

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

June 25, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig	Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Frank Galasso	Mr. Ethan Sorbin
Mr. James McLoughlin	Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mrs. Joy Sasala	Mrs. Kimberly Thomas (via telephone)

MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Michael Yurky

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elem. Principal
Ms. Beverly Gardner, Bus. Mgr.
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary
Mrs. Sarah DeVivo, HCEA Vice President
Mr. Nathan Fullmer, Music Teacher
Mrs. Kristina Smith, Family Consumer
Science Teacher

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bertig, Renda Radio
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Jared Stout, The Dispatch
Julie & Len Rado, Center Twp. Residents

The board held an executive session for personnel reasons from 6:30-7:54 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m. Eight members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On Taddie/Sorbin motion the minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITORS/PRESENTATION

The board president acknowledged high school teachers Nathan Fullmer and Kristina Smith who were present and on the agenda to be awarded tenure. Sarah DeVivo gave a Microsoft Windows 3 presentation on CFF—Classrooms For the Future.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated May 31, 2009. On a Sorbin/Taddie motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

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

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Gardner reported that as of May 31, 2009 interest amounted to \$1,335.63.

On a Sorbin/Taddie motion authorization was granted to submit applications for the following Federal programs: Title I, \$165,267, and Title II(A), \$75,151. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Bertig/Sorbin motion the attached resolution (see appendix 1) implementing the homestead/farmstead exclusion for 2009-10 was adopted. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Taddie/Sorbin motion Form PDE-3074(b) submission was authorized relating to the installation of cabinetry in two elementary science labs. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Sasala/Galasso motion the resignation of Patricia Ferra, crossing guard, effective immediately, was accepted with regret. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

On a Taddie/Sasala motion the following secondary textbooks were approved for the 2009-10 school year:

- (1) Biology (AP Edition) 8th Edition Campbell and Reese – Grade 12 Copyright 2008
- (2) Induction to Desktop Publishing – Grades 7-12 Copyright 2008
- (3) Wood Technology and Processes – Grade 12 Copyright 2006
- (4) The American Vision, Modern Times – Grade 11 Copyright 2010

Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

The superintendent reported commendations were due the following two students in Matt Rodkey's class who entered Statistics Posters in the 2009 Pennsylvania Statistics Competition, the Science Outreach Center of Saint Francis University:

- (1) Tory Dellafiora, 3rd place, "Is There a Correlation between GPA and the Instrument You Play?"
- (2) Tyler Strini, honorable mention, "When Do Most School Absences Occur and By Whom?"

Board members stated they would like to see these posters.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a Sorbin/Taddie motion Adam Kanouff was approved as volunteer football coach for the 2009-10 football season (pending receipt of clearances). Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Galasso motion Susan McLoughlin was employed as head varsity girls' volleyball coach for the 2009-10 school year at supplemental salary of \$3,234. Poll vote; Mr. McLoughlin abstained from voting. Motion carried 7-0-1.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On a McLoughlin/Sasala motion approval was granted for the Indi Kids to use the Elementary Pre-K Room (703) for a Pre-K Orientation, August 18, 2009, 6:00-8:00 p.m. A custodial fee of \$40 has been charged.

CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

POLICY

No report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Mc/Loughlin/Taddie motion the 2009-10 General Fund Budget was tentatively adopted in the amount of \$15,070,197 with the following tax structure and will be displayed until June 5, 2009:

Real Estate	109 mills
Wage Tax	0.9 percent
Real Estate Transfer	0.5 percent
Emergency & Municipal Services	\$5.00

Voting yes

Mr. Bertig
Mr. McLoughlin
Mrs. Sasala
Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Sorbin
Mr. Taddie
Mrs. Thomas

Voting no

Mr. Galasso

Poll vote; motion carried 7-1.

On a Taddie/Bertig motion the following teachers were granted tenure: Scott Bauer, elementary health/physical education; Tanya Sasala, kindergarten teacher; Nathan Fullmer, secondary music, and Kristina Smith, secondary Family Consumer Science. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Bertig/Sorbin motion the agreement was approved with Citizens' Ambulance Service for the 2009-10 school year in the amount of \$2,250. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Taddie/Bertig motion an agreement was approved with CJAW, Inc., for technology services from July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011. The rates and fees will be fixed for this agreement period. District cost is \$88,000 per year. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Taddie/Sorbin motion an agreement was renewed with ARIN IU 28 and the Homer-Center School District for the curriculum specialist for the 2009-10 school year in the amount of \$69,230. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Sorbin/Taddie motion the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pa. State police and the Homer-Center School District was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Sasala motion the Salary and Fringe Benefit Package for Aides, effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014, was approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Taddie/McLoughlin motion the extension of the Homer-Center School District Business Manager Compensation and Fringe Benefit Plan, was approved effective July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2014. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Sorbin/Taddie motion Change Order H-3, final contract adjustment to John Hall, Inc., was decreased in the amount of \$7,501, was approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Bertig/Sorbin motion Change Order G-10, final contract amount to J.C. Orr & Son, Inc., in the amount of \$34,407 was approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Sorbin/Sasala motion Change Order E-4, to Bob Biter Electrical Enterprises, Inc., relating to the high school renovation project for the upgrade of the auditorium sound, at an increase of \$24,137, was approved. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

Mrs. Thomas left the meeting (via telephone) at this time, 8:25 p.m.

All board members congratulated the teachers receiving tenure.

On a McLoughlin/Galasso motion the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President