

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

High School Library

October 16, 2008

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. Michael Stofa, Elem. Principal
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Bus. Mgr.
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary
Ms. Jane Mastro, HCEA President
Mr. Tom Dixson, HS Renovation Clerk
of the Works
Mrs. Elaine Thurston, El. Guidance Counselor
27 HS Homer-Center & ARIN Staff Members

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bertig, Renda Radio
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Jared Stout, The Dispatch
Boy Scouts & Leaders

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. All nine members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion the minutes of the September 18, 2008 regular meeting and the September 23, 2008 special meeting were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITORS/PRESENTATION

The board welcomed 12 members of Boy Scout Troop and its leaders, who came to observe the school board meeting for their Citizen and Community Badge.

School board members congratulated the high school staff on being named a National Blue Ribbon Award High School and a Proclamation was read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated September 30, 2008. On a Sorbin/Thomas motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

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

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

The business manager reported that as of September 30, 2008 investments held by the district were \$982,506.13. Interest earned in September 2008 was \$4,985.99.

The September Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$12,010.16 compared to loss of \$1,589.25 last year at this same time. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	56.71%	80.65%
Secondary	79.58%	80.08%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a McLoughlin/Bertig motion the following were approved as substitutes: Christa Baron, English/social studies; Joseph Kotzur, elementary; Ann Kolesar, special education; Dennis McCollum, music; Cherie Davis, instructional aide; Betty J. Kwisnek, LPN and instructional aide; Joseph Kotzur (effective 10/06/08), Shawn Julock and Catherine Shank, elementary Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Galasso motion Donna Nehrig was employed as a student aide at salary of \$7.60 per hour, effective October 17, 2008. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

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

- (1) Sarah DeVivo, Classrooms for the Future Boot Camp, New Cumberland, October 14-17. All costs associated with this is covered by the "Classrooms for the Future" grant.

- (2) Cathy Hays, Carol Mlakar and Suzanne Mateer, Pa. Science Teacher Association Conference, Hershey, Dec. 3-5. District cost is \$1,545 plus \$720 for three substitutes for three days.
- (3) Mark Shopland, Lisa Adams and Anthony Buffone, National Science Teachers Association Regional Conference, Cincinnati, OH, Dec. 4-5. District cost is \$1,878.42 plus \$480 for three substitutes for two days.
- (4) Jody Rainey, Vicki Olinger and Jane Mastro, National Blue Ribbon Award Ceremony, Washington, DC, Oct. 20-21. District cost is \$1,620 plus \$320 for two substitutes for two days.
- (5) Terri Koenigsberg, Pa. Educational Technology Expo and Conference, Hershey, Feb. 8-11. District cost is \$1020.50
- (6) Tammy Menk, Orff Music Workshop, Fox Chapel Elementary School, Oct. 25. District cost is \$70.20

Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations were due the following:

- (1) Kiwanis Seniors of the Month—September, Jennifer Yurky; October, Mallory Clark.
- (2) Homecoming Courts:
 - a. King's—Garrett Sisak, King, Ryan Bernat, Justin Fess, Aaron Lenzi, Josh Miller, Nick Raymond and Matthew Wilden
 - b. Queen's—Maria Buggey, Queen; Lindsey Jones, Gabbie Miller, Hilary Scheuermann, Alyssa Taddie and Jenny Yurky

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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

- (1) District cost is substitute and transportation for:
 - (a) Lisa Adams and students;
 1. St. Francis University Science Day, Nov. 25.
 2. Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair, Carnegie Science Center, April 3, 2009. District cost is also for \$30 for registration.
 - (b) Christina Bruno-Davis, Robert Stossel, Sarah DeVivo and students, Hindu Temple and Indiana Restaurant, Dec. 19
 - (c) Vicki Olinger, Louis Stepanik and students, Quiz Bowls:
 1. Oct. 14, 2008, Saltsburg High School
 2. Nov. 6, 2008, United High School
 3. Dec. 2, 008, Rustic Lodge, Indiana, Pa.
 - (d) James Pettenati and students, IUP Tour and Pre-Student Teacher Practicum, Nov. 13.
 - (e) Joy Baum and students, County Chorus, Indiana School District, Nov. 21-22. District cost is also \$400.
- (2) District cost is transportation for:
 - (a) Patricia Zimmer and students, Teen Leadership Conference, Rustic Lodge, Indiana, Pa., Nov. 19.
 - (b) Tammy Buffone, Holly Marusa and 150 students, annual Academic Excellence Luncheon, Novosel Civic Center, Nov. 12

