

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board  
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

November 12, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig  
Mrs. Joy Sasala  
Mrs. Vicki Smith  
Mr. Timothy Taddie

Mrs. Kimberly Thomas  
Mrs. Sherri Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Frank Galasso  
Mr. James McLoughlin  
Mr. Ethan Sorbin

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent  
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elem. Principal  
Mr. Jody Rainey, HS Principal  
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Bus. Mgr.  
Mrs. Rhonda Clifford, Asst. Board Secretary  
Ms. Jane Mastro, HCEA President  
Mrs. Deanne Magolis, Communications  
Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bertig, Renda Broadcasting  
Jared Stout, The Dispatch  
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette

The board held an executive session for personnel reasons from 6:30-7:35 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. Six members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a Taddie/Williams motion the minutes of the following meetings were approved:  
(1) October 15, 2009 regular meeting, (2) October 29, 2009 workshop session and (3)  
November 2, 2009 planning meeting. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITORS/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no visitors or communications.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated October 31, 2009. On a Thomas/Taddie motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

## BILLS

On a Taddie/Sasala motion the general fund, cafeteria and bond fund bills were approved. Poll vote motion carried 6-0.

## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Gardner reported that as of October 31, 2009 interest amounted to \$1,029.23.

On a Taddie/Sasala motion approved the budgetary transfers for the 2008-09 fiscal years in the amount of \$100,000 (Appendix A). Voice vote; unanimous.

The October Cafeteria Report showed a profit of \$634.92 as compared to a loss of \$6,295.77 last year at this same time. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	51.67%	84.15%
Secondary	78.90%	84.25%

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

### PERSONNEL

On a Thomas/Williams motion the following substitutes were approved: Justin Perman, elementary; James Mowry, Art K-12; and Geneva Lazor, cafeteria. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Taddie motion accepted, with regret, the resignation of Geneva Lazor, cafeteria worker, due to retirement effective December 5, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

### EDUCATION

On a Taddie/Williams motion the following teacher conferences were approved:

- (1) Mrs. Lisa Adams, CFF Coaches & Technology Integrators Meetings at ARIN IU 28 on November 3, 2009; December 4, 2009; February 5, 2010 and April 19, 2010. District cost is one substitute each day.
- (2) Mrs. Teresa Koenigsberg PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey, PA February 22-24, 2010. District cost is \$928.68.  
Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations are due to the follow:

- (1) Kiwanis Senior of the Month, November – Averie George
- (2) Mrs. Vicki Smith, from PSBA, special recognition for 12 years of service as a board member.  
A certificate of appreciation was presented to Mrs. Smith.

On a Thomas/Sasala motion approved homebound instruction for a secondary student (Tracking #09-10-02) effective October 29, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a Taddie/Bertig motion the following student field trips were approved:

- (1) District cost is transportation for:
  - a. Mr. Seth Wollam, IUP Conemaugh Township Conference Finals, retroactive to October 24.
  - b. Ms. Jodi Krick and cheerleaders, Heritage Conference Competition in Blairsville, retroactive to October 31.
  - c. Mrs. Beverly Pribicko and students, FBLA Regional Competition at IUP, January 5, 2010.
- (2) Cost is substitutes and transportation for:
  - a. Mrs. Brenda Seigh and students, tour local farms retroactive to October 28.
  - b. Mr. Seth Wollam and concert band, Monroeville Mall on December 11.
- (3) Mr. Michael Gentile and 4 athletes, PIAA State Cross Country Championships, Hershey, PA, retroactive to November 6-7. District cost is \$935.44.
- (4) Kindergarten teachers and students, Little Adventures Discovery Day at Idelwild Park, Ligonier, PA, May 25, 2010. District cost is \$820 and transportation.

Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Thomas/Taddie motion Nathan Sykes was approved as a volunteer boys' basketball coach for the 2009-2010 season. Voice vote; unanimous.

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

On a Taddie/Williams motion approved the following use of building permits:

- (1) West Central District Elks Hoops Shoot, January 31, 2010 from 12:00-5:00 pm, high school gym. All fees waived.
- (2) Homer City Boosters Girls' Basketball Tournament, January 8, 9, 10, 2010, high school and elementary gyms. A \$644 custodial fee will be paid by the organization.
- (3) Homer City Boys' Basketball Boosters, Tip-Off Tournament, December 11-12, 2:00-11:00 pm. All fees waived.

## CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

## POLICIES

No report at this time.

## TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time.

## BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Sasala/Thomas motion approved the Board of School Directors Planning, Workshop and Board Meeting dates for January, 2010-June, 2010 (Appendix B). Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Bertig/Williams motion approved the district facilities to be used as a point of distribution (POD) site for the H1N1 vaccine for district students. Distribution will be managed through the Indiana County Emergency Management Agency.

Information was given regarding the distribution of the H1N1 vaccines.

#### OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa, elementary principal, reported on the Children's Hospital Fund Drive; Homer City Volunteer Fire Department visited Kindergarten classes; Halloween Parade and Parties were well attended; first grading period ended Mon. Nov. 2 and report cards were sent home Nov. 9. Indiana Rotary Club donated dictionaries to third grade classes; PTA roller skating parties will end now due to the closing of the roller rink. Ice skating parties have been suggested. Noted school picture make-up day is Nov. 16. He also wished all board members a peaceful and restful Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. Rainey, high school principal, reported on the Love Basket; Nov. 24 - Senior Play will also have a Senior Citizen's and elementary student showing at 12:00 pm; NHS Blood Drive - 39 total donors; students are participating in a shoe drive for children in Haiti in conjunction with IUP through Nov. 20. Science Fair is December 3. Daily announcements are now listed on the district web site. Congrats to Angel Piccirillo, 5<sup>th</sup> place at Cross Country; congrats to Volleyball and Football teams for making the D-6 playoffs. Reported that the Academic Luncheon was well attended and thanked guest speaker Mr. Rod Ruddock for his excellent speech to the students.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, pointed out projects from elementary and high school students. She congratulated Mrs. Smith on her 12 year certificate and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Vicki Smith recognized Mr. Frank Galasso and Mr. Michael Yurky, outgoing board members, for their dedication and years of service to the board.

Board Members commended the volleyball and football teams and coaches for their successful seasons; Angel Piccirillo for her success in Cross Country this year; and compliments on the very successful Academic Luncheon on Nov. 9.

On a Thomas/Sasala motion the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous. An executive session for personnel reasons was requested by Mrs. Kimberly Thomas at 8:16 p.m.

Submitted for board approval,

Rhonda Clifford, Assistant Board Secretary

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Vicki L. Smith, President