

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

December 10, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Mr. Ethan Sorbin
Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mrs. Kimberly Thomas
Mrs. Sherri Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

NONE

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elem. Principal
Mr. Jody Rainey, HS Principal
Ms. Beverly Gardner, Bus. Mgr.
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bertig, Renda Radio
Jared Stout, The Dispatch
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Mrs. Kasey Pritchard, parent

The board held an executive session for personnel reasons on November 12, 2009 from 8:16 -9:00 p.m.

The board held an executive session this evening for personnel and real estate reasons from 6:30-7:35 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. All nine members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a Sorbin/Williams motion the minutes of the November 12, 2010 regular meeting and the December 1, 2010 reorganization meeting were approved with the following correction:

Pg. 25, regular meetings begin at **7:30 p.m.**, not 7:00 p.m.
Voice vote; unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated November 30, 2009. On a Taddie/Sorbin motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

On a Bertig/Rado motion the general fund, cafeteria and bond fund bills were approved. Poll vote motion carried 9-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Gardner reported that as of November 30, 2009 interest amounted to \$1,020.36.

On a Sorbin/Thomas motion approval was granted for Homer-Center's participation in the ARIN cooperative Purchasing Program for the 2010-11 fiscal year. Voice vote; unanimous.

The November Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$4,355.47 which was about the same as a loss of \$4,543.92 last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures show a loss of \$31,016.44 compared to a \$22,849.85 loss last year. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	50.32%	83.41%
Secondary	78.89%	84.00%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Sasala/McLoughlin motion the following substitutes were approved: Carissa Hruska, elementary/special educ. and Benjamin Murphy, elementary/Science and Math 7-9. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Thomas/Sorbin motion an unpaid leave was approved for Debra Pavloski, high school teacher, from June 1-4, 2010. Voice vote; unanimous

On a Rado/Sorbin motion Patricia Hovanik, ARIN employee, was approved to serve as an afterschool tutor for the 2009-10 school year. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Sasala motion approval was granted changing two 3-hour cafeteria positions to two 4-hour positions. Mr. McLoughlin abstained from voting since his wife manages the cafeteria. Motion carried 8-0-1.

On a Thomas/Taddie motion an unpaid leave was approved for Tina Zack, cafeteria worker, February 5-12, 2010. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Rado motion the resignation, due to retirement, of Sandra Michna, cafeteria worker, effective January 5, 1020, was accepted was regret. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Rado/Sorbin motion Jodi Lapp was employed as a part-time cafeteria worker, effective December 21, 2009. at a starting salary of 90 percent of \$8.93 per hour salary (pending receipt of clearances) with a 60-day probationary period. Her employment will be governed by the terms and conditions of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Homer-Center School District and the Homer-Center Education Support Personnel. Poll vote; Mr. McLoughlin abstained from voting since his wife manages the cafeteria. Motion carried 8-0-1.

EDUCATION

On a McLoughlin/Sorbin motion the following teacher conferences were approved:

- (1) Joy Wilson, PMEA (Pa. Music Educators Association) All-State Convention and Choral Festival, Pittsburgh, Pa, April 21 (pm), April 22 and 23, 2010. District cost is \$912.98 plus \$200 for a substitute for 2.5 days.
- (2) Sarah DeVivo, Google Workshop for teachers, Westmoreland IU 17, Greensburg, January 28-29, 1010. District cost is \$450.
- (3) Mark Shopland, Lisa Adams and Tony Buffone, National Science Teachers Association National Conference, Philadelphia, March 18-19, 2010. District Cost is \$2,215.76 plus \$480 for three substitutes for two days.
- (4) Scott Bauer and Marty Maschak, varsity baseball coaches, to attend the 1-2- Mizuno Baseball Clinic, Pittsburgh, January 15, 2010. District cost is \$317 plus \$80 for a substitute for a day.

Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations are due the following

- (1) Kiwanis Senior of the Month, December—Evan Bencic
- (2) Women's Club Girl of the Month, November—Caitlin Birch and December—Danielle Clifford.