- (c) Sarah DeVivo and students, gifted competitions and trips for the 2008-09 school year:
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| 1. | 2 Field Trips | Fall/Spring |
| 2. | National History Day—Regional | March/April |
| 3. | National History Day—State | May |
| 4. | PJAS (Pa. Junior Academy of Science) | February |
| 5. | PJAS State | May |
- (3) Beverly Pribicko and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) students,
- (a) New York City, Mar. 12-14. District cost is \$240 for a substitute for three days.
- (b) FBLA Regional Competition, Cambria Row Business College, Rustic Lodge, Indiana, Dec. 19. District cost is transportation.
- (4) Nathan Fullmer and Jazz Band, District 3 auditions, Brookville High School, Oct. 15. District cost is \$130.
- (5) Christina Bruno-Davis and students, Mock Trial Competitions, Pittsburgh and other various locations throughout the school year. District cost is \$100 registration fee and transportation for each competition.
- Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Tom Dixon, high school renovation project clerk of works, reported that we are experiencing our first delay for the construction work. There will be a two-week delay in Phase 6 (consumer science, choral/band rooms, library and faculty room) due to casework being delayed from the supplier.

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/Galasso motion the request of Thomas Citeroni, tax collector, to attend the annual Tax Collector's Training and Convention, Lancaster, Oct. 9-11, 2008 (retroactive) approved. District cost is \$263.18. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/McLoughlin motion the day-to-day substitute teacher rate was increase from \$70 per day to \$80 per day, effective October 20, 2008. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a McLoughlin/Yurky motion the attached (see appendix 1) proclamation was adopted in honor of the Homer-Center Junior-Senior High School being named a 2008 National Blue Ribbon School. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Taddie motion the attached (see appendix 2) job description for the Part-Time Communications Teacher and Part-Time Communications Specialists, was approved. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Sorbin/Sasala motion the following, Resolution No. 1, Resolution to Approve Plancon Part I, was approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Homer-Center School Board of School Directors authorizes the District Administration and District Architect to prepare and submit for approval to the Pa. Department of Education Plancon Part I Interim Reporting for the work related to adding air conditioning to the Auditorium for the Homer-Center Junior-Senior High School Project, PDE-3322. Poll vote:

Voting yes

Mr. Bertig
Mr. Galasso
Mrs. Sasala
Mr. Sorbin
Mrs. Thomas

Voting no

Mr. McLoughlin
Mrs. Smith
Mr. Taddie
Mr. Yurky

Motion carried 5-4.

On a Sorbin/Galasso motion the following, Resolution No. 2, Authorization for Air Conditioning Work, was approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Homer-Center Board of School Directors hereby authorize the following work related to adding air conditioning to the Auditorium for Homer-Center Junior-Senior High School Project contingent upon PDE's approval of Plancon Part I:

- (1) For General Construction, to J.C. Orr, Change Order G-8, for \$63,189.
- (2) For HVAC Construction, to John Hall, Inc., Change Order H-2, for \$53,938.
- (3) For Electrical Construction, to Bob Biter Electrical Construction, Change Order E-2, for \$39,129.
- (4) For HVAC Commissioning, to WAE Balancing, for \$200.

FURTHERMORE, the Board Secretary is authorized to sign the necessary documents. Poll vote:

Voting yes

Mr. Bertig
Mr. Galasso
Mrs. Sasala
Mr. Sorbin
Mrs. Thomas

Voting no

Mr. McLoughlin
Mrs. Smith
Mr. Taddie
Mr. Yurky

Motion carried 5-4.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa, elementary principal, announced that 100 percent of our fourth grade students scored proficient or advanced on the PSSA Science Test. He also reported on another successful six grade trip to Harrisburg-Gettysburg-Hershey. Also, the Walk-a-thon to raise monies for the Children's Hospital Teddy Bear Fund Drive, with students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades participating, is Friday, October 24. Finally, the annual Halloween Parade (weather permitting) will take place Friday, October 31, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Rainey, high school principal, informed the board of the following upcoming events: (1) senior play, "Our Town", Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7:00 p.m.; (2) new date for the band/choral concert, Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7:00 p.m.; (3) Veteran's Day Assembly, Monday, Nov. 10; (4) bi-annual Dodgeball Tournament, Monday, Nov. 10; (5) Powder Puff Football Game, Friday, Nov. 14, 2008 and (6) annual Science Fair, (board members are invited to be judges for this), Wednesday, Dec. 10. He presented a trophy that the high school marching band won from DuBois' "Autumn in the Air" band tournament/festival.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, thanked the board for their kind words in recognizing the high school staff for being named as a 2008 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School.

The superintendent thanked Renda Broadcasting for the billboard at the intersections of routes 56 and 119 honoring our school for its National Blue Ribbon Award.

On a Sasala/Thomas motion it was voted to adjourn the meeting for an executive session for personnel reasons at 8:30 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President