

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board  
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

January 21, 2010

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig  
Mr. James McLoughlin  
Mrs. Julie Rado  
Mrs. Joy Sasala

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

### MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Ethan Sorbin

### SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent  
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  
Jared Stout, The Dispatch  
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette  
Maria Olechovski, IUP student  
Fred Hayes, Center Twp. resident  
10 students presenting board appreciation  
awards & 11 of their parents & siblings

The board held an executive session for legal and personnel reasons from 6:30 – 7:35 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. Eight members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

### MINUTES

On a Sasala/Thomas motion the minutes of the December 10, 2009 regular meeting were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

### VISITORS/PRESENTATION

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, read the following quote from Frank Lloyd Wright, "I know the price of success: dedication, hard work, and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen." To thank the board, each member received an embroidered carrying case.

Under the guidance of Deanne Magolis, the following students presented a \$5 Sheetz gift cards to each board member and they recited an oath to “take five” and relax for five minutes from their busy board duties: narrator, Madison Maschak, senior; Zack Zelensky, grade 3; Laken Hill, grade 4; Mandy McElheney, grade 5; Richard Orr, grade 6; Julia Bugey, grade 7; Robert Newhouse, grade 8; Alexis Baum, grade 9; Jimmy Orr, grade 10; Ryan Zack, grade 11; and Angela Gray, grade 12.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer, gave the treasurer’s report dated December 31, 2009. On a Taddie/Bertig motion the treasurer’s report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

On a Bertig/Rado motion the general, cafeteria, and bond funds bills were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

The business manager reported that interest earned in December 2009 was \$917.59.

Listed below are the 2009 uncollected Center Township and Homer City Borough real estate taxes as of December 31, 2009, which have been returned to the Indiana Tax Claim Bureau for collections:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
<b>CENTER TOWNSHIP</b>		
Face	\$245,297.09	\$214,209.50
Penalty	<u>\$ 24,529.90</u>	<u>\$ 21,430.28</u>
TOTAL	\$269,826.99	\$235,728.78
Increase	14.5%	\$ 34,098.21
<b>HOMER CITY BOROUGH</b>		
Face	\$ 64,247.75	\$57,604.62
Penalty	<u>\$ 6,424.81</u>	\$ 5,760.57
TOTAL	<u>\$ 70,672.56</u>	\$63,365.19
Decrease	11.5%	\$ 7,307.37

On a Taddie/McLoughlin motion a resolution was adopted certifying that the district will not raise taxes above the Act 1 index for the 2010-11 fiscal year. Poll vote: motion carried 8-0.

The December Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$2,468.69 compared to a loss of \$5,910.39 last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$33,485.13. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	48.89 %	86.02%
Secondary	79.15 %	82.00.%

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion the following substitute teachers were approved: Tiffany Cornman, Math 7-12; Hannah Johnston, Art; and Megan Wilson, elementary/math. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Williams motion Paulette Kishlock was approved as an aide for the high school Rainbow Room, at salary of \$7.60 per hour, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, March 9 through May 21, 2010. Voice vote; unanimous.

## EDUCATION

On a Taddie/Radio motion the following conference trips were approved:

- A. Elaine Thurston, "Improving School Performance" Seminar, Station Square Pittsburgh, Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2010. District cost is \$791.
- B. Patricia Zimmer, Pa. Student Assistance Program Conference, State College, March 8-9, 2010. All expenses paid by the Safe and Drug Free School Fund. District cost is \$160 for one substitute for two days.
- C. Beverly N. Gardner, annual PASBO Conference, Hershey March 10-12, 2010. District cost is \$1,050.07.
- D. Patricia Zimmer, Pa. Family & Consumer Science Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, April 8-9, 2010. District cost is \$751.90 plus \$160 for one substitute for two days.
- E. Tammy Buffone, Educator's Workshop, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, March 9-12, 2010. No district cost.

Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations were due the following:

- (1) Kiwanis January Senior of the Month—Danielle Clifford
- (2) Women's Club January Girl of the Month—Angela Gray
- (3) A. Local Elk's Hoop Shoot Winners:
  - 8-9 Boys: Cory Cavalier - 1<sup>st</sup> Place at Lodge
  - 8-9 Girls: Abbey Ginter - 1<sup>st</sup> Place at Lodge
  - 10-11 Boys: Ryan Popovich
  - 10-11 Girls: Laken Berezansky
  - 12-13 Boys: Aaron Berezansky
  - 12-13 Girls: Rachel Worcester
- B. FBLA Regional Competition Winners:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place:
    - Amanda McCaulley, Business Math
    - Ashley Schmidt & Caitlin Wolford, Desktop Publishing
    - Megan Vilcek, Word Processing
    - Devin Hilliard, Intro to Business
    - Danielle Clifford & Marissa Zorak, Business Ethics
    - Joanna Kimmel, Business Communication
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:
    - Stephanie Ireland, Personal Finance

On a Sasala/Thomas motion homebound instruction for a secondary student (Tracking #09-10-04), effective January 18, 2010, was approved for eight weeks. Voice vote; unanimous.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a Sasala/Thomas motion approval was granted for attendance at the following conferences;

- (1) Joy Wilson/chorus students, Chicago, IL, April 30-May 2, 2010 for choral clinic/adjudication and educational tour of city. District cost is \$80 for a substitute for one day. Students/parents will pay all cost incurred for this trip and will miss one day of classes, Friday, April 30, 2010.
- (2) Tammy Buffon/students, tour Elkin Technology Center, Indiana, retroactive to January 19. No district cost.
- (3) Cost is transportation for:
  - A. Tammy Buffone/students, ICTC Shadowing Day, January 28, 2010.
  - B. Kristin Curci/students, Kiwanis Regional Youth Leadership Workshop, Indiana, March 17, 2010
  - C. Christine Yurky/students, Youth and Government Mock Session, Millersburg, Pa., January 23, 2010.
  - D. Seth Wollam/students to Percussion Ensembles (all Saturdays) at:
    - Tyrone High School, February 20, 2010, Indoor Tournament Assoc.
    - Bedford High School, February 27, 2010.
    - Dubois High School, March 13, 2010.
    - Forest Hills High School, March 27, 2010.
    - Johnstown High School, April 17, 2010.
    - Tyrone High School, April 24, 2009, Chapter XI Championships
- (4) Cost is transportation, substitutes and registration of:
  - A. \$170, Sarah DeVivo, Trish Dodson and students, IUP's History Day Competition, March 19.
  - B. \$190, Seth Wollam/students, County Band, Purchase Line High School, retroactive to January 15-16.
  - C. \$230, Seth Wollam/two students, District Band, Allegheny-Clarion High School, February 11-13.
  - D. \$3,772.50, Beverly Pribicko/nine students, FBLA State Leadership Conference, Hershey, April 11-14.
- (4) Cost is transportation and substitutes for:
  - A. Deanne Magolis/students, Renda Broadcasting and IUP Communications Program, January 27.
  - B. Deanne Magolis, Kevin Wolford and students, Regional 2010 Pa. High School Computer Fair, March 9.
  - C. Patricia Zimmer, Gray Wyant and students, Kent State Textiles Museum, Kent, OH, February 5.

Voice vote; Mr. Bertig objected only to one trip--Kent State Textiles Museum, Kent, Ohio, February 5 for Patricia Zimmer, Gary Wyant and students (cost is \$160 for substitutes plus transportation). Motion carried 7-0-1.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On a Williams/Rado motion Approval was given to James McLoughlin/Pa. Blue Thunder Basketball Team to use the high school gym from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Thursdays, March 4 – June 3, 2010 for practice. All fees have been waived. Voice vote; Mr. McLoughlin abstained from voting. Motion carried 7-0-1.

On a Bertig/Thomas motion approval was given to Larry Garner/Indiana Tax Collection Committee, to use the high school Large Group Instruction room, January 26, 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. for a meeting. All fees have been waived. Voice vote; unanimous.

On McLoughlin/Sasala motion the Homer City Boosters were granted permission to use the elementary gym, Feb. 6 for a girls' basketball tournament. All rental fees have been waived. They will pay the \$288 custodial fee. 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/McLoughlin motion the revised 2009-10 school calendar was approved with a snow make-up day scheduled for February 15, 2010. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Taddie/Rado motion Ted Pluchinsky, one-year term and Frank Galasso, three-year term, effective January 2010, were reappointed as the board's representatives to the Recreation and Parks Board. Voice vote; unanimous.

## OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa, elementary principal, told the board: the total raised for this year's Teddy Bear Fund Drive was \$8,401.12. Also, reports cards will be distributed Thursday, January 21, 2010.

Mrs. Magolis highlighted the high school principal's written report. She also added that senior Danielle Clifford has been awarded the \$1000 Comcast Leaders and Achievers Award. The fundraiser, Kids for a Cause, to make health kits for earthquake victims in Haiti, begins Monday & Tuesday, January 26 and 27 and Renda Broadcasting will broadcast Wednesday, January 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Senior Kaitlin Wolford has

started Treats for Troops to send care packages to send overseas to the troops which begins February 1.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, asked the board to step outside the Central Office and look at the book jackets in the display case made by the Elementary Title I reading students of Lisa Altemus and Nancy Skultety. She also brought dresses made by Patricia Zimmer's Family and Consumer Science students; science papers, Carol Mlakar's fifth grade; woodshop projects, Brian Castellani's classes and projects by Tina Bruno-Davis' social studies classes.

On a McLoughlin/Thomas motion the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President