electrical, gas, and water systems; addition of security cameras and additions of access points and secure entrances; (c) Lancaster Middle School: addition of new metal storage building and dust collector, replacement of existing windows and roofing; replacements of new scoreboards in the gymnasium and corridor doors; addition of a new drop off loop on east side of building; additional sidewalks around the building and renovation of classrooms; replacement of existing interior ramps with ADA compliant ramps and upgrades to fire alarm system; (d) Como Park Elementary School: site renovations including replacement of parking lots, drive lanes, sidewalks, curbs, walkways and modifications to the existing loading dock; upgrades to site drainage, storm piping and on-site storm retention; addition of 12 classrooms and associated interior work; renovations to existing cafeteria and kitchen spaces; renovations to existing classrooms, bathrooms, hallways, support spaces and offices; renovation and expansion of existing gymnasium; renovations to roof mounted air handling and ventilation equipment; addition of an elevator; upgrades to fire alarm system, sprinkler system,

and electrical service; installation of new security cameras and a new fire hydrant; and relocation of existing gas service; (e) Court Street Elementary School: addition of four classrooms and renovation of existing classrooms with associated interior work, renovation of existing bathrooms, cafeteria, kitchen and loading dock; replacement of roofing, site renovations including additional sidewalks and drive lanes; replacement of playgrounds, updates to utilities and addition of fire hydrants, and installation of additional security cameras; (f) Hillview Elementary School: addition of seven classrooms and associated interior work, renovations and expansion of the gymnasium, cafeteria, and kitchen spaces, replacement of windows, roofing, and lighting, renovations of office, storage, support areas, locker room spaces and support spaces, upgrades to fire alarm systems, utilities, and installation of additional security cameras; (g) John A. Sciole Elementary School: addition of two classrooms with associated interior work, renovations to cafeteria, kitchen spaces, art room, classrooms, hallways, and support spaces, replacement of windows and roof, installation of new sidewalks, upgrades to fire alarm systems, utilities, and installation of additional security cameras and a new fire hydrant, replacement of portions of playground equipment and surfacing to meet ADA requirements; and (h) Building and Grounds/295 Pleasant View Drive: addition of a new salt storage building, perimeter fencing and mechanical gate, and landscaping improvements (collectively referred to as the “Project” and with each of the referenced locations on which Project work is to be completed collectively referred to as the “Project Site”); and Whereas pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations promulgated thereto at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (collectively referred to as “SEQRA”), the District is required to undertake a review of potential significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the Project, and the District having reviewed the Project plans and components and after additional careful consideration, it has determined that it constitutes a Type I action pursuant to SEQRA based upon its review of the record and in consultation with the District’s architect, Young + Wright Architectural (the “District Architect”); and Whereas, pursuant to the required SEQRA review to be completed for the Project, the District has reviewed the drafts of the completed Parts 1 and 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”), as well as reviewing the plans associated with the Project, results of the EAF Mappers for each of the campuses and locations on which Project work is to be completed, additional documents and information prepared by the District’s Architect including a summary of Project issues, and pursuant to its issuance of this declaration and notice, the District has reviewed and adopted the completed Part 3 of the EAF and; Whereas, the District resolves based upon the information contained in the EAF and the documents prepared by the District Architect, as well as based on the other information summarized above and herein comprising

the administrative record in this matter, and determines that the Project for the reasons set forth below will not result in any significant potential adverse impact to the environment, and hereby issues this resolution which also constitute a Negative Declaration and notice thereof as follows:

Name of Action: The Lancaster Central School District Capital Improvement Project 2024

Applicant: The Lancaster Central School District Board of Education

Type of Action (SEQRA Classification): Type I

Description of Action (Summary):

The action associated with the Project is generally comprised of reconstruction and replacement of existing features and several new building additions on the District campuses and District sites as referenced above in the first Whereas clause contained on the first page of this resolution (with work located on the collective Project sites), and includes additions to parking lot areas and associated structures including drainage structures, reconstruction of playing fields, including replacement of athletic field features such as new synthetic turf fields and new lighting, various internal renovations and upgrades to classrooms, HVAC upgrades, flooring and electrical system upgrades and replacements, window, doors and flooring replacement work, installation of new fire hydrants and fire alarm system upgrades and each of the other Project components as more specifically identified in the referenced Whereas clauses.

