

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

MINUTES

December 14, 2009

Regular Session

Como Park Elementary School, 1985 Como Park Blvd., Lancaster, New York

Marie MacKay, President

Joseph Maciejewski, Vice President

Wendy Buchert, Trustee

David Ehrle, Trustee

Kenneth Graber, Trustee

David Zalenski, Trustee

Joseph Casimino, EdD, Trustee

Edward J. Myszka, Superintendent of Schools

Michael Vallely, PhD, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Pupil Services

Alan Getter, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services

Marie Perini, EdD, Director of Secondary Education

Sarah Weidler, PhD, Director of Elementary Education

Michele Ziegler, Director of Instructional Technology & Accountability

District residents, staff members, students, and media representatives

The regular meeting of the board of education was called to order at 7:03pm by President MacKay. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mrs. MacKay asked for a moment of silence for individual reflection.

Mrs. Mary Marcinelli, principal of Como Park Elementary School, welcomed everyone to the board meeting. Mrs. Marcinelli introduced Mrs. Kelly Gilray, a first grade teacher, and Mrs. Ann LaMancuso, a kindergarten teacher, who presented information on the Reader's Workshop. The Reader's Workshop is a program used at the elementary level to help students increase their reading comprehension through comprehension thinking strategies.

No one addressed the board at this time.

No correspondence was received.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Zalenski to accept the minutes from the regular session held on November 23, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

MEETING DATE

KIND

PLACE

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS EXCUSED

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

OTHERS PRESENT

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

4.0 PRESENTATION

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

**7.0 MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED**

**7.1 MEETING MINUTES –
NOVEMBER 23, 2009
APPROVED**

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Maciejewski to accept the minutes from the special session held on December 1, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

8.0 STAFF ORGANIZATIONS

Lancaster Administrative and Supervisory Association:

Mr. Peter Kruszynski wished everyone a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Lancaster Central Teachers Association:

Mr. Eric Przykuta, president, wished the community and board of education a safe, healthy holiday and said he is looking forward to the next negotiation meeting.

Lancaster Association of Service Personnel:

Mrs. Cheryl Peck, president, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

Lancaster Association of Substitute Teachers:

No one present to report.

9.0 BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Maciejewski said he attended the J. A. Sciole Elementary PTO holiday party featuring special guest, Glenn Colton.

Mr. Zalenski said he, Mrs. Buchert, and Dr. Perini attended a joint school board collaboration meeting with Cheektowaga, Depew, and West Seneca where they spoke about issues of mutual interest.

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S
ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT

Mr. Myszka began his report by saying he attended the Math Honor Society induction ceremony on November 24 and the 33rd annual Lancaster Tip-Off basketball tournament on December 2. Mr. Myszka said he met with the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council on December 9. Mr. Myszka talked about the annual holiday program for families in need that was held at the Youth Bureau on December 17. Mr. Myszka said that Ms. Laurie Naab, a fourth grade teacher at William Street School, had an article published in the December issue of *Science and Children* called "Why Static Clings." Mr. Myszka also said he attended a beautiful holiday concert at the high school. Mr. Myszka spoke about the status of pending budget cuts even though final documents have not been received from the governor or the state. Mr. Getter said he is estimating a state aid shortfall of \$250,000 for the month of December. Mr. Myszka said he advised his administrative staff to cut conferences 20%, equipment 10%, contractual 10%, and materials and supplies 10% immediately. A conversation took place regarding the status of the budget, stimulus funds, taxes, and the ramifications of the delayed state aid payments. The board announced they will convene a special meeting on December 21 at 6pm at the district office to discuss the status of negotiations.

No old business was discussed.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 PERSONNEL ITEMS

12.11 PERSONNEL CHANGES

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the personnel changes, for the period ending December 14, 2009, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.2 EDUCATION ITEMS
12.21 COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL EDUCATION
APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Buchert to approve recommendations of the committee on special education, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.22 COMMITTEE ON
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL
EDUCATION APPROVED

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Ehrle to approve recommendations of the committee on preschool special education, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

12.23 TEXT BOOK
APPROVAL:
¡AVANCEMOS!

MOVED by Ehrle SECONDED by Graber to approve the textbook, ¡Avancemos!, by Holt McDougal, to be utilized in the district's Spanish classes, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.0 BUSINESS & FINANCIAL
ITEMS
13.11 FINANCIAL REPORTS
APPROVED

MOVED by Buchert SECONDED by Zalenski to approve the financial reports, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.12 SUPERINTENDENT'S
EMPLOYMENT
CONTRACT

MOVED by Maciejewski SECONDED by Graber to approve the amendment to the contract of employment between the board of education and Edward J. Myszka, as presented to the Board of Education.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.13 CONTRACT
AMENDMENT – OMNI
FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the amendment to the agreement between the Lancaster Central School District and OMNI Financial Group, Inc., as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

13.14 HEALTH AND WELFARE
SERVICES CONTRACT –
WILLIAMSVILLE
CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT

MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Ehrle to approve the contract between the district and the Williamsville Central School District for health and welfare services provided during the 2009-2010 school year, as submitted.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

No one addressed the board at this time.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:55pm MOVED by Graber SECONDED by Ehrle to adjourn the regular session.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Maciejewski requested the meeting be closed in honor of Mr. Garnet Galvin, a graduate and classmate of Mr. Maciejewski, who passed away on December 4, 2009.

Mr. Graber requested the meeting be closed in honor of Mrs. Elaine Wick, a former library trustee in Lancaster, who passed away on December 6, 2009.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION APPROVED.

Sandra A. Janik, District Clerk