

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board  
Homer City, PA 15748

Elementary Library

May 26, 2009

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig  
Mr. Frank Galasso  
Mr. James McLoughlin  
Mrs. Joy Sasala  
Mrs. Vicki Smith

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

### MEMBERS ABSENT.

None

### 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  
Mrs. Deanne Magolis, Communications  
Specialist

### OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Bertig, Renda Radio  
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette  
Jared Stout, The Dispatch  
Helen Bencic, Homer City Kiwanis Club  
Fred Hayes, Julie & Len Rado, Center  
Twp. Residents  
14 Kiwanis Seniors of the Month & Women's  
Club Girls of the Month & Parents

The board held an executive session for personnel reasons from 6:30-7:40 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. All nine members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

### MINUTES

On a McLoughlin/Yurky motion the minutes of the April 16, 2009 meeting were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

### VISITORS/PRESENTATION

All board members, Principal Jody Rainey and Superintendent Dr. Vincent Delconte recognized the Kiwanis Club Seniors of the Month and the Women's Club Girls of the Month with certificates.

Helen Bencic, Kiwanis club representative, explained that the VFW also donated monies so each Senior of the Month received \$50 instead of \$25. Also three scholarships were awarded.

Kim Thomas, representing the Women's Club of Homer City, said that the clubs' scholarship committee selects the Girls of the Month with a blind ballot. All must reapply to be selected as the scholarship recipient.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sasala, board treasurer, gave the treasurer's report dated April 30, 2009. On a Sorbin/Taddie motion the treasurer's report was approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

### BILLS

On a Taddie/Sorbin motion the general fund, cafeteria and bond fund bills were approved. Poll vote; Mrs. Thomas abstained from voting since her husband, Randy Thomas, was being reimbursed. Motion carried 8-0-1.

### BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Gardner reported that as of April 30, 2009 interest amounted to \$1,638.78.

On a Taddie/McLoughlin motion the following depositories were approved for school district funds:

- First Commonwealth Bank
- S&T Bank
- PLGIT (Pa. Local Government Investment Trust)
- PSDLAF (Pa. School District Liquid Asset Funds)

Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

The business manager stated that the 2009-10 Real Estate Tax Installment Plan dates for approved Homestead and Farmstead Taxpayers will be August 17, October 15, and December 15, 2009.

On a Sorbin/Galasso motion approval was granted to acquire the 2007 Pa. Income Tax Report. This listing will be used by the district's Wage Tax Collector, Pa. Municipal Service, to determine taxes collectable. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sasala/Thomas motion the purchase of a new student information system, Sapphire by k12 Systems, was approved. The software cost is \$51,700; the year one support costs are \$10,000. Hardware and required software associated with the system are to be obtained using PEPPM and IU #13 contract pricing. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a McLoughlin/Bertig motion, per the March 28, 2009 Budget Workshop, the non-federal financial support of the district's Title I program was eliminated, which will result in a reduction in the Title I teaching staff. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Thomas/Yurky motion approval was granted to make application for Title I Stimulus Funds associated with the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. If funds are available, and the district's application is approved, the stimulus funds will be used to restore current 2008-09 staffing levels. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

The April Cafeteria Report showed a gain of \$193.29 of compared to a \$6,770.18 loss at this same time last year. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$80,538.59 compared to a \$38,901.67 loss last year. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	48.76%	84.18%
Secondary	81.12%	81.50%

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion the following were approved as substitutes: Erin Woods; elementary; Justin Cormier; English; Justin Canzano and Joseph Loftland, music; Gloria Fairbanks and DeAndra Perez; instructional aides. Voice vote; unanimous.

## EDUCATION

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

- (1) CFF (Classrooms for the Future) Adobe Workshop, Harmarville, Sarah DeVivo, retroactive to May 14-15. All costs were covered by CFF funds.
- (2) AP Reader, College Board Testing, University of Nebraska, Christine Yurky, June 11-19, 2009. All costs covered by the College Board.

Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/McLoughlin motion the attached list (see appendix 1) of candidates were approved for graduation on June 3, 2009, pending the completion of the requirements of the Homer-Center School District. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Bertig/Thomas motion the following high school textbooks will be on display for public review until June 24, 2009:

- (1) Biology (AP Edition) 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9-0.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- On a Taddie/Yurky motion the following student field trips were approved:
- (1) Cost was transportation for:
    - A. Nathan Fullmer/percussion band, retroactive attendance on April 25, 2009, Chapter Championships, Windber High School.
    - B. Sherry Dellaposta/Elementary Book Club students, final Book Club Meeting, Eat'n Park Restaurant, Indiana, retroactive to May 13.
  - (2) Cost is substitute(s) for:
    - A. Lisa Adams, William Tonkin, Cindy Scott and 10<sup>th</sup> graders, sophomore class trip, Washington, DC, June 1.
    - B. Christine Yurky and senior class, Kennywood Park, May 29.
    - C. Robert Stossel and students, Don White's Student Government Seminar/Leadership Conference, IUP, retroactive to May 22.
  - (3) No district cost for:
    - A. Deanne Magolis and
      1. students, Pa. State Computer Fair, Carlisle, retroactive to May 20.
      2. one student, Pittsburgh's Heinz Field, KDKA Valedictorian Salute, May 27.
    - B. Joy Baum and chorus members, Pittsburgh Pirate evening game, May 29.
  - (4) Cost is transportation plus a substitute for June 1 for:
    - A. Nathan Fullmer and students, video taping for Rose Bowl, Indiana, Pa.
    - B. Christine Yurky and senior class, senior class picnic, Yellowcreek State Park.
  - (5) Christine Yurky and three students, Youth and Government National Affairs Conference, Black Mountain, NC, June 27 – July 3, 2009. District will pay \$1,350 towards the total cost of the trip.
  - (6) Beverly Pribicko and two students, Future Business Leaders of America National Competition, Anaheim, CA, June 23-29, 2009. District will contribute amount not to exceed \$1,500 per student and \$2,083 for advisor. These costs will be offset by any reimbursement available.
  - (7) Matt Rodkey, Michael Gentile and student athletes, PIAA State Track and Field Championships, Shippensburg University, retroactive to May 21-23. District cost was \$2,400, plus \$320 for two substitutes for two days and transportation.

