

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

October 15, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig
Mr. James McLoughlin
Mrs. Joy Sasala
Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Ethan Sorbin
Mrs. Kimberly Thomas
Mrs. Sherri Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Frank Galasso
Mr. Timothy Taddie

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
Ms. Jane Mastro, HCEA President
Mr. Mark Butler, HS Math Teacher
Ms. Therese Corle, Curriculum Specialist
Mrs. Deanne Magolis, Communications Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bertig, Renda Radio
Jared Stout, The Dispatch
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Students—Amy Laichak, Jocelyn Mc-Millen, Kasey Coy, Teale Knapp
Families-Nick Laichak III, William McMillen, Cindy Walker, Kristi and Tiffany Knapp
Fred Hayes, Center Twp. Resident

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

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

MINUTES

On a Thomas/Williams motion the minutes of the following meetings were approved: (1) September 17, 2009 regular meeting and (2) October 7, 2009 special meeting. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITORS

The following students from Mark Butler's 8th grade math class presented survey results for the following questions:

- (1) Teale Knapp—which country would you like a foreign exchange from?
- (2) Kasey Coy—what activity would most interest you as a school wide reward?
- (3) Amy Laichak--- what time would be the best time to a have a bus available to take students home after they completed their school activities?
- (4) Jocelyn McMillen—what food option would you like to see offered every day for lunch in the Homer-Center cafeteria?

Theresa Corle, curriculum specialist, gave a power point presentation on the 2008-09 PSSA Test Results.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer, gave the treasurer's reports dated September 30, 2009. On a Sorbin/Bertig motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; un-animous.

BILLS

On a Sorbin/Thomas motion the general fund, cafeteria and bond fund bills were approved. Poll vote motion carried 7-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Gardner reported that as of September 30, 2009 interest amounted to \$850.40.

The September Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$27,295.89 compared to loss of \$12,010.16 last year at this same time. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	54.38%	77.88%
Secondary	79.59%	86.64%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Sasala/Sorbin motion the following substitutes were approved: Melissa Harvey-Ryan, elementary; Christina Thomas., Biology/Math Gr. 7-9; Jill Allshouse, English; Nichole Rombaugh, LPN and Carly Bish, elementary/reading specialist. Voice vote; un-animous.

On a Sasala/Thomas motion Marsha Henry was moved from a four-hour café-teria worker to seven-hour cafeteria position, effective October 19, 2009. Poll vote; Mr. McLoughlin abstained from voting since his wife manages the cafeteria. Motion carried 6-0-1.

On a Bertig/Williams motion Rosemarie Langham was employed as a four-hour cafeteria worker, effective October 19, 2009, at 90 percent of the \$8.93 per hour salary, 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 6-0-1.

EDUCATION

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

- (1) Roxanne Rouse, National State Teachers of the Year annual conference, Harrisburg, October 26-27. District cost is \$557.50 plus \$160 for a substitute for two days.
- (2) Suzanne Mazur and Anita Smith, Pa. Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference, Pittsburgh, November 5-6. District cost is \$629. for both and \$320 for two substitutes for two days.

Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations are due the following:

- (1) Kiwanis Senior of the Month, October—Christina Schmidt
- (2) Women's Club Girl of the Month, October—Caitlin Wolford
- (3) Homecoming Queen/King Court:
 - a. Megan Vilcek, Queen; Caitlin Birch, Avery George, Joanna Kimmel Ashley Schmidt, Monique Szentmiklosi and Caitlin Wolford
 - b. Caleb Arone, King; Evan Bencic, Zachary Galasso, Jordon Gaskill, Robert Townley, Matthew Watkins and Gabriel Wolford
- (4) Angela Long, elementary librarian, for her recent article published in the Administrator, September 2009 issued entitled "Principals and School Librarians—Effective Partners in Education".
- (5) Appreciation to Mr. Frank Arone for his work—lower pressure sandblast-Ing, polishing, building a new support structure, painting and installing the high school bell during the recent high school renovation,

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a Sorbin/Thomas motion the following student field trips were approved:

- (1) No district cost for:
 - a. Christine Bruno-Davis and student, 39th World Affairs Institute for Student Leaders, Pittsburgh, November 15.
 - b. Tammy Buffone and students, Indiana Regional Medical Center student visitations day, November 17.
- (2) District cost is transportation for:
 - a. Lisa Adams and honor roll students, annual Academic Luncheon Novosel's Civic Center, Indiana, November 9.
 - b. Patricia Zimmer and students. Fabric Store, Monroeville, after school on October 21.
 - c. Mark Shopland and 7th grade science classes, IUP Planetarium for the Visiting Scientist Program, dates to be determined.

- d. Beverly Pribicko and business students, S&T Bank, Creps Printing, and Diamond Drug, Indiana, November 6.
 - e. Kristin Curci, Indiana County Commissioners Meeting, Indiana County Courthouse, November 18. Students are being honored For their participation in a September 11 service project.
 - f. Third grade teachers and students, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, May 6, 2010.
- (3) Cost is substitutes and transportation for:
- a. Lisa Adams, Cindy Andrie and students, Mt. Aloysius Health Quest, Cresson, October 19.
 - b. Deanne Magolis, Sarah DeVivo and students, WTAE-TV field trip, Pittsburgh, November 4.
 - c. Kristin Curci, Tammy Buffone, Sarah DeVivo, Kevin Wolford and ninth grade students, Indiana County Technology Center tour, December 9.
 - d. Brenda Seigh and students, Society for Analytical Chemist, Pittsburgh Faraday Lecture, November 18.
- (4) Lisa Adams, Brenda Seigh and students, St. Francis College Science Day, November 24. District cost is \$20 registration, \$160 for two substitutes for a day.
- (5) Roxanne Rouse and Honors English 11th and 12th grade students, London and Paris, Spring of 2011. All costs will be incurred by the students.

Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Sasala motion Deanne Magolis was approved for the Publicity/Public Relations high school musical supplemental contract at the rate of \$449, effective with the 2009-10 school year. Poll vote; 7-0.

On a Sorbin/McLoughlin motion Shawn Steffee was approved as a volunteer junior high football coach (pending receipt of clearances) for the remainder of the 2009-10 season. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

No report at this time.

CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

POLICY

No report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Thomas/Bertig motion the law firm of Cooper and Lepore, with senior partner Daniel W. Cooper as designated counsel for the District, was approved to engage in any or all negotiations and related contract administration matters that the District directs. The rate is \$80 per hour. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a recommendation from HHSDR, architects for the high school renovation, on a Sasala/Sorbin motion Change Order G-5, J.C. Orr & Son, Inc., was approved decreasing the amount of \$1,930.00 for chalkboards, marker boards and tack boards. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa, elementary principal, reported that (1) the American Red Cross presented *Hygiene Programs* to all the elementary students; (2) 6th grade has a field trip to the Homer City Generating Station, Oct. 20 and 21, with half the class visiting each day; (3) October 30 is both the Walk-a-thon for the Teddy Bear Fund Drive at 9:15 a.m. and the Halloween Parade at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Rainey, high school principal, stated that (1) we have joined the Upward Bound Math and Science program at IUP for economically disadvantaged and/or first generation college students; (2) PSAT was administered on October 14; (3) Upcoming events are—Oct. 23, Cancer Walk; Oct. 26, Blood Drive; Nov. 9, Academic Luncheon; Nov. 10, Veteran's Day Assembly and Dec. 9, Science Fair.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, pointed out projects from (1) the elementary teachers-- Apple Math, Lauri Shoup and Nicole Baker, Earthquake Terror reports, Mary Jo Seigh and (2) the high school teachers—woodworking projects, Brian Castellani,; family and consumer science, Kristen Smith, global/climate change and recycling, Lisa Adams, 7th and 8th grade science, Brenda Seigh.

Deanne Magolis showed the video that her media students' videotaped of Christina Bruno-Davis classes performing "The Presidents Sequence".

On a McLoughlin/Sorbin motion the meeting adjourned at 8: 49 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President

