

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748

Central Office Board Room

November 15, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Bertig
Mr. Dennis Buggey
Mr. Stanley Fabin
Mr. Frank Galasso
Mr. James McLoughlin

Mrs. Joy Sasala
Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Timothy Taddie
Mrs. Kimberly Thomas

MEMBER ABSENT

None

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Dr. Vincent Delconte, Superintendent
Mr. Gene Raymond, Asst. HS Principal
Mrs. Beverly Gardner, Business Mgr.
Mrs. Carol Black, Board Secretary
Mrs. Sarah DeVivo, HCEA Vice Pres.
Mrs. Mary Ann Ciranni and Ms. Teresa
Tedeschi, Third Grade Teachers

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Cody, Renda Radio
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Jeff Himler, The Dispatch

The board held a scheduled planning session for personnel reasons from 7:00 – 7:34 p.m.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. All nine members were present at Roll Call to comprise a quorum.

MIINUTES

On a McLoughlin/Sasala motion the minutes of the October 18, 2007 regular meeting were approved with the following correction:

Pg. 12, on motion to hire boys' varsity basketball coach, poll vote should read 7-0, not 9-0.

Voice vote; unanimous.

PRESENTATION

Mary Ann Ciranni and Teresa Tedeschi, third grade teachers, gave a Power Point Presentation on the recent visit by poet, Brod Bagert.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS

On a Taddie/Buggey motion the general fund, cafeteria and bond fund bills were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

The \$980 bill paid for cheerleader alternations was questioned. Mrs. Gardner will get back to the board on this payment.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

As of October 31, 2007 investments held by the district were \$954,159.14. Interest earned in October was \$15,550.73.

The October Cafeteria Report showed a loss of \$2,550.21 compared to loss of \$5,380.43 last year at this same time. Year-to-date figures showed a loss of \$4,139.46 compared to a \$15,737.25 loss last year. Meal participation was given as follows:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary	52.16%	83.86%
Secondary	79.91%	83.68%

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONNEL

On a Buggey/McLoughlin motion Kelly Bowser and Kimberly Habazin were approved as elementary substitutes. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Taddie/Sasala motion Kristine Zack was employed as four-hour, part-time cafeteria worker, effective November 16, 2007, at \$8.37 per hour, as per the current Homer-Center Educational Support Personnel Collective Bargaining Agreement. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Buggey/Fabin motion approval was granted to Tammy Menk, elementary music teacher, for a Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave, for up to twelve weeks, retroactive to November 13, 2007. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

On a McLoughlin/Sasala motion, homebound instruction was approved for three secondary students (tracking #07-08-04, #07-08-05 and #07-08-06). Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- On a Taddie/Thomas motion the following student field trips were approved:
- (1) District cost is substitute(s) and transportation for:
 - (a) Mark Shopland and seventh grade science class, IUP Planetarium Visiting Scientist Program (dates to be determined later).
 - (b) Louis Stepanik, Vicki Olinger and students, Quiz Bowl, Rustic Lodge, Indiana,
 - (2) Cindy Andrie and students, Science Days, St. Francis College, Loretto, Nov. 20. District cost is \$60 plus \$70 for a substitute for a day.
 - (3) Nathan Fullmer and students, district jazz band auditions, Brookville High School, November 15. District cost is \$128.35.
 - (4) Anthony Buffone, Lisa Adams and students, Pittsburgh Science and Engineering Fair, Carnegie Science Center, April 4, 2008. District cost is \$25, transportation and \$70 for a substitute.
 - (5) Beverly Pribicko and students, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Regional Competition, Cambria Rowe Business College, Indiana, January 11, 2008. District cost is transportation
 - (6) Gary Wyant and students, to do holiday window painting at 1160 WCCS Radio Station, Indiana, November 15. No district cost.
- Voice vote; unanimous.

The superintendent reported that commendations were due the following:

- (1) Kristin Bishop, October Women's Club Girl of the Month
- (2) Nick Galasso, November Kiwanis Senior of the Month.
- (3) Varsity girls' volleyball and varsity boys' football teams for representing Homer-Center School District at the District 6 playoffs.
- (4) 2007 Homecoming Courts:
 - (a) Aaron Stultz, king; Andy Bell, Bryant Garvin, Jimmy Gatskie, Adam Koren, Andrew Pozik, Mike Rummel and Nathan Sykes.
 - (b) Stephanie Petricig, co-queen and Cassie Trausi, co-queen; Ashley Andrascik, Samantha Maschak, Danielle Morrow, Michelle Taddie and Brianne Thomas.

