

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

August 14, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. James McLoughlin
Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Ethan Sorbin

Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mrs. Kimberly Thomas
Mr. Michael Yurky

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig
Mr. Frank Galasso
Mrs. **Joy** Sasala

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent
Mr. Jody Rainey, HS Principal
Mr. Gene Raymond, Asst. HS Principal
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elem. Principal
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Bus. Mgr.
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary
Ms. Jane Mastro, HCEA President
Mr. Tom Dixson, HS Renovation Clerk
of the Works
New Hires: Karen Woods, HS Phys. Ed.
Elizabeth Paddock & Katelin Stossel,
Both 1st grade, Nancy Mitchell, El. Aide

OTHERS PRESENT

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

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. Six members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a Sorbin/Thomas motion the minutes of the: (1) June 28, 2008 regular meeting (2) July 10, 2008 special meeting, (3) July 28, 2008 special meeting and (4) August 4, 2008 special meeting were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS/VISITORS

The board president welcomed new employees hired recently: Karen Woods, high school physical education, Elizabeth Paddock and Katelin Stossel; both first grade teachers and Nancy Mitchell, elementary aide.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. McLoughlin, assistant board treasurer, gave the treasurer's reports dated June 30, 2008 and July 31, 2008. On a Taddie/Yurky motion both treasurers' reports were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

On a McLoughlin/Sorbin motion the general fund, cafeteria and bond fund bills were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 6-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

The business manager reported that as of June 30, 2008 investments held by the district were \$976,599.01. Interest earned in June 2008 from investment amounts was \$5,632.83. As of July 31, 2008 the district held investments of \$976,828.18. Interest earned in July amounted to \$4,974.81.

On a Thomas/McLoughlin motion the district's tax collectors of 2008 Real Estate taxes resulting from Senior Tax Program participation for 2007-08 were exonerated for \$1,307.88. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Yurky motion the attached (see appendix 1) Investment Policy Statement regarding the Tinker Scholarship Account, as presented by S&T Wealth Management Group, was accepted. Voice vote; unanimous.

The May/June Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$31,905.07 compared to a \$26,332.45 loss last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$70,807.74 compared to a \$102,659.49 loss last year. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	49.48%	85.75%
Secondary	76.74 %	67.76%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion the attached list of substitutes (see appendix 2) was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/McLoughlin motion the following were employed as assistant girls' basketball coaches for the 2008-09 season: Ms. Jessica Peterson, \$2,126.00 and Mrs. Kelli Zerfoss (pending receipt of clearances), \$3,243.00. Poll vote; motion carried 6-0.

On a McLoughlin/Sorbin motion Mr. Jerry Rossi was approved as a volunteer junior high girls' basketball coach for the 2008-09 season. All required clearances have been received. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Sorbin motion Mrs. Holly Marusa was employed as long-term substitute for an anticipated secondary school guidance counselor vacancy, on or about October 31, 2008 until the end of the 2008-09 school year. Her salary will be pro-rated base on the number of days worked. Poll vote; motion carried 6-0.

On a Thomas/Yurky motion Michael Pavolko was employed as a part-time computer technician for the 2008-09 school year at the rate of \$10.00 per hour with no fringe benefits, effective August 15, 2008 (pending receipt of clearances). Poll vote; motion carried 6-0.

On a Taddie/Thomas motion Rebecca Matthews was employed as a seven-hour full-time cleaner, at \$7.89 per hour with a 60-day probationary period, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 20, 2008. Poll vote; motion carried 6-0.

On a Sorbin/Thomas motion Kathryn Isenberg was employed as a part-time four-hour cleaner at \$7.89 per hour with a 60-day (correct figure), probationary period, as per Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 20, 2008. Poll vote; motion carried 6-0.

EDUCATION

On a Taddie/Yurky motion the following secondary textbooks were approved:

Chemistry, copyright 2006, Grades 10 & 11

Environmental Science, copyright 2006, Grade 12

World History, copyright 2008, Grade 10

Poll vote; motion carried 6-0.

On a Sorbin/Taddie motion the revised Elementary and High School Handbooks for the 2008-09 school year were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Thomas/Sorbin motion approval was granted to Nancy Skultety to attend the Keystone State Reading Conference (KSRA), Valley Forge, October 18-21, 2008. District cost is \$687 plus \$140 for a substitute for two days. Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a Taddie/Sorbin motion approval was given to the Homer-Center Varsity Cheerleaders to attend the Indiana County Fair Expo, August 28, 2008. No district cost.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Tom Dixon, high school renovation project clerk of the works, gave an update. All the kitchen equipment was installed and the cafeteria floor has been completed. The gym is already in use. The LGI (Large Group Instruction) Room is about 90 percent complete. The carpet and casework for the Guidance Office will be in by August 18. The home economics and choral rooms are the next phase under construction. The air conditioning is up and running. The final phase, upgrading the auditorium, is scheduled to begin November 1. The project remains on schedule and the final completion date is still February 19, 2009.

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/Taddie motion an increase was approved for the cafeteria lunch prices effective with the 2008-09 school year. New prices are \$1.70, elementary and \$1.95, high school (both a 25 cents increase). Poll vote:

Voting yes

Mr. McLoughlin

Mrs. Smith

Mr. Taddie

Mrs. Thomas

Mr. Yurky

Voting no

Mr. Sorbin

Motion carried 5-1.

OTHER REPORTS

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, welcomed all the new staff members.

President Vicki Smith emphasized that school is starting on time, August 25. There is no delay due to the renovation.

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President

