

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

April 16, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig	Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Frank Galasso	Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mr. James McLoughlin	Mrs. Kimberly Thomas
Mrs. Joy Sasala	Mr. Michael Yurky

MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Ethan Sorbin

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent
Mr. Jody Rainey, HS Principal
Mr. Gene Raymond, Asst. HS Principal
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elem. Principal
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Bus. Mgr.
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary
Ms. Jane Mastro, HCEA President
Mrs. Bonnie Craft, 2nd Grade Teacher
Mrs. Deanne Magolis, Communications
Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Seleste Gossman, Renda Radio
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Jared Stout, The Dispatch
Fred Hayes, Julie & Len Rado,
Center Twp. Residents

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

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Eight members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a Bertig/Yurky motion the minutes of the March 19, 2009 regular meeting were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS

On a Bertig/Taddie motion the general, cafeteria, and bond funds bills were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

The business manager reported that interest earned from investments in March 2009 was \$2,253.97

On a Taddie/Sasala motion the 2007-2008 Audit Report submitted by the local auditors, McCrory & McCrory was accepted. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Thomas/McLoughlin motion McCrory & McCrory were contracted to perform the 2008-09 fiscal year audit at cost of \$11,875. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Taddie/Sasala motion the district's general liability, property, automotive, excess liability and errors & omissions insurance was shifted to the Liberty Mutual Group, for one-year term, effective retroactive to April 7, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

It was noted that this change was made as a cost-saving move and not because the district was dissatisfied with its previous carrier.

The March Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$8,642.66 compared to a loss of \$5,263.91 last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$80,731.88 compared to a \$32,131.49 loss last year. After questions, Mrs. Gardner explained that wages were increased due to a three-pay month instead of the usually two pays. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	52.39%	85.48%
Secondary	76.68%	79.93%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Bertig/Thomas motion the resignation, due to retirement, of Bonnie Craft, elementary teacher, effective June 5, 2009, was accepted with regret. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Sasala motion the resignation of Edith Malcolm, elementary aide, retroactive to April 3, 2009, was accepted. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Thomas/Taddie motion the resignation of Heather Rankin, cleaner, retroactive to April 3, 2009, was accepted. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Thomas motion the following substitute teachers were approved (effective May 4, 2009: Benjamin Murphy, elementary and Emily McCombie, English. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

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

- (1) Sarah DeVivo, Fifth Annual One Computing Conference, Penn State, April 27-29. All costs will be covered by the Classroom For the Future (CFF) Funds.
- (2) Nathan Fullmer, Music Educator's Association annual conference, Valley Forge, April 23-24. District cost is \$110 registration plus \$160 for a substitute for two days. Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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

- (1) District cost is for substitutes and transportation for:
 - (a) Christine Bruno-Davis and students, Indiana County Courthouse, Indiana Borough Police Department, Indiana County Jail, 911 Center and Pa. State Police Barracks, May 5.
 - (b) Anita Smith and students, IUP Math Contest, May 4.
 - (c) Brenda Seigh and students, Indiana County Environthon, Blue Spruce Park, May 6.
- (2) District cost is transportation plus:
 - (a) \$35, Fifth grade teachers and students, Carnegie Science enter, May 27.
 - (b) \$1,340, Sarah DeVivo and students, State National History Day, Competition, Millersville University, May 6-7.
- (3) District cost is transportation for TAAD students, Kennywood Park, June 5.
- (4) District cost was a substitute for Anita Smith and students, Heritage Math Contest, United High School, retroactive to April 7, 2009.
- (5) Homer-Center Junior-Senior High School students and staff, Altoona Curve Baseball game, May 7, in recognition of being selected as a National Blue Ribbon school. Fundraising efforts are on-going.

Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations were due the following:

- (1) Kiwanis April Senior of the Month—Alyssa Taddie
- (2) Women's Club April Girl of the Month—Celeste Catalano

On a Sasala/Thomas motion the following were employed as musicians for the high school musical, at a supplemental salary of \$100 each: Rebecca Blashock, Kassandra Blose, Amanda Crane, Brian Crooks, May Jo Fadden-Zetts, Andy Klick, Paul Mehalik, Justin Polyblank and Paul Rode. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion Derek Mechling was approved, as a boys' varsity baseball volunteer coach for the 2008-09 season. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On a Thomas/Taddie motion the high school cafeteria was approved for use by the Homer-Center Band Boosters, retroactive to April 4, 2009. All fees were waived.

On a Taddie/Galasso motion the high school gym was approved for use by the Homer-Center Boys Basketball Boosters, for a basketball camp, July 6-10 and July 13-17, 2009, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. was approved. All fees have been waived. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Galasso motion the high school gym was approved for use by the Lady Wildcat Athletic Association for the Dave Roman Shooting camp, July 20-24, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All fees have been waived. Voice vote; unanimous.

CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

POLICY

No report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Taddie/McLoughlin motion the 2009-10 Indian County Technology Center's Budget was approved in the amount of \$5,272,970. Homer-Center's share is \$417,000. The member districts' contributions show an overall increase of .9 percent over last year's budget. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Thomas/Taddie motion Change Order G-9 was approved in the amount of \$5,400 to J.C. Orr & Son, Inc., for exchange and installation of locker doors for the high school renovation project. Motion carried 8-0.

The superintendent reported that the high school renovation project is nearing completion with only a few punch list items remaining. The lockers will be installed starting the week of June 8 and should take about two weeks.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa, elementary principal (1) thanked Mrs. Sacco and Mrs. Long for the success of this year's Elementary Book Fair which was held the first week of April; (2) reported that through a grant in conjunction with Dominion Gas Co. fourth, fifth and sixth graders were able to travel to Lutherlyn Environmental Center; (3) almost 40 parents attended the Title I Parent Involvement Workshop held April 15; (4) encouraged the board to attend the Tom Diez wildlife assembly on April 24 at 1:30 p.m. and (5) announced that the fourth grade four-week swimming program at the Indiana YMCA starts April 28.

Mr. Rainey, high school principal, (1) announced that since the "Novel Idea" started March 24, where students read 15 minutes before lunch Tuesday through Friday, 160 novels have been read; (2) thanked the pool of local officials that have been speakers in the Law 12 and Civics 9 classes; (3) reported that the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) returned from their recent trip to New York City and their two-member team of Megan Vilcek and Caitlin Wolford placed second at the recent state competition. This qualifies them for the National FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) conference in Anaheim California, June 23-29; (4) said that TAAD will sponsor a speaker, Elaine Surma, a Homer-Center graduate, will speak here on May 19 about internet predator and (5) almost 50 eleventh graders from Cindy Andrie's health classes are certified for Adult CPR.

He revealed that Hillary Scheuermann and Nick Raymond were named District VI sportsmanship award recipients and will be eligible for a scholarship. Also, Mike Walker and Alyssa Taddie were Heritage Conference winners and will be recognized at dinner ICTS on April 23.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, pointed out the projects from the following teachers: Brian Castellani, woodworking projects; Brenda Seigh's 7th grade Earth Science and 12th grade Environmental Science classes; Cindy Andrie's Anatomy class and Elizabeth Padlocks, first grade class;

Deanne Magolis, communications specialist, reported businesses have already contributed monies for freshmen Noah Overman's 10-day trip to Villanova University this summer for the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine.

All the board members thanked Bonnie Craft for her 35 years of service and wished her well in her retirement.

On a McLoughlin/Sasala motion the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President