Location of Action (Project Work):

The location of the property and campuses on which the work pursuant to the Capital Plan will be undertaken includes: Lancaster High School, One Forton Drive, Lancaster, New York; William Street School, 5201 William Street, Lancaster, New York; Lancaster Middle School, 148 Aurora Street, Lancaster, New York; Court Street Elementary School, 91 Court Street, Lancaster, New York; Hillview Elementary School, 11 Pleasant View Drive, Lancaster, New York; John A. Sciole Elementary School, 86 Alys Drive, Depew, New York; Como Park Elementary School, 1985 Como Park Boulevard, Lancaster, New York; and the Building and Grounds, at Pleasant View Drive, 295 Pleasant View Drive, Lancaster, New York.

Now therefore be it resolved:

Upon a thorough review and due consideration by the District of the completed EAF for the Project, including reviewing and adopting the completed answers to Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the EAF, and in consideration of other information associated with the completed EAF including the EAF Mapper results for the campuses and locations upon which work associated with the Project is to be completed, and upon reviewing other information provided by the District's Architect, the plans for the Project on file with the District and other information contained in the administrative record in this matter including comments or information

provided by interested and involved agencies, the District makes the following additional findings:

1. The District has considered the Project, including identifying the reasonable impacts associated with it and compared same to the parameters and criteria set forth in applicable law and regulations, including but not limited to those set forth in 6 NYCRR §§ 617.1 and 617.3, in order to assess such impacts pursuant to SEQRA.
2. The District has classified its review of the Project as a Type I action pursuant to the SEQRA regulations.
3. The District adopts each of the matters set forth in the Whereas clauses herein as part of this resolution and each shall have the same force and effect as each of the other findings made in this resolution.
4. The District has considered the significance of the potential adverse environmental impacts of the proposed Project by: (i) carefully reviewing and examining the responses to the EAF, including the information in the completed Part 1 of the EAF, as well as that information set out in the completed Parts 2 and 3 of the EAF, together with examining other available supporting information and documents concerning the Project, as well as reviewing the EAF Mapper results for the campus locations/sites at issue, and information and documentation provided by the District's Architect, and the District has reviewed impacts and potential impacts from the Project to land, stormwater and groundwater, wetlands, other water resources, and analyzed any impacts associated with agricultural district designation(s), as well as impacts and potential impacts associated with or to historic, archaeological and other recognized and/or protected resources, and impacts to threatened or endangered plant and animal species, impacts to transportation, including such impacts associated with traffic and considered impacts to community character and cumulative impacts, if any, and considered each of the other potential impacts as required by applicable regulation; (ii) considered the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c) in light of such impacts or potential impacts; and (iii) thoroughly analyzed the identified areas of relevant environmental concern in issuing this negative declaration.
5. The District has not identified any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the Project, and based on its review, the District approves, adopts and incorporates by reference the responses to the EAF thereof with the summary prepared by the District's Architect, and finds that the Project will not result in any potentially significant adverse impact to the environment for the following reasons:

Impacts to Land, and Geologic Features as well as Impacts to Agricultural Uses as Well as Impacts to Community Character and Cumulative Impacts:

There will be no significant adverse impact to land as a result of the Project. The Project work entails renovations and reconstruction of and certain additions to facilities and facility components including to existing buildings and structures located on land that is currently devoted to educational and school uses, including but not limited to expansion

and additions to parking areas, as well as athletic facility upgrades and improvements. Significant work is also being completed inside of existing buildings and structures, including to classroom and other areas and replacement and upgrade of facilities inside such structures including to electrical systems, HVAC systems and other internal features. In addition, the Project involves the expansion of the footprint of several existing sites due to the addition of new classrooms, however, after the Project is completed, it will have the same use as it does now, including educational uses.

