

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

April 22, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig	Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. James McLoughlin	Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mrs. Julie Rado	Mrs. Kimberly Thomas
Mrs. Joy Sasala	Mrs. Sherri Williams

MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Ethan Sorbin

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Bus. Mgr.
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary
Ms. Jane Mastro, HCEA Pres.
Mrs. Deanne Magolis, Communications Specialist
Ms. Teresa Tedeschi, 2nd Grade Teacher
Mrs. Beverly Bence, HS Aide

OTHERS PRESENT

Jared Stout, The Dispatch
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Wendy Engelberg, HS English
Student Teacher w/Mrs. Parfitt
Jim Bence, spouse of Bev Bence

The board held an executive session for personnel reasons from 6:30–7:45 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. Eight members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a Taddie/Rado motion the minutes of the March 22, 2010 regular meeting were approved with the following correction: On pg. 44, add Stephen Parks and Associates to the motion accepting the proposal for football field lighting. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITORS

The board recognized two soon-to-be retirees in attendance; Miss Teresa Tedeschi, with almost 34 yrs of service, elementary teacher and Mrs. Beverly Bence, 13 yrs of service as high school aide.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Joy Sasala, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated March 31, 2010. On a Thomas/Taddie motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

On a Bertig/Williams motion the general fund, cafeteria and capital reserve bills were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

The business manager reported that interest earned in March 2010 was \$412.32.
Corrected 5-24-10

On a Sasala/**Rado*** motion the 2008-09 Audit Report submitted by local auditors, McCrory & McCrory was accepted. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Taddie/Thomas motion McCrory & McCrory were contracted to perform the 2009-10 fiscal year audit at a \$12,175.00 cost. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/Bertig motion the district's general liability, property, automotive, excess liability and error & omissions insurance with the Liberty Mutual Group was renewed. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Rado/Thomas motion it was voted to use remaining construction fund monies for high school auditorium seat replacement. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0. The Board authorized the submission of a mandate wavier.

The March Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$2,550.98 compared to a loss of \$8,642.66 last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$48,722.82. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	49.19%	86.36%
Secondary	76.44%	85.15%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a McLoughlin/Williams motion the following substitutes were approved: Misti Newhouse; elementary; Kara Harper, cafeteria (retroactive to 4-19-10); Suzanne Andrews, elementary/ reading spec/mid-level English and Stephanie Moga, social studies. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Thomas/Sasala motion a leave of absence for Kaitlin Stossel, elementary teacher, from May 11 – June 4, 2010 was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/McLoughlin motion a leave of absence for Cheryl Turk, elementary teacher, from May 3 – June 4 2010, was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Thomas/Taddie motion Courtney Mayor was employed as short-term (less than 90 days) substitute in elementary education from May 11 – June 4, 2010. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Rado motion Greg Hastings was employed as **short-term** (less than 90 days) substitute in elementary education, May 3 – June 4, 2010. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Bertig/Thomas motion the following resignations, due to retirement, effective June 5, 2010, were accepted with regret:

- (1) Terri Tedeschi, elementary, 33.8 yrs. of service
- (2) Josephine Usko, elementary, 36 yrs. of service
- (3) Mary Ann Hlusko, elementary, 39 yrs. of service
- (4) Mary Jo Seigh, elementary, 39 yrs. of service
- (5) Bernadette Hilliard, high school English, 39 yrs. of service
- (6) James Pettenati, high school social studies, 37 yrs. of service.

Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Rado motion the resignation, due to retirement of Beverly Bence, high school aide, effective June 4, 2010, was accepted with regret. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Rado motion an unpaid leave day for travel purposes was approved for Patricia Zimmer, retroactive to March 5, 2010. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Thomas/McLoughlin motion an unpaid day was approved for Kathryn Isenberg, cleaner, retroactive to April 10, 2010. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

On a Sasala/Thomas motion Sarah DeVivo and Jane Mastro were approved to attend the Using Moodle to Create On-Line Courses at ARIN IU 28, May 5-6, 2010. District cost is \$320 for a substitute for two days. Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The superintendent reported that commendations were due the following:

- (1) Kiwanis April Senior of the Month—Monique Szentmikloski
- (2) Women's Club March Girl of the Month—Joanna Kimmel

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

- (1) Cost is a substitute for:
 - a. Kevin/Wolford, students, Pa. State Computer Fair, Dickinson College, Carlisle, May 25.
 - b. Robert Stossel/students, IUP for;
 1. State Driver's Competition, April 23.
 2. Fifth Annual Student Government Seminar, May 13.

- (2) Cost is transportation for:
- a. Gregory Page/varsity football team, Southern Allegheny Football Coaches Association (SAFCA) Combine, Purchase Line High School, May 20.
 - b. Sherry Dellaposta, Suzanne Mateer, Angela Long and Breakfast Book Club students, final breakfast, Eat'n Park Restaurant, Indiana, May 12.
- (3) Brenda Viazanko/students, 2010 Environthon Competition, Blue Spruce Park, May 5. District cost is transportation plus \$80 for a substitute for one day.
- (4) Seth Wollam and elementary band, perform at Kennywood Park, May 26. Cost is \$275 transportation, \$35 admission and \$80 for a substitute for a day.
- Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Williams/Bertig motion Nathan Sykes was approved as volunteer junior high track coach for the 2009-10 school year. All clearances are on file. Voice vote; unanimous. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On a Bertig/McLoughlin motion approval was given to Robert Rado and the Boys' Basketball Booster, to use the high school gym, July 5-9, 2010 for a basketball camp and July 12-16, for a basketball shooting camp. All fees have been waived. 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

No report at this time.

OTHER REPORTS

In the absence of all three principals, Deanne Magolis, communication specialist reported information. In both the elementary and the high school, the Pet Food Drive was held April 19-23. To put their bowling skills used in gym class, sixth graders and their physical education teacher, Scott Bauer enjoyed a field trip to Mohawk Lanes. "Fractured Physics" will be presented by the Carnegie Science Center to grades 1-6 on April 29. These monies were provided by a grant written by Joe Kotelnicki and Cathy Hays from the Homer-Center Fund for the Academics, Athletics and Performing Arts.

Sophomore Angel Piccirillo placed first in the race she completed that evening at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia. The Sr. High National Honor Society Induction Banquet was held Thursday evening April 15. The Junior High National Honor Society Induction Assembly was held April 20. Both events were organized by Karen Woods, physical education teacher. The prom will be held May 7, and the mock accident assembly is May 6 at 1 p.m.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, pointed out Egyptian projects by sixth graders and high school teachers Brian Castellani, Tina Bruno-Davis and Suzanne Parfitt (as presented by her student teacher, Wendy Engelberg).

All board members wished all retirees well with their 235 total years of combined service.

On a McLoughlin/Sasala motion the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President