Board of Education
Lancaster Central School District
Lancaster, New York

Minutes

Meeting Date

August 3, 2026

Kind

Regular Session

Place

Lancaster Middle School, 148 Aurora Street, Lancaster

Members Present

John Talarico, President
Timothy Talbot, Vice President
David Lyman, Trustee
Anita Schiavone, Trustee
Melissa Payne Smith, Trustee
Katie Pirro, Trustee
Sophia Pannozzo, Ex- Officio Student Board Member
Skyy Segars, Ex- Officio Student Board Member

Members Excused

Jonathan VanNortwick, Trustee

District Administrators Present

Andrew P. Kufel, PhD, Superintendent of Schools
Daniel D'Amico, Asst. Superintendent for Human Resources
Andrew Krazmien, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Pupil Services
Jamie Phillips, Asst. Superintendent for Business & Support Services
Erin Gannon, Director of Special Education
Kim Gromoll, Director of Public Relations
Karen Marchioli, Director of Elementary Education
Cheryl Randall, Director of Instructional Technology & Accountability
John Tresmond, Asst. Director of Special Education
Sarah Wittmeyer, Director of Secondary Education

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 Talarico. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mr. Talarico asked for a moment of silent reflection for Jay Seeley, Elementary Teacher from 1968 through 1999, who passed away on July 13, 2026.

4.0 Presentation
4.1 Public Hearing – District-Wide Safety Plan

Mr. Talarico presented information regarding the District's Safety Plan and announced a public hearing. No one addressed the board at this time.

5.0 Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

6.0 Approval of Minutes
6.1 Regular Session July 12, 2026

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to accept the minutes from the regular session held on July 12, 2026, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

7.0 Staff Organizations

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:
Mr. Greg Heer had no items to report.
Lancaster Central Teachers Association:
Mrs. Beth Farrar 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

Miss Skyy Segars, Ex-Officio Student Board Member provided an update, highlighting School Supply drop-offs scheduled for K-6 students and Freshman Orientation.
Miss Sophia Pannozzo, Ex-Officio Student Board Member provided an update, highlighting Transfer Orientation and Freshman Mixer.

9.0 Superintendent's Administrative Report

Dr. Kufel 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 Talbot seconded by Smith to approve the personnel changes for the period ending August 3, 2026, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain
Motion approved.

11.2 Education Items
11.2.1 Committee on Special Education

Moved by Schiavone seconded by Talbot to approve the recommendations of the committee on special education, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

11.2.2 Committee on Preschool Special Education

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the recommendations of the committee on preschool 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 Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the financial reports from August 3, 2026, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.2 Declare Surplus Equipment

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to declare the attached listing of equipment as surplus and prepare for disposal in accordance with board policy #5250, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.3 Donation Acceptance – Joseph Foyle Estate

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the acceptance of $36,415.40 from the Joseph Foyle Estate to credit the funds
towards the capital construction expenses incurred for the “Foyle-Kling Field” entrance gate at the Lancaster High School football field.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.4 Food Service Department Operating System Reports

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the food service department operating system reports for June 2026, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.5 2026-2027 School Lunch Fund (C Fund) Budget

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the 2026-2027 school lunch fund budget, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.6 Budget Amendment – School Bus Purchase

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the expenditure budget increase as listed for the voter approved school bus purchase, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.7 Bid Award: Transportation Parts and Supplies

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the attached vendors for transportation parts and supplies, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.8 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program Plan

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to accept the approval of the attached pre-kindergarten program plan, as required in an amendment to Ed Law 3602-e(8), as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.9 2026-2027 Tax Levy

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the 2026-2027 tax rate, based on a total tax levy of $64,222,877, for Lancaster at $8.982555, Cheektowaga at $12.153163 and Elma at $379.195968, as submitted.
Vote on the Motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.10 Accept Auction Results

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to accept results from auction #48070, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.11 Contract – Pediatric Home Nursing Services., D/B/A Aveanna Healthcare

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Pediatric Home Nursing Services, Inc., D/B/A Aveanna Healthcare, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.12 Contract – Sound Transformations Music Therapy Services, Addendum #1

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the contract between the Lancaster Central School District and Sound Transformations Music Therapy Services, to provide music therapy services to students for the 2026-2027 summer and school year, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.13 Contract – Town of Lancaster – Family Support Center Coordinator

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the agreement for joint funding between the Lancaster Central School District and the Town of Lancaster, which grants permission for the district to provide a program coordinator for the Family Support Center for the 2026-2027 school year, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.14 Contract – Town of Lancaster – School and Community Support Center

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the agreement for joint funding between the Lancaster Central School District and the Town of Lancaster, which grants permission to operate a School and Community Support Program for the 2026-2027 school year, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.15 Contract – Town of Lancaster – School Resource Officer Agreement

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the agreement between the District and the Town of Lancaster for three school resource officers, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.16 Contract – Auctions International Online Auction

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Auctions International for on-line auction services for the district's surplus items, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.17 Contract – NYS Deferred Compensation Plan

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the 457(b) retirement plan resolution and adoption agreement with NYS Deferred Compensation Plan, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.18 Settlement Agreement

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Settlement Agreement on the District's behalf

resolving a claim arising from a special education due process hearing matter between the District and the parent of a student classified by the District's CSE, SED Case Number 680963, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

13.0 Public Hearing

No one addressed the board at this time.

14.0 Adjournment

At 7:13pm moved by Lyman seconded by Talbot to adjourn the regular session.
Vote on the motion: 6 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

Susan M. Schlegel, District Clerk