The work to be completed that is outside of structures on the Project sites is limited for the most part to reconstruction and renovation of existing facilities, including parking areas, associated drainage features and the like as well as upgrades to certain athletic facilities and play areas.

Additional/supplemental drainage containment and storm water features to be constructed will be located on the Project sites and as detailed below, will be constructed and operated in accordance with applicable regulations and as such no significant adverse impact to land from such work being completed outside of existing buildings or structures is anticipated.

No potential significant adverse impact to any geologic features of significance is anticipated as no such geological features on the Project sites have been identified.

In addition, the Project is not believed to be inconsistent with adopted land use plans as most of the Project sites have for some time been developed for educational uses and in any event, such educational uses are not subject to local zoning regulation.

For the reasons set forth above, no significant adverse impact is anticipated to community character as the Project sites consist of educational uses, and there will be no change in the uses associated with the Project work to be completed on the Project sites. Furthermore, no impact on community character is anticipated in light of the foregoing as there will be no change in use, and no material change in the intensity of such use associated with the construction or operation of the Project.

No potentially significant adverse impacts from cumulative impacts are anticipated. The Project sites have been developed with the same uses for many years and such uses will continue after the Project work is completed. Further, the development associated with the Project is not anticipated to be an inducement for any additional development in the area of the Project sites.

No potential significant adverse impacts to Agricultural uses are anticipated, as the areas to be disturbed are not located in any recognized Agricultural District or designation; as such, the Project is not anticipated to have any material adverse impact to agriculture.

Groundwater/Stormwater Impacts, Wetland Impacts and Impacts to Surface Water and Designated Floodplains:

The Project will not have any significant adverse environmental impact on water or from water, including surface or ground water, or from

stormwater, and there will be no significant adverse impact to wetlands. Though land disturbance is proposed at various sites comprising the Project sites consisting of the addition of new classrooms and a storage unit, certain parking reconstruction, repair/replacement and upgrades or additions to certain athletic facilities, and the modifications to storm water systems, existing site drainage, additional on-site retention, grading and underground piping at several sites, no significant changes to those campuses/sites associated with the Project work is anticipated. To the extent several of the campuses where Project work is to be constructed are located in areas identified as wetlands or adjacent to them, and /or in proximity to Class C streams, it is not anticipated that any Project work or operation of the Project will have any potentially significant adverse environmental impact to any such designated areas as such campuses and sites have been developed for some time, and no adverse impact to those areas has been previously noted and as no additional land beyond the Project sites is being disturbed, nor any significant change in the intensity of uses proposed by the Project, no potentially significant adverse impact to wetland or similar areas is anticipated.

Moreover, during Project construction the District will implement erosion control measures and obtain coverage under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's ("DEC") State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("SPDES") General Permit for Stormwater Discharges for construction activities. Pursuant to the implementation of the DEC's SPDES permit the District has committed to ensuring that a Stormwater Pollution Protection Plan ("SWPPP") is implemented in accordance with such regulations, including measures for stormwater management and water quality requirements. Further, to the extent detention/retention facilities are to be constructed to sites as part of reconstruction and expansion of parking areas, extension of drop off loop and sidewalk features and the like, such retention/retention facilities shall be constructed and operated in accordance with applicable regulations and requirements, including the District obtaining any appropriate permits from DEC including under the referenced SPDES Program and complying with any construction and operational requirements associated with such permits.

Furthermore, the Project will not be significantly impacted in a negative way by or have a significant adverse environmental impact on construction on lands subject to flooding or located in designated floodplains. It is noted that one or more of the campuses/sites identified are located within designated 100 or 500-year flood plains or areas, but there will be no significant adverse impact from the Project due to Project construction or operation of the Project in these areas, as the Project construction will be limited to sites which have been developed for some time and the land required for the expansion of some of the Project sites footprints is not anticipated to result in adverse impacts. As a result, no potentially significant adverse impacts from the Project being

constructed (including any such impacts after it is operational) in such areas is anticipated.

