

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board  
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

December 13, 2007

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig      Mr. Ethan Sorbin  
Mr. Dennis Buggy      Mr. Timothy Taddie  
Mr. Frank Galasso      Mr. Michael Yurky  
Mrs. Vicki Smith

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. James McLoughlin  
Mrs. Joy Sasala

### SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent  
Mr. Rick Foust, Acting HS Principal  
Mr. Gene Raymond, Asst. HS Principal  
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elem. Principal  
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Business Mgr.  
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary  
Mr. Mark Butler, HS Math Teacher.

### OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Cody, Renda Radio  
Jared Stoudt, The Dispatch  
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette  
AP Calculus Students—Audrey Fennel,  
Nick Galasso, Allison Pizer, Paul  
Schmidt, Michelle Taddie, Brianne  
Thomas, Elizabeth Yurky

The board held a scheduled planning session for personnel reasons from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Seven members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

### MIINUTES

On a Taddie/Sorbin motion the minutes of the: (1) November 15, 2007 regular meeting and (2) December 3, 2007 reorganization were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

### PRESENTATIONS

President Smith presented PSBA Certificates of Appreciation for Eight (8) Years of Service to Dennis Buggy and Timothy Taddie. (Joy Sasala was absent). They were honored at the recent statewide PSBA education conference held in Hershey.

Mark Butler, high school math teacher, presented a summary of the NSTOY, National State Teachers of the Year Organization Conference he attended in Hershey recently.

AP Calculus students, Audrey Fennel, Nick Galasso, Allison Pizer, Paul Schmidt, Michelle Taddie, Brianne Thomas and Elizabeth Yurky demonstrated Separation Machines.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absences of both the treasurer and assistant treasurer, Mr. Bugey, board vice president, gave the treasurer's report dated November 30, 2007. On a Sorbin/Galasso motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

### BILLS

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

### BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

As of November 30, 2007 investments held by the district were \$951,413.61. Interest earned in November was \$16,856.30.

On a Taddie/Bugey motion the attached (see appendix 1) budgetary transfers for the 2006-07 fiscal year were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Bugey/Yurky motion approval was given for Homer-Center's participation in the ARIN Cooperative Purchasing Program for the 2008-09 fiscal year. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Bugey motion authorization was granted to prepare and display the proposed preliminary budget for 2008-09 beginning January 3, 2008. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Bugey/Sorbin authorization was granted to advertise the intent of the board to adopt the preliminary budget for 2008-09 at the January 23, 2008 school board meeting. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

On a Taddie/Bugey authorization was granted to make application for referendum exceptions pertaining to the 2008-09 budget. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

The November Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$15,883.56 compared to loss of \$13,675.81 last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$20,022.32 compared to a \$29,413.06 loss last year. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	49.34%	84.41%
Secondary	81.11%	82.56%

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Buggery/Sorbin motion the following substitutes were approved: Michael Pavloski, instructional aide; Sara Maits, biology; Christopher Davidson, elementary; Ryan Stefan, special ed K-12; Katie Aikins and Gus Pollock, English. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Galasso/Taddie motion approval was granted to Lisa Adams, secondary science teacher, for a Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave, for the second semester of the 2008 school year. Voice vote; unanimous.

## EDUCATION

- The superintendent reported that commendations are due the following:
- (1) Homer-Center Elementary and Junior/Senior High school, earning a KEYSTONE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, presented by the Pa. Department of Education to schools that have met AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) for two consecutive years. This year's award is for academic achievement in 2005-06 and 2006-07.
  - (2) Angela Long, elementary librarian, for her article published in the American Association School Librarians journal, Knowledge Quest. The article was chosen to be placed on the PBS website.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- On a Buggery/Bertig motion the following student field trips were approved:
- (1) District cost is substitute(s) and transportation:
    - (a) for Lou Stepanik, Tony Buffone, Kristin Curci, National Honor Society students, Christmas program, Eastern Orthodox Foundation and Cherry Hill Manor.
    - (b) plus \$185 for Nathan Fulmer and seven students, District Band, Indiana Junior High School, Jan. 9 (pm)-11, 2008.
  - (2) District cost is \$122.50 plus transportation for Elaine Thurston and sixth grade students, Indiana County Technology Center orientation, week of January 14, 2008.
- Voice vote; unanimous.

- The superintendent reported that commendations were due the following:
- (1) 2007 Science Fair winners:
    - (a) Danielle Rura, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Mark McNutt, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Caitlin Wolford, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Patrick Yurky, 4<sup>th</sup> place and Marissa Zorak/Christina Schmidt, 5<sup>th</sup> place.
    - (b) Honorable Mention: Tory Dellafiora, Michelle Grube, Courtney Henry, Melissa Jones, Christi Klingensmith, Autumn Kovalcik, Marylena Mizerak, Lee Paratto, Jaime Rura, Caitlyn Ryan, Megan Sweeny, Kelsey Vilcek, Breanne Walker and Brianne Walker
  - (2) Elizabeth Yurky, December Kiwanis Senior of the Month.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Mr. Tom Dixon, renovation clerk of the works reported that a lot of things are going to have to fall into place next week, but the Dec. 21 target date to complete Phase I still may happen.

## 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/Yurky motion the attached schedule (see appendix 2) Planning and Regular Board Meetings from January through June 2008 was approved. Poll vote;

### Voting yes

Mr. Bertig

Mr. Galasso

Mrs. Smith

Mr. Sorbin

Mr. Taddie

Mr. Yurky

### Voting no

Mr. Buggiey

Motion carried 6-1.

## OTHER REPORTS

Elementary principal, Mr. Stofa announced that: (1) over 300 people attended Breakfast with Santa and (2) the winners of the sixth grade spelling bee, were Breonne Ruffner, 1st place; Patrick Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Lucas Monko, 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Acting high school principal, Mr. Foust, reported on the following: (1) 51 projects entered in the Third Annual Science Fair; (2) Love Basket collecting over 4000 items; (3) dates for the Christmas dances—Junior High at our school December 15 and the senior high school is on December 21 at the Novosel Center.

On a Buggiey/Galasso motion the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

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Vicki L. Smith, President