Voice vote; unanimous.

- The superintendent reported that commendations are due the following:
- (1) Kiwanis Senior of the Month:
    - a. May—Julie Bernheimer
    - b. June—Emily Sasala
  - (2) Women's Club Girl of the Month:
    - a. May—Kristin Alison

- (3) 70<sup>th</sup> Pittsburgh Regional Science Engineering Fair Participants:  
 Mariah Bowser, Morgan Smith and Megan Topeka, all 2<sup>nd</sup> place; James Orr, honorable mention; Ann Arone. Samantha Barna, Noah Overman, Cody Stewart, Angel Piccirillo, William Thomas,, Jessica Galasso, Stephanie Ruffner, Amanda McCaulley, Jaime Rura, Kelsey Vilcek, Chrissy Mumau, and Katelyn Skinner
- (4) Track and Field State Qualifiers:
  - a. Angel Piccirillo – District 6, 400 meter dash champion
  - b. Girls 4X800 Meter Relay Team (Megan Gaydosh, Angel Piccirillo, Breanna Rossi, Alyssa Taddie) Second Place
  - c. Girls 4X400 Meter Relay Team (Kayla Steffee, Alyssa Taddie, Megan Gaydosh, Angel Piccirillo) Third Place
  - d. Alyssa Taddie – Fifth Place in the 1600 Meter Run
- (5) Girls 4X800 Meter Relay Team placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the State Track Meet.
- (6) Girls' Varsity Softball Team and Boys' Varsity Baseball Team for making the District 6 Playoffs. The Varsity Boys' Baseball Team is also the Heritage Conference Champions and will play in the District 6 Championship Game vs. Bishop McCort, Thursday, May 28, 2009, Blair County Ballpark, 3:00 p.m.

On a Sorbin/Galasso motion Molly E. McGrath was employed as head varsity girls' volleyball coach for the 2009-10 school year at supplemental salary of \$3,234. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

No report at this time.

CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

POLICY

No report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Thomas/Bertig motion Joy Sasala was reappointed board treasurer at a salary of \$900 per year. Poll vote; Mrs. Sasala abstained from voting. Motion carried 8-0-1.

On a Galasso/Bertig motion James McLoughlin was reappointed assistant board treasurer. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Sorbin/Taddie motion Carol Black was appointed as board secretary for a four-year term, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013 at a \$1,772 salary, with an adjustment each year based upon satisfactory performance, and average salary increase provided to confidential secretaries. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Sasala/Galasso motion Rhonda Clifford was appointed as assistant board secretary, for a four-year term, July 1, 2009–June 30, 2013, at a stipend of \$900 per year. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Bertig/Taddie motion the contract was renewed between the Homer-Center School District and Adelphoi Village for the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Act 48 Program Agreement for Services for the 2009-10 school year. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Bertig 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	Mrs. Smith
Mr. McLoughlin	Mr. Taddie
Mrs. Sasala	Mrs. Thomas

Voting no

Mr. Galasso
Mr. Sorbin
Mr. Yurky

Poll vote; motion carried 6-3.

On a McLoughlin/Taddie motion the attached (see appendix 2), planning/board meeting dates from August through December 2009 were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

OTHER REPORTS

Michael Stofa, elementary principal, read his written report. He said: (1) 67 students were enrolled for next year’s kindergarten class; (2) Elementary Field Day was held May 21 and elementary physical education teacher, Scott Bauer had many parent volunteers; (3) there was good attendance at the Idlewild School Picnic on Sat., May 23, and (4) on June 2 there is kindergarten graduation that afternoon and Sixth Grade Promotion that evening.

Jody Rainey principal, spoke about: (1) 53 new members inducted into the Junior and Senior National Honor Society the evening of May 14; (2) the senior banquet that will be Wed., May 27 at the Novosel Center; (3) successful programs presented were the musical, band and choral concerts; (4) Erin Smyers and Nicole Loughner, high school integrated science students, using Vernie pH probes, with the new "Classrooms for the Future" computers, had their projects published online and (5) alumnus Elaine Surma, from the attorney general's office, presented an assembly warning on the dangers of internet predators.

Deanne Magolis, communications specialist reported that Mark Pangonis, high school physical education teacher, was awarded a grant for \$9,800 from Healthy Highmark for fitness equipment.

Jane Mastro, HCEA president, thanked the board for the May 8 Employee Luncheon. The projects from the following teachers were there from: (1) Elementary—Italian posters, Teresa Tedeschi/ grade two, and the human body, Suzanne Mateer/grade six; (2) High School—woodworking, Brian Castellani/Industrial Arts; mouse pads, publications and drawings, Kevin Wolford/graphic arts; slide presentation from zoo visit, Lisa Adams/biology; periodic table elements cards, Brenda Seigh/chemistry; rainbow room pre-school, Kristen Smith/family consumer science.

On a McLoughlin/Yurky motion the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

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Vicki L. Smith, President