Air Quality Impacts and Health and Safety Impacts:

The Project will not result in any significant adverse impact to air quality from traffic or operations associated with construction, including from construction vehicles. It should also be noted that the development associated with the Project will not create a State regulated air emissions source and while construction will have an effect on air emissions including those from construction equipment and material delivery vehicles, such impacts are not anticipated to be significant but rather short-term and relatively discreet.

Further, as discussed below regarding traffic and transportation impacts, no increase in vehicular traffic associated with the Project is expected as the work to be completed as none of the improvements or measures to be constructed to parking areas are being undertaken to facilitate more vehicle trips or attract significantly larger numbers of attendees to events, but rather are being undertaken to be serve current needs and demands. Further, while two listed sites associated with New York State's inactive hazardous waste site list/spill list are located within 2,000 feet of the Court Street School, including the former Scott Aviation Facility (including Area 1) located on Erie Street (215, 221 and 225) (hereinafter the "Scott Aviation sites"). A review of available information from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation website that assesses the Scott Aviation sites indicates certain investigations and remediation has been completed on them, and there are no significant impacts anticipated away from the Scott Aviation sites and none to the Court Street School campus or to the occupants of it from any contamination issues from such sites. As a result, no significant health or environmental impact from the referenced waste sites is anticipated. Further, to the extent an impaired water body has been identified as located in proximity to the Project sites (including to the Court Street School and presumably associated with the referenced waste sites), for the reasons stated above concerning the discussion of the inactive hazardous waste sites, no significant adverse impact from or to such water body is anticipated, including because no impact from that water body to any of the campuses associated with the work on the Project site is anticipated.

Impacts to Plants and Animals Including to Threatened or Endangered Species:

The Project is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impact to plants or animals, including to threatened or endangered species as none have been identified as located on any aspects of the Project sites.

Impacts of Aesthetic Resources:

The Project will not have any significant adverse impact on aesthetic resources associated with the Project sites, as discussed in detail above regarding impacts to land, the development associated with the Project is not anticipated to have any significant impact because the uses associated

with the Project sites will remain the same after the Project is completed as they are now, educational uses. Further, no significant increase to the intensity of site uses is proposed under the Project for the Project sites which further demonstrates there will be no potentially significant adverse impact to aesthetic resources.

Impacts to Archeological and Historic Resources:

The Project is not anticipated to have a significant adverse impact on archeological or historic resources. Buildings and/or elements thereof located at the High School campus have been identified by the New York State Historic Preservation Office as historically significant. The District Architect has reviewed the Project and based on its input, the District will ensure the Project is undertaken so as to meet applicable requirements for any work undertaken to elements of such buildings deemed historically and archeologically significant. In particular, any work completed on such Project components shall comply as appropriate with regulations or guidance from the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with all pertinent elements of the Project work being subject to SHPO review and as appropriate, measures will be implemented to such elements as part of the Project work to mitigate impacts as needed.

Similarly to the extent the High School and other campuses where Project work will be completed is located in a special planning district known as the West Erie Canal Corridor, no potentially significant adverse impact from the Project to any such district features is anticipated because the sites at issue have been developed for a significant period of time prior to the Project being proposed and no impact to such district has been noted, and the Project will not result in any material or significant changes to such Project sites.

Further, none of the other work associated with the Project will be undertaken on facilities that are listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places, nor is any such work adjacent to any sites listed on the State or National Register.

Impacts on Open Space and Recreation:

The Project will not have any significant adverse impact on existing open space and recreation, as the Project Site has been developed and used for educational uses for many years, and the Project work will not change such use. To the extent under District policy District facilities are available for use by the public, the Project is not anticipated to have any impact on such policies.

Impacts on Critical Environmental Areas:

The Project will not have any significant adverse impact on any Critical Environmental Area (CEA) based upon review of available information including the EAF Mapper associated with the Project Site, as no such CEA on the Project sites has been identified.

