

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

February 14, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig	Mr. Ethan Sorbin
Mr. James McLoughlin	Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mrs. Joy Sasala	Mrs. Kimberly Thomas
Mrs. Vicki Smith	Mr. Michael Yurky

MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Frank Galasso

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elem. Principal
Mr. Thomas Dixson, Maint. Supervisor
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Bus. Mgr.
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary
Ms. Jane Mastro, HCEA President

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Cody, Renda Radio
Jared Stoudt, The Dispatch
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette

The board held a scheduled planning session for personnel reasons from 7:20 - 7:57 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Seven members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

A Moment of Silence was held in memory of Dennis Buggiey, board member, who died last month.

MIINUTES

On a Bertig/Sorbin motion the minutes of the January 23, 2008 were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Sasala Kimberly Thomas was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of School Directors, effective immediately through November, 2009. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

The school board secretary administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Thomas and she was sworn in and took her seat at the board table.

BILLS

On a Taddie/McLoughlin motion the general fund, cafeteria and bond fund bills were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

As of January 31, 2008 interest earned was \$13,934.71.

On a Taddie/Sorbin motion authorization was granted to inform the Indiana County Tax Assessment Office to prepare an interim tax assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

On a Sorbin/Sasala motion approval was given to acquire the 2006 Pa. Income Tax Report. This listing will be used by the district's wage tax collector, PAMS (Pa. Municipal Services Co.) to determine taxes collectible. Voice vote; unanimous.

The business manager reported that the following referendum exception applications pertaining to the 2008-09 budget have been submitted:

School Construction (Grand Fathered Debt)	\$ 484,145
Maintenance of Local Revenues or AIE per ADM (Average Daily Membership)	260,965
Maintenance of Selected Revenue Sources	52,798
Health Care—Related Benefits	<u>25,160</u>
Total Amount Requested	\$ 823,068

The January Cafeteria Report showed a profit of \$5,729.84 compared to a \$2,785.87 profit last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$21,105.44 compared to a \$67,109.76 loss last year. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	55.79%	85.83%
Secondary	79.05%	82.82%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Sasala/McLoughlin motion the following substitute teachers were approved Ryan Donnelly, earth & space science; Amber Eiler, elementary and Rebecca Reese, biology/earth science. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Thomas motion Emily Dusch was employed as long-term substitute in the area of secondary biology retroactive to January 7, 2008 through the end of the second semester of 2007-08 school year. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Taddie/McLoughlin motion Rhonda Adamson was approved as elementary school parent volunteer effective immediately for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

On McLoughlin/Sorbin motion the approval was granted for the attendance at the following workshops:

- (1) Beverly Gardner, Attendance/Child Accounting Conference, Hershey, March 12-14. District cost is \$488.
- (2) Angela Long, Pa. School Librarian's Association Annual Conference, Hershey, May 1-2. District cost is \$830.97.

Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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

- (1) District cost is transportation for:
 - (a) Kindergarten teachers and students, Idlewild Park, May 14. Cost is \$615.
 - (b) First grade teachers and students, Highland Park Zoo, Pittsburgh, May 15.
 - (c) Third grade teachers and students, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, May 8.
 - (d) Greg Harnett and Elementary Art Club, Carnegie Museum of Art, May 8. Transportation will be shared with the third grade field trip.
 - (e) Fourth grade teachers and students, Johnstown Flood Memorial and Incline Plane, May 16.
- (2) Kristine Smith and students, Heritage Conference Cook-off, IUP, March 10. District cost is \$70 for a substitute for a day.
- (3) Vicki Olinger, Beverly Pribicko, Kevin Wolford and students, ARIN Regional Computer Fair, IUP, March 10. District cost is \$140 for two substitutes for a day plus transportation.
- (4) Anita Smith and students, Laurel Highlands Math Alliance, St. Francis University, March 12. District cost is \$170 for registration fees, \$70 for substitute for a day plus transportation.

Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations are due the following:

- (1) Lindsay Raymond, February Kiwanis Senior of the Month.
- (2) Danielle Morrow, January Women's Club Girl of the Month.

On a McLoughlin/Thomas motion the following supplemental coaching contracts were approved: Matthew Wilson, assistant track, \$2126; Jackie Alison, assistant track, \$2126; Marty Maschak, assistant baseball, \$1063.50 and Jason Palmer, assistant baseball, \$1063.50. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Thomas/Bertig motion the following musicians' supplemental contracts for the upcoming high school musical, at a rate of \$110 each were approved: Melissa Baran, Courtney Durlin, Melinda Hartfiel, Robin Malloy, John Thorell and Daniel Wolfe. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On a Sasala/Yurky motion the Homer City Area Athletic Association Booster Club, was approved for the use of the high school gym on these revised dates: February 16-17 and March 7-9, 2008. All fees have been waived. Voice vote; unanimous

Tom Dixson, clerk of the works, gave a brief update on the high school renovation. In Phase II, the footer was poured for the new high school officer addition. In Phase III, all old windows were removed and new windows are being installed room by room. He also reported although we were three-four weeks behind in Phase I, we are now back on the original schedule.

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/Sasala motion Gerald Bertig was appointed as vice president of the Homer-Center School Board. Poll vote; Mr. Bertig abstained from voting. Motion carried 7-0-1.

On a Bertig/Sasala motion Ethan Sorbin was appointed to serve on the ARIN Intermediate Unit Board of Directors, February 19, 2008 – June 30, 2009. Voice vote; Mr. Sorbin abstained from voting. Motion carried 7-0-1.

On a Bertig/Sorbin motion James McLoughlin was appointed to serve as the chairperson of the PSBA (Pa. School Board Association) Liaison Committee. Voice vote; Mr. McLoughlin abstained from voting. Motion carried 7-0-1.

On a Thomas/Yurky motion the revised 2007-08 school calendar was approved. (See attached, appendix 1). February 11 will be the snow make-up day for the February 1 cancellation, and March 20 will be the snow make-up day for the February 12 cancellation. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion Edwin M. Clark was reappointed as school board solicitor at the annual retainer of \$750. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/Yurky motion the attached (see appendix 2) resolution in honor of Indiana County being named one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise Alliance was adopted. The school board congratulated Indiana County and the CAC (Children's Advisory Commission). Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

OTHER REPORTS

Elementary principal, Mr. Stofa announced that: (1) the recent parent-teacher conferences had 89-92% parent participation; (2) last night's PTA meeting presented a program on cyber bullying, "Protecting Kids Online"; (3) the regional coordinator of Pa. Dept. of Education's Division of Federal Program, Kart Streckewald, will be visiting Homer-Center's Title 1 Lending Library on February 21 and (4) the Elementary Library Book Fair will be held February 25-29; Family Night is Wednesday, February 27 from 6-8 p.m.

In the absence of both the high school principal and assistant high school principal who, were attending the boys' basketball playoff game, Jane Mastro, HCEA president, highlighted Mr. Foust's written report: (1) Homer-Center collected \$4200 to donate to the annual Teddy Bear Fund Drive and (2) five students—Jeff Fennel, Nick Galasso, Aaron Lenzi, Nick Tartalone and Brianne Thomas-- placed in District Chorus recently and will advance to the Regional Chorus at the end of March.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, pointed out student projects by Brian Castellani's students, Kevin Wolford's graphic art students and Cindy Andrie's anatomy students. She also highlighted a letter written to Indiana County Commissioner Patty Evanko by one of Christina-Bruno Davis social studies' student, inquiring about a Red Lobster Restaurant coming to Indiana.

On a McLoughlin/Sorbin motion the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President

