

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

February 18, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig	Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. James McLoughlin	Mr. Ethan Sorbin
Mrs. Julie Rado	Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mrs. Joy Sasala	Mrs. Sherri Williams

MEMBER ABSENT

Mrs. Kimberly Thomas

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elem. Principal
Mr. Jody Rainey, HS Principal
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Bus. Mgr.
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary
Mrs. Sarah DeVivo, HCEA Vice Pres.
Mrs. Deanne Magolis, Communications
Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bertig, Renda Radio
Jared Stout, The Dispatch
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Scott Vought/Homer City 4th Grade
Cub Scouts and parents

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

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Eight members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a Sorbin/Taddie motion the minutes of the January 21, 2010 regular meeting were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITORS

Boy Scout Leader Scott Vought and seven fourth grade Cub Scouts and four parents from Homer City Pack 24 were present to observe the school board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated January 30, 2010. On a McLoughlin/Williams motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

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

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

The business manager reported that interest earned in January 2010 was \$598.65.

On a McLoughlin/Bertig motion authorization was granted to inform the Indiana County Tax Assessment Office to prepare an interim tax assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Rado/Sorbin motion authorization was granted to participate in the Western Pennsylvania Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Consortium for the 2010-11 school year. Voice vote; unanimous.

The January Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$ 7,121.15 compared to a loss of \$319.31 last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$39,241.52 Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	49.16%	85.31%
Secondary	76.97 %	85.42%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Sorbin/Rado motion the following substitutes were approved: Sean Cogan, music and Sherry Orsargos, nurse (pending receipt of clearances). Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/McLoughlin motion a four-week leave of absence was approved for Mary Jo Seigh, elementary teacher, April 19, 2010 through May 14, 2010. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Rado motion DeAndra Perez (effective February 19, 2010) and Roberta Ross (effective retroactive to February 15, 2010) were employed as four-hour cafeteria employees at the starting salary of 90% of \$8.93 per hr). They will complete a 60-day probationary period, as per the collective bargaining agreement between the Homer-Center School District and the Homer-Center Educational Support Personnel Association. Poll vote; Mr. McLoughlin abstained from voting since his wife is the food service director. Motion carried 7-0-1.

On a Taddie/Williams motion Betty Jane Kwisnek was employed as full-time instructional aide, effective February 22, 2010, at salary of \$7.60 per hour. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Bertig/Sorbin motion Patricia Zimmer, high school teacher, was granted an unpaid day, March 5, 2010. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Rado motion the resignation of Rhonda Adamson, four-hour cafeteria worker, effective February 26, 2010, was accepted. She will also be placed on the substitute list. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

On a McLoughlin/Williams motion the following conference trips were approved:

- (1) Angela Long, Pa. School Librarians Annual Conference, State College, April 15-17. District cost is \$549 plus \$160 for a substitute for two days.
- (2) Teaching Mathematics for Learning in A Standards workshops, ARIN IU:
 1. Matthew Rodkey and Anita Smith, February 24-25, April 20-21, October 6-7 and November 3-4. District cost is \$260 for all workshops plus two substitutes for eight days.
 2. Jody Rainey, February 24-25 and April 20-21. District cost is \$95.

Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations were due the following:

- (1) Kiwanis February Senior of the Month—Gabriel Wolford
- (2) Women's Club February Girl of the Month—Averie George

On a Sorbin/Sasala motion homebound instruction for a secondary student (Tracking #09-10-05), effective February 16, 2010, was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a Taddie/ Williams motion approval was granted for attendance at the following conferences;

- (1) Cost is transportation for:
 - A. Second grade teachers/students, Shrine Circus, Altoona, April 16.
 - B. Seth Wollam and marching band, Indiana County Fire Chief Association Parade, Penn Run, July 10, 2010.
 - C. Fourth grade teachers/students, Johnstown Flood Memorial and Museum, Johnstown, May 13.
 - D. Patricia Zimmer/TADD students, Kennywood Park, June 7.
 - E. Patricia Dodson/students, IUP History Day, March 19.
- (2) Cost is substitutes for:
 - A. Angela Long, Patricia Dodson and students, IUP Library for History Day research (retroactive to February 15).
 - B. Greg Hartnett/Art Club, Carnegie Museum, May 6.
 - C. Deanne Magolis/Students, TEK4 Training, ARIN IU, retroactive to February 1 and March 24, 2010.