Impacts on Transportation (Traffic):

The Project is not anticipated to have any significant adverse impact on transportation or to existing traffic patterns and flow. As discussed, the

Project work, including the addition of certain parking improvements to a number of campuses is not being undertaken to facilitate additional vehicle trips or materially increase the use of such facilities by attracting materially larger attendees to events. As a result, it is not anticipated that the Project will have a significant adverse impact on traffic, including local traffic flow and traffic patterns.

Impacts Related to Noise and Odors and Impacts from Light:

The Project will not have any significant adverse impact from objectionable noise and odor. While the Project will result in an increase in noise from construction, including from equipment and construction operations above ambient noise levels, the impact will be short in duration and discrete, because the noise will be limited to typical construction times and some buffering to adjacent properties will be provided by retained vegetation in the area including perimeter vegetation. In addition, any such noise from construction will be undertaken during work hours and as such is not anticipated to be significant. No undue odors are anticipated from construction of the Project or operation of it after it is built.

Further, to the extent that additional lighting is proposed as part of the Project, such lighting will not cause significant adverse impacts. The lighting that will be installed so as to avoid excessive light splash away from the site(s) at issue.

Impacts on Local Utilities and Energy:

No significant adverse impacts based on utility and energy usage are anticipated from the Project.

Now therefore be it further resolved:

Based on the foregoing, the District finds that the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and, in particular, pursuant to the criteria set forth at 6 NYCRR § 617.7(b)-(c) of the SEQRA regulations. The District thus issues this Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA and directs the following be undertaken and additional findings made:

1. A Notice of Negative Declaration shall be filed and/or published to the extent required by the SEQRA regulations, and as the District may deem advisable. The findings and conclusions relating to the determination of significance contained within this Negative Declaration and this notice hereof are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference into this Resolution as applicable.
2. This Resolution has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, by the Lancaster Central School District Board of Education with offices located at 177 Central Avenue, Lancaster, New York 14086.
3. The District Clerk and/or those persons whom District may designate or has designated for such purpose is authorized to file the Negative Declaration in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law

and this resolution shall also constitute a notice of Negative Declaration.

4. The requirements of SEQRA have been satisfied. This resolution and notice of negative declaration shall take effect immediately.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.23 Capital Project
Authorization

Resolution of the Board of Education of The Lancaster Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”) authorizing the submission of two propositions to be voted upon by the qualified voters of said District at the annual meeting thereof to be held on May 21, 2024

Whereas, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Lancaster Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”) is proposing to undertake a capital improvement project consisting of (i) the construction of alterations, renovations, improvements and additions to the District’s school buildings and associated facilities, including: Como Park Elementary, Court Street Elementary, Hillview Elementary, John A. Sciole Elementary, Lancaster Middle School, William Street Elementary School, the District Offices and Maintenance Facilities, and 295 Pleasant View Drive (“Buildings and Grounds”), (ii) related site work improvements, (iii) the acquisition and installation in and around the foregoing improvements of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, and apparatus; and (iv) all appurtenant, related and incidental improvements, and other costs and services incidental to the foregoing (the “Capital Project”); all at a total estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$143,700,000, with such cost being raised by the expenditure of up to \$16,000,000, from the District’s existing “General Capital Reserve Fund - 2022” (said fund being established pursuant to a proposition approved by the qualified voters of the District on May 17, 2022), and with the balance thereof, being raised by a tax upon the taxable property within said District to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be partially offset by State aid available therefor, and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, by the issuance of debt obligations of the District as may be necessary.

Whereas, the Board of the District is also proposing to undertake a supplemental capital improvement project, which shall be contingent upon the approval of the Capital Project, consisting of (i) the construction of alterations, renovations and improvements to the Lancaster High School, (ii) related site work improvements, (iii) the acquisition and installation in and around the foregoing improvements of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, and apparatus; and (iv) all appurtenant, related and incidental improvements, and other costs and services incidental to the foregoing (the “Supplemental Project” and,

collectively with the Capital Project, the “Project”); all at a total estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$34,300,000, with such cost being raised by a tax upon the taxable property within said District to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be partially offset by State aid available therefor, and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, by the issuance of debt obligations of the District as may be necessary.

