

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

October 18, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig
Mr. Dennis Buggey
Mr. James McLoughlin
Mrs. Joy Sasala

Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mrs. Kimberly Thomas

MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Stanley Fabin
Mr. Frank Galasso

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent
Mr. Rick Foust, Acting HS Principal
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elem. Principal
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Business Mgr.
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary
Mrs. Cathy Hays, 4th Grade Teacher

OTHERS PRESENT

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

The board held a scheduled planning session for personnel reasons from 6.15 – 7:29 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:31p.m. Seven members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MIINUTES

On a Buggey/Sasala motion the minutes of the September 20, 2007 regular meeting were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Cathy Hays, fourth grade teacher, gave a Power Point Presentation on SIE— Science, It's Elementary. The program is fully funded by the state for at least the next three years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer gave the treasurer's report dated September 30, 2007. On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

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

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

As of September 30, 2007 investments held by the district were \$950,883.42. Interest earned in September was \$11,934.42.

On a Taddie/Buggey motion Penelec/First Energy was granted an easement with location set forth on drawing contained in Appendix A (see attachment 1). The primary purpose of the easement is to enable an upgrade of the existing electrical service to the district due to the renovations associated with the high school. Voice vote; unanimous.

The July-August-September Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$1,589.25 compared to loss of \$10,356.82 last year at this same time. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	55.58%	80.21%
Secondary	78.21%	85.16%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a McLoughlin/Sasala motion the following substitutes were approved: Emily Dusch; biology; Kathryn Isenberg, cleaner; Gregory Pack and Karen Young, elementary. . Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Buggey motion the resignation of Julie Koren, cafeteria employee, effective October 31, 2007 was approved. Voice vote; unanimous

EDUCATION

On a Sasala/Buggey motion attendance at the following conferences were approved:

- (1) Nancy Skultety and Joseph Kotelnicki, KSRA (Keystone Reading Association Conference, Hershey, October 22-24. District cost is \$2,062 plus \$420 for two substitutes for two days.
- (2) Mark Shopland, Lisa Adams, Tony Buffone and Brenda Seigh, Pa. Science Teacher's Association Convention, Hershey, December 6-7. District cost is \$2,090 plus \$560 plus four substitutes for two days.
- (c) The following elementary teachers to attend "Science: It's Elementary" Professional Training seminars with all costs to paid through the Science Grant.

- (a) Suzanne Mateer, October 16-18, 2007 (retroactive)
- (b) Carol Mlakar and Cathy Hays, October 30-November 1, 2007
- (c) Betty Ann Pavlick, Christine Kowchuck, Bonnie Skibo, Joseph Kotelnicki, Mary Ann Ciranni and Terri Tedeschi, Nov. 13-15, 2007
- (d) Bonnie Craft, Kathy Daskivich and Josie Usko, Nov. 6-8, 2007.
- (e) Janice Bell, Dena Strini, Christy Detwiler and Tanya Sasala, Dec. 4-6, 2007.

Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Sasala motion homebound instruction was approved for three secondary students (Tracking #07-08-01, #07-08-02 and #07-08-03). Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- On a Bertig/Thomas motion the following student field trips were approved:
- (1) District cost is transportation for:
 - (a) Vicki Olinger and honor roll students, Academic Excellence Luncheon, Novosel Civic Center, Indiana, Nov. 7
 - (b) Chris Yurky and students, Mock Session, Butler IU, January 12, 2008.
 - (c) Kristin Curci, Tammy Buffone and 9th Grade Class, Indiana County Technology Center, Nov. 29.
 - (d) Jodi Krick and cheerleaders, Heritage Cheerleading Competition, Saltsburg High School, October 27.
 - (2) District cost is substitutes for:
 - (a) Christina Bruno-Davis and two students, World Affairs Council Meeting, David Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, Nov. 15.
 - (b) Joy Baum and chorus, Country Music Hall of Fame, Nashville, TN, March 6-9.
 - (4) No district cost for Christine Yurky, Youth and Government:
 - (a) For officers, retroactively training, Dickinson College, October 13.
 - (b) For three students, Eastern Training/Elections, Springfield High School, Springfield, Nov. 10.
 - (5) Cindy Andrie, Lisa Adams and students, Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, "Bodies...The Exhibition", November 16. District cost is \$140 for two substitutes for one day and transportation.
 - (6) Nathan Fullmer and high school band, Disney World, Orlando, FL, Apr. 22-27. District cost is \$210 for a substitute for three days. All other costs will be as summed by students and parents.
 - (7) Joy Baum and students, County Chorus, Nov. 16 & 17, Saltsburg High School, District cost is \$70 for a substitute for one day plus transportation.
 - (8) Sarah DeVivo and gifted education students, to attend the following competitions:

(a) Pa. Jr. Academy of Science (PJAS)	Feb. and May 2008
(b) Pittsburgh Musical Production Field Trip	March or Apr. 2008
(c) National History Day Regional Competition	March or Apr. 2008
(d) National History Day State Competition	May 2008

Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations were due the following:

- (1) Brianne Thomas, Kiwanis Senior of the Month.
- (2) Homer-Center Senior High School, for receiving an Award of Commendation, nominated by the Open Door, for Exemplary Performance from the Armstrong-Indiana Drug and Alcohol Commission. The high school was nominated because of its support, dedication, and true commitment that it gave in implementing substance abuse prevention programs during the 2006-07 school year.

On a Sasala/Taddie motion Robert J. Rado was approved as the head boys' varsity basketball coach at a supplemental salary of \$4676 for the 2007-08 season. Poll vote; motion carried **7-0**.*

On a Buggiey/Sasala motion Kimberly Troup was approved (pending receipt of Act 34/151 clearances) as an elementary parent volunteer. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The superintendent gave a high school renovation report from Mr. Tom Dixon, renovation clerk of the works. The woodshop has been removed; plumbing and electrical lines have been connected; old windows have been removed and new ones will be installed October 29; and the boiler has been demolished.

CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

POLICY

No report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a McLoughlin/Buggiey motion the revised Elementary School Handbook for the 2007-08 school year was approved. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stoffa, elementary principal spoke about the: (1) successful sixth grad field trip to Harrisburg-Gettysburg-Hershey September 27-28; (2) well-attended October 4 parent/teacher conferences; (3) upcoming visit from New Orleans poet Brod Bagert on October 25 and (4) interest of over 85 students in the after-school tutoring program.

Acting high school principal, Mr. Foust, reported on the following: (1) the Boys' and Girls' Club and school counselors preparing for the Internet Safety Workshop, November 5; (2) physics teacher, Mark Shopland's 7-minute mini-labs; (3) the Science Fair will now be held on November 21 and (4) the Academic Excellence Luncheon is scheduled for November 4 at the Novosel Center.

HCEA president, Jane Mastro, pointed out the showcase of student work—scale model houses from Brian Castellani's Woodshop, Lisa Adam's biology students ABC's of Global Warming books and writings by Joe Kotelnicki's third graders.

On a Thomas/McLoughlin motion the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President