

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

January 22, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Mrs. Joy Sasala
Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mrs. Kimberly Thomas
Mr. Michael Yurky

MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Ethan Sorbin

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
Mrs. Deanne Magolis, Communications
Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bertig, Renda Radio
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Jared Stout, The Dispatch
HS Student Teachers-Joy Bon,
Jennifer Hunter, Emily McCombie
10 students presenting board appreciation awards and 9 of their parents

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 McLoughlin/Yurky motion the minutes of the December 11, 2008 regular meeting were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITORS/PRESENTATION

The following 2nd semester high school student teachers introduced themselves to the board: Joy Bon, Jennifer Hunter and Emily McCombie

The following students presented plaques and pens (designed by Brian Castellani's students) for School Board Appreciation Month: narrator, Megan Illig, senior; Eric Shirley, grade 3; Anna Overman, grade 4; Benjamin Wolford, grade 5; Aaron Berezaksy, grade 6; Owen Bierer, grade 7; Kaitlyn Deptola, grade 8; Garrett Omasta, grade 9; Marylene Mize-rak, grade 10; Megan Vilcek, grade 11; and Matthew Wilden, grade 12..

The superintendent handed out PSBA certificates for School Director Recognition Month honoring members who volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of public education in our community.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated December 31, 2008. On a Thomas/Galasso motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

On a McLoughlin/Taddie 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 2008 was \$6,473.61.

On a Sasala/Taddie motion authorization was approved to prepare and display the proposed preliminary budget for 2009-10 beginning January 29, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Thomas/Taddie motion authorization was approved to advertise the intent of the board to adopt the preliminary budget for the 2009-10 at its February 18, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Galasso motion authorization was approved to make application for referendum exceptions pertaining to the 2009-10 budget. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion authorization was granted to participate in the Western Pa. Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Consortium for the 2009-10 school year. Voice vote; unanimous.

Listed below are the 2008 uncollected Center Township and Homer City Borough real estate taxes as of December 31, 2008, which have been returned to the Indiana Tax Claim Bureau for collections:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
CENTER TOWNSHIP		
Face	\$212,796.99	\$214,209.50
Penalty	<u>\$ 21,279.81</u>	<u>\$ 21,430.28</u>
TOTAL	\$234,076.81	\$235,728.78
Increase	\$ 1,651.97	7.0%
HOMER CITY BOROUGH		
Face	\$ 60,597.87	\$57,604.62
Penalty	<u>\$ 6,059.79</u>	\$ 5,760.57
TOTAL	\$ 66,657.66	\$63,365.19
Decrease	\$ (472.03)	4.9%

The December Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$5,910.39 compared to a loss of \$6,812.96 last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$28,760.24 compared to a \$26,835.28 loss last year. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	49.95 %	78.00%
Secondary	84.35 %	76.04.%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Sasala/Thomas motion the following substitute teachers were approved: Cassandra Black, Lydsay Owens and Laura Henry, elementary; Megan Bair and Jill Allhouse, English; Justin Maffei, social studies. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Galasso motion a FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act), date change was approved for Lisa Altemus, elementary teacher, effective January 5 – February 3, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Bertig/McLoughlin motion approved was granted to Beverly Pribicko, secondary teacher, for a two-day unpaid leave, February 16-17, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Thomas motion the resignation of four-hour cleaner, Irene George, was accepted, retroactive to December 5, 2008. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Bertig motion a six-week FMLA leave was approved for Lucinda Valuchuck, elementary aide, effective January 26, 2009. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

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

- (1) Beverly Gardner, business manger, annual PASBO (Pa. Association of School Business Officials) Conference, Valley Forge, April 1-3, 2009. District cost is \$1,061.25.

- (2) Patricia Zimmer, Pa. Student Assistance Professionals Conference, State College, March 2-3, 2009. District cost is \$650.80 plus \$180 for a substitute for two days.
- (3) Sarah DeVivo to attend the Classrooms for the Future CDW-G Session, Beaver Valley IU 27, Feb. 4-5, 2009. All costs are covered under the Classrooms for the Future Grant.

Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- On a Taddie/Yurky motion the following student field trips were approved:
- (1) District cost is transportation for:
 - (a) Fourth Grade teachers/student, Johnstown Flood National Memorial and Incline Plane, May 15.
 - (b) Tammy Buffone, Holly Marusa and students, ICTC (Indiana County Technology Center), Shadow Day, February 2.
 - (c) Christine Yurky/students from YAG (Youth and Government), YAG Government Conference, Butler, January 24.
 - (d) Sarah DeVivo/students, Pa. Junior Academy of Science competition, February 21. Voice vote; unanimous.
 - (2) District cost is substitutes and transportation for Nathan Fulmer and students plus:
 - (a) \$ 240.00; County Band, Blairsville High School (retroactive to Jan. 9).
 - (b) \$1,498.06; District 3 Band Competition, Clarion University Jan. 29-31.
 - (c) \$ 439.00; District 3 Jazz Band Competition, East Forest High School, Feb. 12-13.
 - (3) District cost is \$839.50 plus substitutes for 2.5 days for Joy Baum/students, District Chorus, Union High School, retroactive to Jan. 14-16.
 - (4) District cost is \$25 plus transportation for Mark Shopland/7th Grade Science Classes, IUP Planetarium Tour/Show "Visiting Scientist", two separate dates to be determined.
 - (5) District cost is transportation. All other costs covered by the Dominion Grant for Fourth, Fifth and Six graders to attend Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program, Lutherlyn Environmental Center, Butler—April 8, Grade 4; April 15, Grade 5 and April 16, Grade 6.
 - (6) District cost is \$3,980.00 for Beverly Pribicko/nine students, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) State Leadership Conference, Hershey, March. 30-April 1.

Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations were due the following:

- (1) Kiwanis January Senior of the Month—Hillary Scheuermann
- (2) Women's Club January Girl of the Month—Natalie Rolf
- (3) County and State Farm Shows, Evan Bencic, first place, woodcarving project
- (4) Sam Kimmel, NFL's Play 60 Super Kid winner

On a Taddie/Galasso motion the following supplemental coaching contracts were approved:

- (1) Jr. High Volleyball, Karen Woods, \$1,266.00
- (2) Jr. High Volleyball, Emily McCombie, \$1,266.00
- (3) Varsity Girls' Head Softball Coach, Randy Thomas, \$2,703.00

Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On a Sasala/Thomas motion approval was given to the Homer City Boosters to use both the elementary and high school gyms, Feb. 6-8, for a girls' basketball tournament. All rental fees have been waived. They will pay the \$400 custodial fee. Voice vote; unanimous. 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/Galasso motion the Auditor General's Audit report for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006 and 2005 as well as management's corrective action plan was accepted. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Galasso/McLoughlin motion Ted Pluchinsky, one-year term and Ward Hilliard, two-year term, effective January 2009, were reappointed as the board's representatives to the Recreation and Parks Board. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Sasala motion Homer-Center School District's 2008-2014 E-Strategic Plan was approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/Yurky motion the revised 2008-09 school calendar was approved with a snow make-up day scheduled for February 16, 2009. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa, elementary principal, told the board: (1) the total raised for this year's Teddy Bear Fund Drive was \$6,914.19; (2) the American Red Cross conducted a hand washing clinic in grades kindergarten through third grade and (3) report cards went home on January 27.

Mr. Rainey, high school principal, reported: (1) the high school's amount for this year's Teddy Bear Fund Drive was over \$3,500; (2) three students qualified for District Chorus and nine students are going to the State FBLA competition; (3) students in Kevin Wolford's and Christina Bruno-Davis' classes sent holiday cards to Homer-Center graduates that are active military duty and (4) Financial Aid Night has been rescheduled for March 2, 2009.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, brought projects from her Honors English class, Christmas cards, the Highlighter newspaper and other technology drawings, from Kevin Wolford's graphics class, and woodshop projects from Brian Castellani's classes.

On a McLoughlin/Galasso motion the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President