Whereas, by resolution adopted on March 11, 2024, immediately prior to the consideration of this resolution, the Board (i) determined that the actions and improvements included in the Project constitute a “Type I” action pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (6 NYCRR Part 617) (collectively, “SEQRA”), (ii) the Board assumed lead agency status for purposes of conducting a coordinated review of the Project for purposes of SEQRA, (iii) determined that the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and as such a “negative declaration” is to be issued and shall be circulated, in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA.

Now therefore, be it resolved by this board of education of the Lancaster Central School District, Erie County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. At the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the District, to be held in the Lancaster High School Java Gym, 1 Forton Drive, Lancaster, New York, 14086, on May 21, 2024, with polls to be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., the following propositions shall be submitted to be voted upon (in addition to the proposition for the District’s 2024-2025 fiscal year budget and the proposition for the acquisition of transportation vehicles):

Proposition No. 3 – Capital Improvement Project

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

Resolved, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Lancaster Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”) proposed to have the District undertake a capital improvement project consisting of (i) the construction of alterations, renovations, improvements and additions to the District’s school buildings and associated facilities, including but not limited to: Como Park Elementary, Court Street Elementary, Hillview Elementary, John A. Sciole Elementary, Lancaster Middle School, William Street Elementary School, the District Offices and Maintenance Facilities, and 295 Pleasant View Drive (“Buildings and Grounds”), (ii) related site work improvements, (iii) the acquisition and installation in and around the foregoing improvements of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, and apparatus; and (iv) all appurtenant, related and incidental

improvements, and other costs and services incidental to the foregoing; all at a total estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$143,700,000, with such cost being raised by the expenditure of \$16,000,000 from the District's existing "General Capital Reserve Fund - 2022" (said fund being established pursuant to a proposition approved by the qualified voters of the District on May 17, 2022), and with the balance thereof, not to exceed \$127,700,000, being raised by a tax upon the taxable property within said District to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be partially offset by State aid available therefor, and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, by the issuance of debt obligations of the District as may be necessary.

Proposition No. 4 (Contingent) – High School Capital Improvement Project

If (and only if) Proposition No. 3 presented herewith is approved by the voters of the District, shall the following resolution also be adopted to wit:

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Lancaster Central School District, Erie County, New York is hereby further authorized to undertake a capital improvement project consisting of (i) the construction of alterations, renovations and improvements to the Lancaster High School, (ii) related site work improvements, (iii) the acquisition and installation in and around the foregoing improvements of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, and apparatus; and (iv) all appurtenant, related and incidental improvements, and other costs and services incidental to the foregoing; all at a total estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$34,300,000, with such cost being raised by a tax upon the taxable property within said District to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be partially offset by State aid available therefor, and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, by the issuance of debt obligations of the District as may be necessary.

Section 2. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include within the notice of said annual meeting required to be to be published and posted by the District in the manner required by law, a statement to the affect that the propositions set forth in Section 1 of this resolution will be voted upon at such annual meeting, which notice shall contain the full text of each such proposition.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows.

Michael Sage, President - aye

Shannon Cohen, Vice President - aye

Kevin Davenport - aye

Jill Fecher -absent

Glenn Jackson -aye

John Talarico -aye

Timothy Talbot - absent

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion approved.

12.24 Legal Notice, Annual Budget/
Proposition Vote and Trustee
Election

Moved by Talarico seconded by Cohen to approve the resolution to publish the legal notice for the annual budget vote and trustee election, and institute all other procedures required to conduct the vote and election, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

13.0 Public Hearing

Nobody addressed the board at this time.

14.0 Adjournment

At 7:16pm moved by Cohen seconded by Jackson to adjourn the regular session.

Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk