

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

February 18, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig
Mr. Frank Galasso
Mr. James McLoughlin
Mrs. Joy Sasala
Mrs. Vicki Smith

Mr. Ethan Sorbin
Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mrs. Kimberly Thomas
Mr. Michael Yurky

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent
Mr. Jody Rainey, HS Principal
Mr. Gene Raymond, Asst. HS Principal
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Bus. Mgr.
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary
Mrs. Chris Yurky, HCEA Rep.

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bertig, Renda Radio
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Jared Stout, The Dispatch
HS Student Teachers--Amy Loose,
and Justin Conzano
IUP Graduate Students--Nicole
Ferdinand and Katlin Mamett
Fred Hayes, Center Twp. Resident

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 7:40 p.m. All nine members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a Sorbin/Taddie motion the minutes of the January 22, 2009 regular meeting were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITORS/PRESENTATION

The following 2nd semester high school student teachers introduced themselves to the board: Justin Conzano (music, Mr. Fullmer) and Amy Loose (consumer science, Mrs. Zimmer). The board president also welcomed Nicole Ferdinand and Katlin Marnett, IUP graduate students who were attending our public meeting for a course requirement.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS

On a Sorbin/Sasala motion the general, cafeteria, and bond funds bills were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

The business manager reported that interest earned in January 2009 was \$4,154.39.

On a Taddie/Bertig motion authorization was granted to inform the County Tax Assessment Office to prepare an interim tax assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. Voice vote; unanimous.

Mrs. Gardner informed the board that the following referendum exception application to the 2009-10 budget has been submitted: **Health Care—Related Benefits, \$47,297.**

The January Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$319.31 compared to a gain of \$5,729.84 last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$29,079.55 compared to a \$21,105.44 loss last year. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	49.47 %	78.00%
Secondary	85.75 %	78.99%

The business manager will report back to the board with figures for sales and participation comparisons from last year to this year.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Thomas/Sorbin motion the following substitute teachers were approved: Kasandra Blose, music; Nicole Shirley, biology and Chad Sicari, social studies. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Galasso/Bertig motion Paulette Kishlock was employed as the aide for the high school Rainbow Room Pre-School program. She will be paid \$7.60 per hour, three days a week, effective March 9-May 22, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Thomas/Sasala motion Erinn Zack, was employed as a student aide, February 19, 2009, at a salary of \$7.60 per hour. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

EDUCATION

On a Taddie/Yurky motion approval was granted for attendance at the following conferences:

- (1) Susan McLoughlin, Food Service Director's Annual Professional Development, Workshop & Exhibits, Penn State Conference Center, March 3-5. District cost is \$956.70
- (2) Beverly Gardner, business manager, annual Child Accounting Conference, Hershey, March 18-20. District cost is \$907.50/PASBO (Pa. Association of School Business Officials) Conference, Valley Forge, April 1-3, 2009. District cost is \$1,061.25.
- (3) Michael Stofa, Pa. Association of Federal Program Coordinators annual Conference, Seven Springs, April 6-8. District cost is \$360.

District cost is \$160 for one substitute for two days plus;

- (4) \$678 for Angela Long, Pa. School Librarians annual conference, Penn State University, April 30-May 2.
- (5) \$984 for Anita Smith, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference, Washington, DC, April 23-25.

Voice vote; Mr. McLoughlin abstained from voting since Mrs. McLoughlin is his wife. Motion carried 8-0-1.

On a Sasala/Taddie motion homebound instruction was approved for two secondary students, Tracking #08-09-02, effective retroactive to January 23 and Tracking #08-09-03, effective retroactive to February 16. Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a McLoughlin/Sorbin motion the following student field trips were approved:

- (1) District cost is transportation for:
 - (a) Nathan Fullmer/percussion ensemble to perform at the following high schools: Windber, February 28; Forest Hills, March 14; DuBois, March 21 and Westmont Hilltop, April 18.
 - (b) Christina Bruno-Davis and students, Magistrate Steffee's District Court, March 16.
 - (c) First grade teachers/students, Pittsburgh Zoo, May 14.
 - (d) Second grade teachers/students, Shrine Circus, Altoona, April 17.
 - (e) Holly Marusa, Kiwanis Club Regional Youth Workshop, IUP, March 11.
- (2) District cost is transportation plus:
 - (a) \$ 58.00, Anthony Buffone and Pa. Junior Academy of Science participants, regional competition, Slippery Rock University, February 21.
 - (b) \$765.00, kindergarten teachers/students, Discovery Day, Idlewild Park, Ligonier, May. 22.
- (3) No district cost for:
 - (a) Kristine Smith and students, Family and Consumer Science Heritage Conference, IUP, March 2.
 - (b) Holly Marusa and students, Indiana County Regional Hospital Shadowing Day, Indiana, February 24.

- (4) District cost is for substitutes and transportation for:
 - (a) Vicki Olinger, Kevin Wolford, Deanne Magolis and students, ARIN Regional Computer Fair, IUP, March 30.
 - (b) Greg Hartnett and elementary art club, Scafe Gallery, Pittsburgh's Carnegie Museum, May 6.
- (5) District cost is \$705.25 plus \$200 for a substitute for 2.5 days, Joy Baum and students, Regional Chorus, Freeport High School, February 18-20.
- (6) District cost is \$80 for a substitute for Lisa Adams and students, scholastic scrimmage, Penn State University, February 11.

Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations were due the following:

- (1) Kiwanis February Senior of the Month—Jarhed Szalkowski
- (2) Women's Club February Girl of the Month—Julie Burnheimer

On a Taddie/Yurky motion Brianne Thomas was approved, (pending receipt of clearances), as a volunteer coach for varsity, girls' softball team for the 2008-09 season. Voice vote; Mrs. Thomas abstained from voting since Brianne Thomas is her daughter. Motion carried 8-0-1.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

No report at this time.

CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

POLICY

No report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion the revised 2008-09 school calendar was approved with a snow make-up day scheduled for March 16, 2009. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Taddie/Sorbin motion Edwin M. Clark was reappointed as school board solicitor at an annual retainer of \$1,000. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Thomas/Yurky motion the attached (see appendix 1), school calendar for the 2009-10 school year was approved. The first day is August 25, 2009 and the last student day is June 3, 2010. Poll vote:

Voting yes

Mr. Bertig Mrs. Smith
Mr. Galasso Mr. Taddie
Mr. McLoughlin Mrs. Thomas
Mrs. Sasala Mrs. Yurky

Voting no

Mr. Sorbin

Poll vote; motion carried 8-1.

On a Taddie/Sasala motion Homer-Center's 2009-10 General Fund Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$14,908.497 was approved with the following tax structure:

Real Estate	109.3 mills
Wage Tax	.9 percent
Real Estate Transfer	.5 percent
Local Services Tax	\$ 5.00

Poll vote:

Voting yes

Mr. Bertig Mr. Sorbin
Mr. McLoughlin Mr. Taddie
Mrs. Sasala Mrs. Thomas
Mrs. Smith Mrs. Yurky

Voting no

Mr. Galasso

Poll vote; motion carried 8-1.

OTHER REPORTS

The board acknowledged the written report of Mr. Stofa, elementary principal.

Mr. Rainey, high school principal, reported: (1) the PPSA writing tests had been administered to 8th and 11th graders; (2) parent-teacher conferences were well attended and (3) new science equipment from the CSF Grant has been installed and is being used.

Mr. Raymond, athletic director, announced that the District VI basketball playoffs will be held Feb, 27 at Central Cambria High School—7:00 p.m. girls' game and 8:30 p.m. boys' game.

Chris Yurky, HCEA representative, pointed out the projects from the following teachers: Joe Kotelnicki, grade 3; Dawn Yurky, grade 4; Brenda Seigh, chemistry, Cindy Andrie, health and a woodshop project from Brian Castellani's classes.

On a McLoughlin/Sorbin motion the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President