On a Fabin/Bertig motion the following were hired as assistant boys' basketball coaches for the 2007-08 school year: Justin Perman, 7th/8th grade team, \$2,126; Jason Palmer, 8th/9th grade team, \$2,216; Kevin Rado, junior varsity/varsity, \$3,243. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Sasala/McLoughlin motion Nick Arone was approved as a volunteer boys' junior varsity/varsity basketball team for the 2007-08 year. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On a Sasala/McLoughlin motion approval was given the West Central Elks Hoop Shoot to be held at the high school gym, Sunday, February 10, 2008 from 1-5 p.m. All rental fees have been waived. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Galasso/Bertig motion approval was given for the Homer-Center Boys' Basketball Parents Association to use the high school gym and cafeteria, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 for their annual Basketball Tip-off Tournament. All rental fees have been waived. Voice vote; unanimous.

CAFETERIA

No report at this time.

POLICY

No report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION

No report at this time.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Sasala/Galasso motion BE IT RESOLVED, the Homer-Center Board of School Directors authorizes the District Administration and District Architect (HHS DR) to prepare and submit for approval to the Pa. Department of Education, PlanCon Part I, Interim Reporting, for the work related to adding air conditioning to the classrooms for the Homer-Center Junior-Senior High School Project, PDE #3322: Poll vote;

Voting yes

Mr. Bertig
Mr. Fabin
Mr. Galasso
Mrs. Sasala
Mrs. Thomas

Voting no

Mr. Buggey
Mr. McLoughlin
Mrs. Smith
Mr. Taddie

Motion carried 5-4.

On a Bertig/Fabin motion BE IT RESOLVED, the Homer-Center Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the following work related to adding air conditioning to the classrooms for the Homer-Center Junior-Senior High School Project, contingent upon PDE's approval of PlanCon Part I:

- (1) For General Construction, to J.C. Orr, Inc. Change Order G-1, \$2,984.00.
- (2) For HVAC Construction, to John Hall, Inc., Change Order H-A, \$440,496.00.
- (3) For Electrical Construction, to Bob Biter Electrical Construction, Change Order E-1, \$5,589.00.
- (4) For HVAC Commission to WAE Balancing, \$2,250.00.

Poll vote;

Voting yes

Mr. Bertig
Mr. Fabin
Mr. Galasso
Mrs. Sasala
Mrs. Thomas

Voting no

Mr. Buggey
Mr. McLoughlin
Mrs. Smith
Mr. Taddie

Motion carried 5-4.

On a Taddie/Sasala motion BE IT RESOLVED, the Homer-Center Board of School Directors hereby authorizes adding a new fume hood and acid storage cabinet in the Science Room and eliminating one (1) base cabinet in the Art Room as per Change Order G-2, for \$2,708.00 to J.C. Orr & Sons, Inc. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

FURTHER, the Board Secretary is authorized to sign the necessary documents for any of the above resolutions.

On a Fabin/Buggey motion Vicki Smith as reappointed as Homer-Center School Districts' representative to the Indiana County Technology Center's Joint Operating Committee, for a three-year term, effective December 2007. Voice vote; Mrs. Smith abstained from voting. Motion carried 8-0-1.

On a Buggey/Thomas motion the board authorized Dr. Vincent Delconte, superintendent, to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Homer-Center Education Association for the new supplemental contract for the Junior High Track Athletic Program. Voice vote; unanimous.

OTHER REPORTS

Assistant high school principal, Mr. Raymond, reported on the following: (1) the largest attendance ever at the Academic Excellence Luncheon held on November 4 at the Novosel Center; (2) the live WIUP radio interview on Oct. 25 of seventh grade science students Tory Dellaflora and Tony Fancella, who spoke about water testing field trips to local streams and Acid Mine Drainage treatment ponds; (3) AP Biology and Anatomy classes recent visit to the Bodies Exhibit at Carnegie Science Center; (4) annual Veterans Day assembly for grades K through 12 and (5) this year's senior play, Anne of Green Gables.

HCEA vice president, Sarah DeVivo, pointed out the showcase of student work. She noted that the pumpkins for Mrs. Shoup's fifth grade pumpkin patch were donated by Reeger's Farms.

President Smith presented plaques to outgoing board members Stan Fabin and Kim Thomas.

On a McLoughlin/Fabin motion the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

Carol N. Black, Board Secretary

Vicki L. Smith, President