

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board  
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

January 23, 2008

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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

### MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Dennis Bugey

### SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent  
Mr. Rick Foust, Acting HS Principal  
Mr. Michael Stofa, Principal  
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Bus. Mgr.  
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary  
Ms. Jane Mastro, HCEA President  
Mrs. Vicki Olinger, HS Teacher/Yrbk.  
Photographer  
Mr. Len Black, HCESPA President

### OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Cody, Renda Radio  
Jared Stoudt, The Dispatch  
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette  
Students (Grade 3 through 12):  
Taylor Palmer, Rachel Worcester,  
Logan Dellafiora, Veronica Manzanilla,  
Kayla Piper, Cody Stewart, Beth  
Maggio, Laken Decken, Josh Hunyady  
and Kayla James  
19 Parents/Relatives of above students

The board held a scheduled planning session for personnel reasons from 7:00 – 7:40 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Eight members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

### MIINUTES

On a Bertig/Sorbin motion the minutes of the December 13, 2007 were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

### PRESENTATIONS

Ten Homer-Center Elementary and Junior/Senior High students (listed above) presented Certificates of Appreciation. The certificates were designed by Melissa Zorak and presented to all board members in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated December 31, 2007. On a McLoughlin/Galasso motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

## BILLS

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

## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

As of December 31, 2007 interest earned was \$15,633.49.

Listed below are the 2007 uncollected Center Township and Homer City Borough real estate taxes as of December 31, 2007, which have been returned to the Indiana Tax Claim Bureau for collections:

CENTER TOWNSHIP	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Face	\$201,006.22	\$212,796.99
Penalty	<u>\$ 20,100.88</u>	<u>\$ 21,279.81</u>
TOTAL	\$221,107.10	\$234,076.81
Increase	\$ 12,969.21	5.90%
HOMER CITY BOROUGH		
Face	\$ 61,026.99	\$ 60,597.87
Penalty	<u>\$ 6,102.70</u>	<u>\$ 6,059.79</u>
TOTAL	\$ 67,129.69	\$ 66,657.66
Decrease	\$ (472.03)	(0.70) %

The December Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$6,812.96 compared to loss of \$40,482.57 last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$26,835.28 compared to a \$69,895.63 loss last year. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	50.52%	87.33%
Secondary	79.43%	80.13%

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Sorbin/Sasala motion the following substitutes were approved Brittany Bogdanski, Family & Consumer Science; Cybil Hill, Spanish; Dennis McCollum, music; and John Burket, Krista Dobrowolsky, Lauren Moran and Renee Ramsden, elementary. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Galasso/Sasala motion Sara Orr, was employed as full-time instructional assistant, effective January 24, 2008. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/Galasso motion approval was granted to Carolyn Sacco, instruction aide, for four unpaid days, February 14, 15, 18 & 19, 2008. Voice vote; unanimous.

## EDUCATION

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

- (1) Pa. Education Technology Conference, Hershey, February 10-12.
  - (a) Eric Ball at a cost of \$645.97.
  - (b) Teresa Koenigsberg, at a cost of \$735.52.
- (2) Improving School Performance/PAFPC (Pa. Association of Federal Program Coordinators), Elaine Thurston, Pittsburgh, January 28-30. District cost is \$735.52
- (3) Pa. Association of Business Officials (PASBO), Beverly Gardner, Hershey, March 4-7. District cost is \$798.49.
- (4) "Indicators of Success"—PDE (Pa. Dept. of Education) 2008 Annual Conference, Hershey, February 25-27. District cost is \$688.56.
- (5) Pa. Student Assistant Conference, Patricia Zimmer and Cathy Bonarrigo, State College, March 10-11. District cost is \$1,031 plus \$280 for two substitutes for two days.
- (6) Pa. Association of Family and Consumer Science (PAFCS) Conference, Lancaster, April 10-11. District cost is \$971 plus \$140 for a substitute for two days.
- (7) Indicator 13 (which is special needs transition into the world of work), Tammy Bufone and Cindy Scott, ARIN IU, Feb. 6, March 26 and May 12, 2008. Cost is \$150 for both to attend all sessions.

Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Yurky motion approval was granted for homebound instruction for two secondary students, tracking #07-08-07, retroactive to January 10, 2008 and tracking #07-08-08, retroactive to January 15, 2008. Voice vote; unanimous.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- On a Taddie/Galasso motion the following student field trips were approved:
- (1) Roxanne Rouse and Jane Mastro, honors English grades 11 and 12, London and Paris, Spring of 2009.
  - (2) District cost is substitute(s) for:
    - (a) Melissa Adams and Angela Long, elementary students, IUP Library, research for History Day (retroactive to January 15, 2008).
    - (b) Michael Gentile and students, National Coaches Association Leadership Conference, Purchase Line School District, January 28, 2008.
    - (c) Nathan Fullmer and students:
      - i. District Jazz Band, Penns Manor High School, Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Cost is \$230
      - ii. Regional Band, Marion Center High School, Feb. 21-23. Cost is \$415
    - (d) Vicki Olinger and students, Kiwanis Regional Youth Leadership Workshop, WPSU-TV, State College, Feb. 12.
  - (3) District cost is substitute(s) and transportation:
    - (a) plus \$250, Nathan Fulmer and students, County Band, Marion Center High School, Jan. 18-19 (retroactive).
    - (b) plus \$907.50, Joy Baum and students, District Chorus, West Shamokin High School, Feb. 7-8.

- (c) Anthony Buffone and students, Pa. Jr. Academy of Science, Slippery Rock, plus \$100, Sarah DeVivo and students, History Day Competition, IUP, March 28.
  - (d) Mark Shopland and students, 2008 Physics Olympics, IUP, April 11.
  - (e) plus \$3,462.56, Beverly Pribicko and students, Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership, Conference, Hershey, March 31-April 2.
- (4) Second grade teachers and students, Shrine Circus, Altoona. District cost is transportation.  
Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations are due the following:

- (1) Michelle Taddie, January Kiwanis Senior of the Month.
- (2) Brittany Fabin, November Women's Club Girl of the Month.
- (3) Samantha Maschak, December Women's Club Girl of the Month.

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On a Taddie/Sasala motion the following were approved for the use of the high school gym. All rental fees have been waived:

- (1) Homer City Boosters, basketball tournament, Feb. 28-March 28.
- (2) Joe Kotzur and Homer-Center Boys' Alumni Association, four alumni basketball games, March 8.

Mr. Tom Dixon, renovation clerk of the works reported that Phase I of the high school renovation project is nearing completion. Workers have until Feb. 15 to finish the punch list. Pouring for footers and beams for new office addition for Phase II will start next week. Also, demolition for the right side senior high class rooms has also begun.

### CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

### POLICY

No report at this time.

### TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time.

### BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Taddie/Galasso motion the following were reappointed as the district's representatives to the Recreation and Parks Board: Ted Pluchinsky, one-year term and Ward Hilliard, two-year term, effective January 2008. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Sasala motion the General Fund Preliminary Budget was approved in the amount of \$13,966,685 with the following tax structure:

Real Estate	106.6 mills
Wage Tax	0.9 percent
Real Estate Transfer	0.5 percent
Emergency & Municipal Services	\$5.00

Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Sorbin/Bertig motion the three-year contract between the Homer-Center School District and the Homer-Center Educational Support Personnel Association (HCESPA), was ratified, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/Bertig motion Frank Galasso was appointed as alternate board member to the Indiana County Technology Center Board, effective immediately. Voice vote; Mr. Galasso abstained from voting. Motion carried 7-0-1.

On a Sasala/Sorbin motion the recommendation was approved regarding a student disciplinary adjudication held on January 7, 2008 and as more fully described in the confidential communications from the office of the Superintendent dated January 9, 2008. Poll vote; Mr. Galasso abstained from voting (see attached, appendix 1). Motion carried 8-0.

## OTHER REPORTS

Elementary principal, Mr. Stofa announced that: (1) \$6737 has been raised for the Children's Hospital/Teddy Bear Fund Drive: (2) a school wide assembly, "Count on Me", funded by the PTA was held that day and (3) there have been a total of 36 new students since the beginning of the year at the elementary.

Acting high school principal, Mr. Foust, reported on the following: (1) there have been 27 new students at the high school since the beginning of the year: (2) thanked Tom Dixson and his staff for the smooth transition in moving into the newly renovated rooms: (3) TAAD (Teens Against All Drugs) will hold a board game night.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, was excited about her new room—the lighting and storage are much better; other teachers have "room envy". She invited board members to visit.

On a Sorbin/Yurky motion the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

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Vicki L. Smith, President

