

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Elementary Library

May 24, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig (at 8:12 pm)
Mr. James McLoughlin
Mrs. Julie Rado
Mr. Ethan Sorbin

Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mrs. Kimberly Thomas
Mrs. Sherri Williams

MEMBER ABSENT

Mrs. Joy Sasala

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
Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bertig, Renda Radio
Paul Rossman, Indiana Gazette
Jeff Himler, The Dispatch
Fred Hayes, Center Twp. Resident
Kiwanis Seniors of the Month & Women's
Club Girls of the Month & Parents
Mrs. Deanne Magolis, Communications

The board held an executive session for personnel/legal matters from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Seven members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a Sorbin/Rado motion the minutes of the April 2, 2010 meeting were approved with the following correction:

Pg. 50 should read Sasala/Rado (not Radio) motion. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITORS/PRESENTATION

All board members, Principal Jody Rainey and Superintendent Dr. Vincent Delconte recognized the Kiwanis Club Seniors of the Month and the Women's Club Girls of the Month with certificates. Those present were Caitlin Birch, Danielle Clifford, Avery George, Angela Gray, Joanne Kimmel, Megan Vilcek, Caitlin Wolford and Gabriel Wolford. Seniors honored but not present were Evan Bencic, Christina Schmidt and Monique Szentmikloski. Parents present were John and Rhonda Clifford, Diane Gray, Ruth Kimmel, Lisa Vilcek and Maliya Wolford.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. McLoughlin, board assistant treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated April 30, 2010. On a Taddie/Williams motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

On a McLoughlin/Thomas motion the general fund, cafeteria, bond fund and performance bills were approved. Motion carried 7-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Gardner reported that as of April 30, 2010. Interest amounted to \$340.77.

On a Sorbin/Rado motion the following depositories were approved for school district funds:

First Commonwealth Bank
S&T Bank
PLGIT (Pa. Local Government Investment Trust)
PSDLAF (Pa. School District Liquid Asset Funds)

Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

The business manager stated that the 2010-11 Real Estate Tax Installment Plan dates for approved Homestead and Farmstead Taxpayers will be August 16, October 15, and December 15, 2010.

On a Thomas/Sorbin motion approval was granted to acquire the 2008 Pa. Income Tax Report. This listing will be used by the district's Wage Tax Collector, Pa. Municipal Service Co. (PAMS) to determine taxes collectable. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/McLoughlin motion the attached (see appendix 1) resolution was approved to contract with an electric supplier per the recommendation of OnDemand Energy Solutions. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

The April Cafeteria Report showed a gain of \$2,312.70 compared to a \$193.29 gain at this same time last year. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$46,410.12 compared to an \$80,538.29 loss last year. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	52.87%	85.81%
Secondary	79.70%	83.63%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Rado/Thomas motion the following were approved as substitutes: Chloe Drew and Maria Olechovski, elementary; Dana Stefaniak, Pre K-3 only; John Hardesty and Kimberly Shubra, social studies; Mary Haberl, English; Leanna Bulk, biology, and Jennifer Beaulé, music/school counselor. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Thomas/Taddie motion the resignation of Rosemarie Langham, cafeteria worker, effective June 5, 2010, was accepted. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Williams motion Pamela Strong was approved as school event ticket taker for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Rado motion elementary teacher Mary Jo Seigh's leave of absence was extended from May 17 – June 4, 2010. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Thomas motion a leave of absence was approved for Terri Koenigsberg, May 18 – June 4, 2010. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Rado/Sorbin motion Jodi Lapp was moved from a part-time to full-time cafeteria position, effective May 24, 2010. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Sorbin/Thomas motion an FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) leave was approved, up to 12 weeks, for Ron Pozik, custodian, with the effective date to be determined pending required documentation. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

On a McLoughlin/Sorbin motion the attached list (see appendix 2) of candidates were approved for graduation on June 3, 2010, pending the completion of the requirements of the Homer-Center School District. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

The superintendent reported that commendations are due the following Kiwanis Seniors of the Month: May—Angela Gray and June—Megan Vilcek

On a Taddie/Rado motion the revised Homer-Center High School Student Handbook for the 2010-11 school year was approved. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

The high school textbooks listed below with the following titles, grade and copyright dates, will be on display for public review until June 24, 2010:

- (1) Pre-Algebra, Grade 7, 2009.
- (2) Mathematics Course 2, Grade 7, 2010
- (3) Health, Grade 11, 2010
- (4) ABODE: Creative Suite 4 Digital Classroom A Complete Training Package, Grade 9-12, 2009.
- (5) World History, Grade 7, 2008.
- (6) Life Science, Grade 9, 2009.

Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Thomas/Rado motion approval was given for homebound instruction for a secondary student, effective May 19, 2010 (Tracking #09-10-07). Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- On a Sorbin/Taddie motion the following student field trips were approved:
- (1) Patricia Zimmer/sophomore class, Washington, DC, June 1. District cost is \$160 for two substitutes for one day.
 - (2) Cost is transportation plus a substitute for Christine Yurky/senior class for:
 - A. Kennywood Park and Pittsburgh Pirate game, June 1, 2010
 - B. senior class picnic, Yellowcreek State Park, May 28.
 - (3) Anita Smith/students, IUP Math contest, retroactive to May 21. District cost was \$80 for a substitute for a day.
 - (4) Michael Gentile, Matt Rodkey, Matt Wilson Jackie Allison, track coaches and Six athletics, PIAA State Track and Field Championship, Shippensburg University, May 27-29. District cost is \$2,226 plus \$320 for two substitutes for two days.

Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On a McLoughlin/Williams motion approval was given to Greg Page, head football coach, to use the football practice field facilities June 28-30, 10 am–12 noon for a Youth Football Skills Camp for elementary students.

CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

POLICY

No report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Thomas/Taddie motion Joy Sasala was reappointed board treasurer at a salary of \$900 per year. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Taddie/Rado motion James McLoughlin was reappointed assistant board treasurer. Poll vote; Mr. McLoughlin abstained from voting. Motion carried 6-0-1.

On a Taddie/Williams motion the 2010-11 General Fund Budget was tentatively Adopted In the amount of \$15,499,773 with the following tax structure and will be displaced until June 4, 2010:

Real Estate	113.4mills
Wage Tax	0.9 percent
Real Estate Transfer	0.5 percent
Local Services Tax	\$5.00

Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Taddie/Rado motion the attached (see appendix 3), planning/board meeting dates from July through December 2010 were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Thomas motion the 2010-11 Indiana County Technology Center's budget for \$5,516,938. Homer-Center's share is \$381,106. The member districts' contributions show an overall increase of 0.95% over the 2009-10 budget. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Williams/Taddie motion the Wrestling Co-Op with the Indiana Area School District and the Homer-Center School District for both the 2010-11 and the 2011-12 school years was renewed. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Sorbin motion it was voted to donate \$3,850 to the Homer City Area Athletic Booster Club to defer the cost of maintenance on the baseball field. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Thomas/Rado motion the contract was renewed between the Homer-Center School District and Adelphoi Village for the Alternative Education Disruptive Youth Act 48 Program Agreement for Services for the 2010-11 school year. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Taddie/Rado motion, as part of the Pa. Code 1611, it was voted to participate in "Operation Recognition" program. School districts are authorized to grant a high school diploma to any honorary discharged veteran who served in the United States military in World War II between September 16, 1940 – December 31, 1946, and who attended high school between 1937 – 1946. Eligible individuals are members of a high school class that graduated during years 1941 – 1950, but did not receive their diplomas due to entering military service. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Rado motion the name of John August Rebovich, a veteran of World War II, was approved and added to receive a high school diploma from the Homer-Center School District. He has met the requirements set forth by "Operation Recognition", and is eligible for

participation in this program. He did not receive his diploma with the Homer City Class of 1944 due to entering military service. Voice vote; unanimous.

OTHER REPORTS

Michael Stofa, elementary principal, said that (1) 73 students were enrolled for next year's kindergarten class; (2) Elementary Field Day was held May 20 and elementary physical education teacher, Scott Bauer had many parent volunteers; (3) on June 2 there is kindergarten graduation at 2 p.m. that afternoon and Sixth Grade Promotion at 7 p.m. that evening.

Mr. Bertig came to the meeting at this time, 8:12 p.m.

Jody Rainey, high school principal, spoke about: (1) the May 19th Award's Night, organized by counselors Tammy Buffone and Kristen Curci; (2) future dates—May 26, Senior Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Novosel's Civic Center; May 28—Underclassman Awards during the day (junior high morning; senior high, afternoon); May 30—Senior Class Baccalaureate, Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m. and Graduation, June 3, with Homer-Center alumnae Elaine Surma, commencement speaker.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, pointed out projects from the following high school teachers—Mark Shopland, Brian Castellani and Lisa Adams and slide show from the first graders who went to the Pittsburgh Zoo.

On a Thomas/Rado motion the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President