

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

March 13, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. James McLoughlin

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elem. Principal
Mr. Rick Foust, HS Acting Principal
Mr. Gene Raymond, Asst. HS Principal
Mr. Thomas Dixson, Maint. Supervisor
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Bus. Mgr.
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary
Ms. Jane Mastro, HCEA President
Mrs. Elaine Thurston, Elem. Guid. Counselor
Mrs. Theresa Corle, Curriculum Coord.

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Cody, Renda Radio
Jared Stoudt, The Dispatch
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Julie, Jonathan, Jan & Nick Rado
John & Marianne Reed, Residents
Sarah O'Sullivan, El. Stud. Teacher

Evergreen Boys and Girls Club

Breanne Angove, Unit Director, Evergreen Boys and Girls
Student Certificate Winners: Sam Kimmel, Jimmy Orr, Jason & Luke Monko
Families of Winners: Ed Monko, Richard, Sara & Ricky Orr, Ruth & Same Kimmel

The board held a scheduled planning session for personnel reasons from 7:20 - 7:48 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m. Eight members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MIINUTES

On a Taddie/Sorbin motion the minutes of the February 14, 2008 meeting were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITORS/PRESENTATION

The board presidents presented certificates to 2008 Participants of 100 Best Communities for Young People to: Sam Kimmel, Jimmy Orr, Jason & Luke Monko. Breanne Angove, Unit Director, Evergreen Boys and Girls Club commented on these certificates.

Julie Rado, unsuccessful candidate for school board in the recent election, read a letter stating her disappointment on how the appointment of the vacant school board seat was handled.

Theresa Corle, the district's curriculum coordinated, gave a power point presentation on Treasures, the new K-4 reading series being considered for adoption.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated February 29, 2008. On a Sorbin/Yurky motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

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

On a Yurky/Bertig motion the board voted to hold an executive session for personnel reasons. Voice vote; unanimous. It was held from 7:23-7:35 p.m.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

In the absence of Mrs. Gardner, the superintendent gave the business manager's report. As of February 29, 2008 investments held by the district were \$962,583.41. Interest earned from investment amounts was \$9,314.44.

On a Sorbin/Taddie motion McCrory & McCrory were contracted to perform the 2008-09 fiscal year audit at a cost of \$11,625. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

The February Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$5,762.14 compared to a \$5,024.72 loss last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$26,867.58 compared to a \$72,134.48 loss last year. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	50.70%	87.72%
Secondary	79.46 %	83.87%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Thomas/Galasso motion the following substitute teachers were approved Justin Perman and Laura Wissinger, elementary; Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Yurky motion Paulette Kishlock was employed as the High School Rainbow Room aide, effective March 27 – May 15, 2008. She will be paid \$7.40 per hour. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Taddie/Sorbin motion the resignation of Nancy Lazor, cafeteria employee, effective March 10, 2008, was accepted. Voice Vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

On Sorbin/Galasso motion the K-6 reading series (Treasurers, MacMillan/McGraw-Hill Publishers) was adopted for the 2008-09 school year at a cost of \$79,862.72. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Yurky/Taddie motion homebound instruction was approved for a secondary student (Tracking #07-08-09), effective March 11, 2008. Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- On a Taddie/Yurky motion the following student field trips were approved:
- (1) District cost is substitutes for:
 - (a) \$70 (one day), Angela Long and student, National History Day, IUP, March 28.
 - (b) \$140 (two for one day) Emily Dusch, Tony Buffone and students, Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Carnegie Science Center, April 4.
 - (c) \$175 (two and one-half days), Joy Baum and students, Regional Chorus, Girard High School, March 26 (pm)-March 29.
District cost is \$634.94
 - (2) District cost is transportation for
 - (a) Brenda Seigh Anita Smith, Suzanne Parfitt, Christine Yurky, and students, Heritage Conferences in Science, Math, Impromptu Speaking and Current Events, April 15 and 16.
 - (b) Fifth Grade teachers and students, Carnegie Science Center/Sports Works, Pittsburgh, May 28.
 - (3) District cost is substitutes and transportation for attendance of Christine Yurky and:
 - (a) AP students, Fabin's Farm, March 19 (\$70 for a substitute)
 - (b) Youth and Government members, annual conference, Harrisburg, April 17-19 (\$140 for a substitute) at a cost not to exceed \$2500.

Voice vote; unanimous.

- The superintendent reported that commendations are due the following:
- (1) Kassarah Williams, March Kiwanis Senior of the Month.
Jennifer Mumau, February Women's Club Girl of the Month
 - (2) Participants in Indiana County's selection as 2008 winners of the 100 Best Communities for Young People: Sam Kimmel, Jimmy Orr, Jason and Luke Monko

On a Bertig/Galasso motion the following supplemental contracts as musicians were approved at a rate of \$110 each: Rick Auvil, Stacey Burwick, Emily Robinson and Ryan Wilson. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Tom Dixson, clerk of the works, gave a brief update on the high school renovation. All duct work for heating and cooling has been completed. Walls are all primed with a one-coat finish. Two gas-fired boilers are installed. Pillars were poured for new parking lights around the circle.

CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

POLICY

No report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Sasala/Taddie motion the 2008-09 school calendar was approved (see attached, appendix 1) The first student day is August 25, 2008 and the last student is set as June 3, 2009 Poll vote;

Voting Yes

Mr. Bertig Mr. Taddie
Mrs. Sasala Mrs. Thomas
Mrs. Smith Mr. Yurky

Voting No

Mr. Galasso
Mr. Sorbin

Motion carried 6-2.

On a Sorbin/Bertig motion the 2008-09 ARIN IU 28 General Operating Budget was approved in the amount of \$3,051,212. Homer-Center's contribution through withhold is \$28,495, which is a \$1,030 (3.75%) increase over the 2007-08 budget year. Poll vote: motion carried 8-0.

On a Yurky/Sorbin motion it was voted to conclude the Consulting Agreement dated March 8, 2007 between the Homer-Center School Board of Directors and former superintendent, Dr. Joseph Marcoline, by providing the sixty (60) day written notice as contained in Section 6 of the Agreement. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

OTHER REPORTS

Elementary principal, Mr. Stofa announced that: (1) 60 students (including 12 from our Pre-K counts Program) came to the recent kindergarten registration plus another 10 pre-registered who were unable to attend; (2) Scott Bauer, elementary physical education teacher and students donated over \$5,000 for the American Heart Association by conducting a "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser and (3) the Character Education Assembly presented by Charlie Aeschliman, former Navy Seal and Nike basketball handing champion, has been rescheduled for April 21.

Acting high school principal, Mr. Foust spoke about: (1) the Career Fair which will be held March 18 and (2) commended the following: (a) the second place winners in the PJAS (Pa. Junior Academy of Science) Region meet; (b) ARIN Regional Computer Fairs winners and (c) members of the "Crazy for You" musical cast and (d) Coach Rado and the boys' basketball team.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, pointed out student projects from the following teachers and classes: (1) Mark Shopland, physics,—torque mobiles and recycling machine made from Lego's ; Mary Ann Hlusko, sixth grade—poetry and biographies; (3) Tina Bruno-Davis, Civics—letters written community officials; Emily Dusch (for Lisa Adams), biology—genetics, and Kevin Wolford, graphics—Easter cards and musical posters.

On a Sorbin/Yurky motion the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President