- D. \$3,772.50, Beverly Pribicko/nine students, FBLA State Leadership Conference, Hershey, April 11-14.
 - (3) Cost is transportation plus \$80 per substitute per day per event for Heritage Conference Academic Competitions:
 - A. Current Events, March 1, 2010, Ligonier Valley HS
 - B. Impromptu Speech, March 1, 2010, Penns Manor HS
 - C. Math, March 2, 2010, United HS
 - D. Science, March 2, 2010, Laurel Valley HS
 - E. Cook-Off, March 8, 2010, IUP
 - (4) Marcia Behr/students, Gateway Clipper Spanish Night, Pittsburgh, May 20.
 - (5) Mark Shopland/students, IUP Physics Olympics, March 26. Cost is \$80 for a substitute plus transportation.
 - (6) Mrs. Brenda Viazanko/students, Phipps Conservancy, Pittsburgh. Cost is \$22 registration, \$80 for a substitute for a day and transportation.
- Voice vote; Mr. Bertig voted no. Motion carried 7-1.

On a Bertig/Rado motion Homer-Center was approved to serve as the host site for County Chorus, November 20-21, 2010 and an offsite co-host for Regional Chorus in 2011. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/McLoughlin motion Emily Mechling and Tiffany Cornman were employed as junior high volleyball coaches for the 2009-10 season at the supplementary salary of \$1,266 each. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Williams/Sorbin motion Emily Rizzo and Brianne Thomas were approved as volunteer coaches for the girls' softball team for the 2009-10 season. All required clearances are on file. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Rado motion Jonathon Donath and Matthew Wells were approved as high school band volunteers. All required clearances are on file. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion approval was given to Larry Garner/Indiana Tax Collection Committee, to use the high school Large Group Instruction room, February 22, 2010, 6:30-10:00 p.m. for a meeting. All fees have been waived. Voice vote; unanimous.

On Taddie/Williams motion Mike Cavalier/Dave Schloder/Homer City Boosters were granted permission to use the high school Feb. 21 for a fourth grade girls' basketball tournament. All rental fees have been waived. They will pay the \$378 custodial fee. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Sasala motion approval was given to Paul Pohley/Pa. Blue Thunder Basketball Team to use the high school gym from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays, March 8 – 29 and Thursdays, April 7-28. All fees have been waived. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Rado motion Scott Bauer/varsity baseball team to hold a public baseball camp, Saturday, March 13 and 20, 2010. Registration fee is \$10 per day per person. All rental 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 McLoughlin/Taddie motion Edwin M. Clark was reappointed as the school district's solicitor at annual fee of \$1,000.00 Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Taddie motion the attached resolution (see appendix 1) was adopted urging legislative action on the School Employee Pension Reform. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Bertig/Taddie motion the revised 2009-10 school calendar was approved with snow make-up days scheduled for March 15 and April 1, 2010 and Act 80 Half-Day Parent/Teacher Conference make-up date on February 24, 2010 (see appendix 2). Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion the 2010-11 school calendar was approved (see appendix 3). Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa, elementary principal, announced that Parent-Teacher Conferences have been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2010. Also, the PTA meeting will be held Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary large group Instruction room. Finally, kindergarten registration is also scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

Mr. Rainey, high school principal, reported that scheduling for the 2010-11 school year will take place the 2nd or 3rd week of March. On Friday, February 19, student council sponsor, Lou Stepanik and members, will be go to Renda Broadcasting to hand in a \$3200 check for the Teddy Bear Fund Drive. The musical, "Anything Goes", will be presented March 18, 19 and 20. This year there will be pre-sale and reserved seating. A blood drive will be held at the high school on Friday, March 19.

Sarah DeVivo, HCEA vice president, pointed out student projects from woodshop and AP Biology. The board was invited to go to the 1st grade hallway to see recycled robot creations.

Mrs. Williams announce that the final total collected for Kids 4 Haiti was \$5000. Also, 1009 health kits were bagged. At the elementary 456 bags were done in 50 minutes. An additional \$1500 was donated by businesses which will enable us to send such items as bulk soap and combs.

On a McLoughlin/Smith motion the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President