Board of Education
Lancaster Central School District
Lancaster, New York

Minutes

Meeting Date	August 31, 2026
Kind	Regular Session
Place	Lancaster Middle School, 148 Aurora St., Lancaster
Members Present	John Talarico, President Timothy Talbot, Vice President Anita Schiavone, Trustee David Lyman, Trustee Melissa Payne Smith, Trustee Jonathan VanNortwick, Trustee Katie Pirro, Trustee Sophia Pannozzo, Ex- Officio Student Board Member Skyy Segars, Ex- Officio Student Board Member
Members Excused	
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 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.

4.0 Presentation
4.1 Comprehensive District Education Plan (CDEP)

Andrew Krazmien, Sarah Wittmeyer, Karen Marchioli, and John Tresmond, presented information to the board regarding the Comprehensive District Educational Plan which included goals and plans

of action in literacy, English Language Arts, writing, science, math, college credit, and multi-tiered systems of support.

5.0 Correspondence

5.1 Email Received

Email from Dan Young with the Town of Cheektowaga Building & Plumbing Department received on August 3, 2026.

5.2 Email Received

Email from Rebecca Nelson received on August 4, 2026.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

6.1 Regular Session August 3, 2026

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to accept the minutes from the regular session held on August 3, 2026, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 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 thanked our custodial and administrative teams for working to ensure our schools are ready to welcome students.
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 the Middle School walkthrough, William Street School's supply drop-off, Freshman Orientation at the High School, and the kick-off dance after the 1st Varsity Football home game.
Miss Sophia Pannozzo, Ex-Officio Student Board Member provided an update, highlighting Transfer Orientation, Freshman Mixer, and participating in a mock class with science teacher interview candidates.
Mr. Talarico attended the middle school walkthrough and thanked the National Junior Honor Society for assisting students and parents as they explored the building.

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 VanNortwick to approve the personnel changes for the period ending August 31, 2026, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

11.2 Education Items

11.2.1 Committee on Special Education

Moved by Talbot seconded by VanNortwick to approve the recommendations of the committee on special education, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

11.2.2 Committee on Preschool Special Education

Moved by Lyman seconded by VanNortwick to approve the recommendations of the committee on preschool special education, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.0 Business & Financial Items

12.1 Financial Reports

Moved by Schiavone seconded by VanNortwick to approve the financial reports from August 31, 2026, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.2 Policy 1st Reading #5676 Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data

Policy #5676 Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data was presented to the board for a first reading. This policy will be placed on the board's next agenda for a second reading.

12.3 Tax Certiorari Settlements

Tax certiorari information was presented to the board for information regarding the following:
M&B Flix LLC A/K/A Flix Stadium 10

12.4 Declare Surplus Books

Moved by Lyman seconded by Talbot to declare the attached listing of books as surplus and prepare for disposal in accordance with board policy #5250, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.5 Declare Surplus Equipment

Moved by Lyman 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: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.6 District-Wide Safety Plan

Moved by Talbot seconded by Smith to approve the 2026-2027 District-Wide Safety Plan, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.7 Building-Level Emergency Response Plans

Moved by VanNortwick seconded by Schiavone to approve the 2026-2027 building-level emergency response plans for each school building within the district, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion approved.

12.8 Reserve Fund Activity June 30, 2026

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the reserve fund transactions and updated appropriated fund balance total for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.9 Bid Awards – Athletic Equipment and Supplies

Moved by Talbot seconded by Smith to approve the recommended bid award for athletic equipment and supplies to multiple vendors, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.10 Grant Acceptance – Whole Kids Foundation – Garden Grant

Moved by Talbot seconded by VanNortwick to approve the acceptance of the Garden Grant from Whole Kids Foundation and approve the grant agreement, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.11 Contract – Independent Health Corporation

Moved by Schiavone seconded by Smith to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Independent Health Corporation, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.12 Amendment to Contract – Pharmacy Benefit Dimensions, LLC

Moved by Talbot seconded by VanNortwick to approve the third amendment to the Pharmacy Benefit Dimensions Services agreement, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.13 Contract – Maria Blask

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Maria Blask, to provide AIS services at St. Mary's elementary for the 2026-2027 school year paid through Title 1 fund allocation, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.14 Contract – Carousel Nursery School

Moved by Talbot seconded by Schiavone to approve the agreement between Lancaster Central School District and Carousel Nursery School, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.15 Limited License Agreement –

Shea's Performing Arts Center

Moved by VanNortwick seconded by Schiavone to approve the limited license agreement between Lancaster Central School District and Shea's O'Connell Preservation Guild, Ltd., (d/b/a Shea's Performing Arts Center and Shea's Buffalo Theatre), as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.16 Contract – Buffalo Public Schools Tuition Rate Agreement

Moved by Talbot seconded by VanNortwick to approve the tuition rate agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and Buffalo City School District, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.17 Contract – Buffalo Public Schools Agreement for Academic Tutoring Services

Moved by VanNortwick seconded by Talbot to approve the contract between Lancaster Central School District and Buffalo Public Schools for academic tutoring instruction services for students admitted to medical facilities, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.18 Contract – WNY Dyslexia Specialist LLC

Moved by Smith seconded by VanNortwick to approve the agreement between Lancaster Central School District and WNY Dyslexia Specialists, LLC to provide reading instruction services for the 2026-2027 school year for a specific student, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.19 Contract – Maxim of New York Educational Institution Agreement

Moved by Talbot seconded by Smith to approve the agreement between Lancaster Central School District and Maxim of New York Educational Institution to provide nursing services per student's IEP during the 2026-2027 school year, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.20 Contract – Rachael Schneider Licensed Behavior Analyst, PLLC

Moved by Talbot seconded by Smith to approve the agreement between Lancaster Central School District and Rachael Schneider Licensed Behavior Analyst, PLLC, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.21 Contract – Lisa Jackson Ph.D.

Moved by Smith seconded by Talbot to approve the contract between Lancaster Central School District and Dr. Lisa Jackson, to provide neuropsychological evaluation services for certain students, per IEPs or CSE recommendations, for the 2026-2027 school year, as submitted.

Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.22 Contract – Erik Wiedemann Psy.D.

Moved by Talbot seconded by VanNortwick to approve the agreement between Lancaster Central School District and Dr. Erik Wiedemann, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.23 Contract – MedLink Ground Service

Moved by Schiavone seconded by Smith to approve the contract with ACC MedLink to provide non-emergency medical ground transportation services for a student, per their IEP, over the course of one day, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

12.24 2026-2027 Amended Tax Rate

Moved by Schiavone seconded by Talbot to approve the 2026-27 amended tax rate, based on a total tax levy of $64,222,877, for Lancaster at $9.035954, Cheektowaga at $12.224728 and Elma at $381.428881, as submitted.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

13.0 Public Hearing

No one addressed the board at this time.

14.0 Executive Session

At 7:46pm moved by VanNortwick seconded by Schiavone to move to executive session to discuss LASP Contract Negotiations.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

15.0 Adjournment

At 8:53pm moved by VanNortwick seconded by Schiavone to reconvene regular session.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

At 8:53pm moved by VanNortwick seconded by Talbot to adjourn the regular session.
Vote on the motion: 7 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion approved.

Susan M. Schlegel, District Clerk