

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board  
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

December 11, 2008

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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

### MEMBER ABSENT

Mrs. Joy Sasala

### 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. Deanne Magolis, Communications  
Specialist  
Ms. Theresa Corle, Curriculum Specialist

### OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bertig, Renda Radio  
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette  
Jared Stout, The Dispatch

The board held an executive session for personnel reasons from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Eight members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

### MINUTES

On a Bertig/Sorbin motion the minutes of the November 15, 2008 regular meeting and the December 2, 2008 reorganization meeting were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

### VISITORS/PRESENTATION

Theresa Corle, curriculum specialist, gave an update of the Strategic Plan and highlighted the Educational Technology Report.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. McLoughlin, assistant board treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated November 30, 2008. On a Taddie/Galasso motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

## BILLS

On a Sorbin/Yurky motion the general, cafeteria, and bond funds and the fund for the academics, athletics and the performing arts bills were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

The business manager reported that as of November 30, 2008 investments held by the district were \$982,779.76. Interest earned in November 2008 was \$6,692.27.

On a McLoughlin/Sorbin motion the annual budgetary transfers (the attached, appendix 1), for the 2007-08 fiscal year were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Thomas/Taddie motion approval was given to Homer-Center's participation in the ARIN Cooperative Purchasing Program for the 2009-10 fiscal year. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Taddie/Sorbin motion the settlement was accepted as proposed regarding the Real Estate Assessment Appeal of S&T Bank. Effective 2008, the assessed value of \$112,280 will be reduced to \$67,210 as a result. Voice vote; unanimous.

The November Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$4,543.92 compared to a loss of \$15,883.56 last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$22,849.85 compared to a \$20,022.32 loss last year. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	53.00 %	83.34%
Secondary	81.66 %	78.45.%

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a McLoughlin/Bertig motion the following substitute teachers were approved: Megan Owen, social studies; Jayne Hogue, chemistry; Christi Istanich, elementary/mathematics; Megan Genchur, elementary; Michael Huff, earth/space science and Natalie Moody, English. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Galasso/Thomas motion approval was given to Christine Kowchuck, elementary teacher, for a six-week leave of absence, beginning January 5, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Taddie motion Carly Bish was employed as a short-term substitute in the area of elementary education, effective January 5, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Bertig/Sorbin motion a FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act), was approved for Lisa Altemus, elementary teacher, effective January 14, 2009, for up to 12 weeks. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Yurky motion William Bonya was employed as maintenance supervisor, effective December 29, 2008, at the starting salary of \$48,500, prorated to the number of days worked, as per the conditions of the Act 93 agreement. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/Thomas motion approved was granted to Gary Wyant, secondary teacher, for a three-day unpaid leave, January 7-9, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

## EDUCATION

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

- (1) Deanne Magolis “School TV News Show—Using Visual Communicators” conference, Amherst Middle School, Amherst, NY, February 19, 2009. District cost is \$557.49.
- (2) Debra Pavloski;
  - (a) “Language essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling” Conference, ARIN IU 28, January 28, February 25 and March 25, 2009. District cost is \$135 plus \$240 for a substitute for three days.
  - (b) “Getting Results: Education Students in a Standards Aligned System” Conference, Hershey, April 14-17, 2009. District cost is \$45 plus \$320 for a substitute for four days.

Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Taddie motion approval was granted to Patricia Zimmer, to attend “Pa. Family & Consumer Science Conference”, Malvern, Pa., April 16-17, 2009. District cost is \$1,335.90 plus \$160 for a substitute for two days. Voice vote; unanimous.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a Thomas/Bertig motion approval was given for the third grade teachers and students to attend Carnegie Museum of Natural History, May 7, 2009. District cost is transportation. Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations were due the following:

- (1) Kiwanis December Senior of the Month—Natalie Rolf
- (2) Women's Club Girls of the Month:
  - (a) November—Jennifer Yurky
  - (b) December—Alyssa Taddie

On a Bertig/Thomas motion Grant Shearer and Nick Berninger were approved as volunteers for the Indoor Drum Line, under the direction of Nathan Fullmer. All clearances for both candidates are on file in the District Office. Voice vote; unanimous.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Tom Dixon, high school renovation project clerk of works, reported that the renovation work is six weeks ahead of schedule. Phase 7A, the lower junior high wing and faculty wing were able to be moved ahead of the February 2 completion date. The auditorium is the only construction that remains.

## CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

## POLICY

On a McLoughlin/Yurky motion the revisions for the attached (see appendix 2), Permit for Use of Buildings for Grounds Form, From Policy #7200, Property, Rules and Regulations Governing Public use of School Facilities, #16 Cafeteria/Kitchen Use, were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

## TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time

## BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Sorbin/Thomas motion the attached (see appendix 3) planning and board meeting dates from January through June 2009 were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

## OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa, elementary principal, told the board: (1) the Teddy Bear Fund Drive is underway and (2) Pa. Department of Health audited 2008-09 student immunizations records and that our elementary was 100 percent in compliance.

Mr. Rainey, high school principal, reported: (1) December 22 is Foresight Testing; (2) Gary Wyant's art students painted holiday scenes on windows at Renda Radio corporate offices in downtown Indiana; (3) Homer-Center hosted the Youth and Government Elections convention recently; (4) Samantha Barna's project captured first place at the December 10, 2008, Science Fair and (5) 3,384 items were collected for Love Basket.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, brought student paintings from Gary Wyant's high school art classes and art work from Dawn Yurky's fourth grade class.

Board member Tim Taddie recognized assistant principal, Gene Raymond, for his diligent work on the Strategic Planning Committee.

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

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Vicki L. Smith, President