

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

March 13, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig
Mr. Frank Galasso
Mrs. Joy Sasala
Mrs. Vicki Smith

Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mrs. Kimberly
Mr. Michael Yurky

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. James McLoughlin
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. Deanne Magolis, Communications
Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bertig, Renda Radio
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Jared Stout, The Dispatch
Fred Hayes, Robert and Stephen and
Alexander, Center Twp. Residents
Student teachers Ben Murphy, 4th grade
Mrs. Hays and Samatha Glass, HS
Music, Mr. Fullmer

The board held an executive session for personnel reasons from 6:30 – 7:40 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Seven members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

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

VISITORS

Fred Hayes, Center Township Resident, spoke about three areas of his own *personal* frustration: (1) Although the law states that having a relative employed is not a direct conflict of interest, he feels that board members that this pertains to should have to abstain when voting on budget increases; (2) he thinks the millage increases have been outrageous, and (3) he feels that employees should have to pay for part of their health care.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated February 28, 2009. On a Thomas/Taddie 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 7-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

The business manager reported that interest earned from investments in February 2009 was \$2,686.30

On a Sasala/Taddie motion Millimian, Inc. was contracted to perform actuarial and consulting services particularly related to the requirements of GASB #45. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

The February Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$42,743.96 compared to a loss of \$5,762.14 last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$71,823.51 compared to a \$26,867.58 loss last year. She added that last month \$41,500 was transferred to the General Fund to pay for Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	49.95%	85.62%
Secondary	79.77%	81.48%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Thomas/Sasala motion the following substitute teachers were approved: Richard Munseel, health and physical education; Andrew Whisler, music; Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Sasala motion Heather Rankin was employed as four-hour cleaner at 90 percent of the \$7.89 hourly rate (for 60-day probationary period), with no fringe benefits, as per the conditions of the current HCESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Galasso/Thomas motion Cathy Miller, cafeteria worker, was granted a four-day, unpaid leave from May 26-29, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Thomas motion a six-week extension to Cindy Valuchuck's current FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) leave, effective March 9, 2009, was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

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

- (1) Joy Baum, Pa. Music Educator's Association annual conference, Valley Forge, April 23-24. District cost is \$911.50 plus \$160 for a substitute for two days.
- (2) Sarah DeVivo
 - (a) Promethean Learning Center, Pittsburgh, March 17-18. District cost is \$911.50.
 - (b) PSLA (Pa. School Librarians Association), 36th Annual Conference, State College, April 30-May 2. District cost is \$405.00.

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) Deanne Magolis, Suzanne Parfitt and students, Heritage Conference Impromptu Speech Competition, Penns Manor High School, April 6.
 - (b) Brenda Seigh and students, Environmental Science Field Trip, Waste Management Landfill, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Homer City Water Plant and Recycling Center.
 - (c) Lisa Adams and students, Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, May 5.
 - (d) Christine Yurky and AP geography students, tour local farm. March 26.
 - (e) Christine Yurky and students, Heritage Conference Current Events, Ligonier Valley High School, April 6.
- (2) No district cost for:
 - (a) Deanne Magolis and student, UExpo, United High School, April 3.
 - (b) Bev Pribicko, Robert Stossel, Mark Pangonis, Karen Woods and seniors, Indian's Mohawk Bowling Lanes.
- (3) District cost was \$771.03 plus \$240 for substitutes for three days for Nathan Fullmer and students, Region II Band, Saegertown High School, retroactive to March 4-7, 2009.
- (4) District cost is a substitute for two days for Nathan Fullmer and students, Wildwood, NJ Percussion Ensemble performance, April 30-May 2, 2009.
- (5) District cost is \$85, plus \$80 for substitute for a day plus transportation for Christine Yurky and students, Pittsburgh Influence at Pittsburgh's Heinz History Center, April 28.

Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations were due the following:

- (1) Kiwanis March Senior of the Month—Celeste Catalano
- (2) Women's Club March Girl of the Month—Emily Sasala

On a Taddie/Bertig motion Matthew Gauden was approved, as a volunteer track coach for the 2008-09 season. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Taddie motion Dennis Daskivich and Justin Perman were hired as co-assistant varsity girls' softball coaches for the 2008-09 season at the supplemental salary of \$1,053.50 each. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Thomas/Taddie motion Lauren McQuiston and Jonathan Donath were approved as high school indoor percussion ensemble volunteers for the 2008-09 school year. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Bertig/Taddie motion Tammy Menk was approved to serve as the high school musical assistant for the 2008-09 school year at a supplemental salary of \$1,288. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On a Taddie/Sasala motion Nick Moore, John Darnley and the Homer City Area Athletic Boosters, were approved to use the high school gym and cafeteria for a basketball tournament, March 7-8. Rental fees are waived; they will be pay \$200 custodial fees. Voice vote; Frank Galasso voted no. Motion carried 6-1.

On a Taddie/Thomas motion Nick Moore, John Darnley and the Homer City Area Athletic Boosters, were approved to use the high school gym and cafeteria for a basketball tournament, March 13, 14 & 15, 2009. Rental fees are waived; they will be pay \$200 custodial fees. 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/Sasala motion the 2009-10 ARIN IU 28 General Operating Budget was approved in the amount of \$3,095.543. Homer-Center's contribution through withholding is \$30,690, which is \$1,110 (3.75 percent) increase over last year. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Sasala/Taddie motion Kimberly Thomas was appointed to the ARIN IU 28 Board, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. Voice vote; Mrs. Thomas abstained from voting. Motion carried 6-0-1.

On a Taddie/Yurky motion Beverly N. Gardner was approved to serve as the Open Records Officer, a provision consistent with the revised Open Records Policy No. 4050. Voice vote; unanimous.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa, elementary principal reported that (1) 62 students had registered for kindergarten, with five more planning to come, which totals 67 for next year's class; (2) Scott Bauer, elementary physical education Teacher, was awarded "Project Fit America All-Star Teacher of the Year. He was chosen from over 700 schools nationally!

Mr. Rainey, high school principal, (1) congratulated both Coach Bob Rado and the Boys' Basketball team for their successful season and Nathan Fullmer and the Indoor Percussion Ensemble for placing third in its first competition; (2) said PPSA testing for 7th, 8th & 11th graders is scheduled for March 17-19 and 9th and 10th graders will be taking Reading Math and Science local assessment tests; (3) announced that the "Novel Idea" starts March 23.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, pointed out the projects from the following teachers: Mary Ann Ciranni; grade 3; Cathy Hays, grade 4, Suzanne Mateer, Mary Ann Hlusko and Cheryl Turk, sixth grade; Brian Castellani, woodworking projects; Suzanne Parfitt, ninth grade Honors English. She added that the sixth grade Egyptian projects were done with not only the classroom teachers but also with help from the librarian, Angela Long, and computer teacher, Terri Koenigsberg.

Board members stated they enjoyed the tour, before tonight's meeting, of the newly-renovated high school. An Open House for the public will be held in the future.

On a Thomas/Bertig motion the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President