On a Thomas/McLoughlin motion homebound instruction (tracking #09-10-03) was approved for a secondary student. Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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

- (1) Joy Wilson/choral students, Pittsburgh Pirates game, May 21, 2010. No district cost.
- (2) Trip to Renda Broadcasting Studio (no district cost)
 - a. for a promotional performance for choral and band concerts:
 1. Dec. 7, 2009 (retroactive), Joy Wilson/high school students
 2. Dec. 14, 2009, Seth Wollam/elementary students
 - b. to paint holiday windows, Dec. 10, 2009, Gary Wyant/art students
- (3) District cost is transportation for:
 - a. Beverly Pribicko/students, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), Regional Competition, IUP, January 5, 2009, plus \$246.
 - b. First grade students/teachers, Highland Park Zoo, Pittsburgh, May 19, 2010 (rain date May 21, 2010).
- (4) For Joy Wilson/music students, cost is substitutes plus

- a. \$951.33, for District Chorus, Clarion Area High School, January 27 (pm), January 28-29, 2010.
- b. \$693.00, for Regional Chorus, Seneca High School, March 10 (pm), March 11-12, 2010.

Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On a Sorbin/Rado motion approval was given for John Darnley/Nick Moore/Homer City Area Athletic Boosters, to use the high school gym and cafeteria, February 12, 13 and 14, 2010, for the boys' basketball tournament. A \$322 custodial fee will be paid Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Bertig motion approval was given to Larry Garner to use the high school Large Group Instruction Room for an Indiana County Tax Collection Committee Meeting, December 17, 2009 from 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. All fees have been waived.

CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

POLICY

No report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Sorbin/Thomas motion Joy Sasala was appointed to serve as an alternate on the Indiana County Technology Board, with the term expiring December 2010. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Sorbin motion Geneva Lazor was approved as S.T.E.P. (Senior Tax Exchange Program) volunteer in the high school, pending receipt of clearances. Voice vote; unanimous.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa, elementary principal, stated that (1) Build-a-Book was given to the 38 parents that attended the Title I Parent Involvement Program on December 1; (2) Breakfast with Santa and Santa's Workshop, held Saturday, December 4, was a huge success with over 300 people attending. This was spearheaded by Josie Usko, 2nd grade teacher and Brandi Rankin, instructional aide. Over 90 percent of the staff was present to help with this Teddy Bear Fund Drive fundraiser; (3) Approximately 132 students have signed up for tutoring; (4) Scott Bauer is coordinating the Elementary Basketball Hoop Shoot

scheduled for December 12; (5) Mary Ann Hlusko is on charge of the Sixth Grade Spelling Bee to be held December 15; (6) the Elementary Christmas Band and Choral Concert will be at the high school auditorium, December 16, 7 p.m.

Mr. Rainey, high school principal, reported (1) both the high school band/choral concert, December 9, and senior class play, "A Christmas Carol", on November 24, were both well attended. He added that 33 percent of the senior class had a role in this year's play; (2) 2700 nonperishable items were collected for Basket of Love Drive; (3) December 11 the high school band plays at the Monroeville Mall and the Basketball Tip-off tournaments for both the boys' and girls' teams begin; (4) Teachers who applied and received \$500 grants were—Vicki Olinger, McDonald's MAC Grant that will be used to assist local senior citizens and Trish Zimmer, Kids In Need Teacher Grants. Of the 281 teachers, she was one of only three Pa. teachers selected; (4) Finally, Mr. Rainey demonstrated the LED Christmas tree built by Debra Pavloski's students. Nick Laichak, who works for World Electronics, bought the kits and volunteered to do soldering/wiring to help students finish the project.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, pointed out the following:

- (1) High school
 - a. Science Fair winners' display boards/Lisa Adams
 - b. Finished woodshop project/Brian Castellani
 - c. FM radios built from kits/Debra Pavloski's science class
- (2) Elementary
 - a. Letters to Santa/persuasive writing, Joe Kotelnicki's 3rd grade class
 - b. Pictures of Native America attire, Mary Jo Seigh's 5th grade social studies class,
 - c. Illustrations describing molecules, Suzanne Mateer's 6th grade science students.

Board members were told: (1), Angel Piccirillo won the girls' cross country race at the Foot Locker Northeast Championships in Long Island, NY over the Thanksgiving break and (2) elementary student Tanner Yancy was the 8-9 year old winner for the state of Pennsylvania for the Pass, Punt & Kick contest.

On a McLoughlin/Sorbin motion it was voted to hold an executive session for personnel reasons at 8:11 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President