



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748
Central Office Board Room
August 17, 2017

Members Present

Mr. Gerald Bertig
Mr. Michael Bertig
Mr. Logan Dellafiora
Mr. Daniel Fabin
Mr. Fred Hayes

Mr. James McLoughlin
Mrs. Julie Rado
Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Justin Smyers

Members Absent

School Administrators Present

Dr. Charles J. Koren, Superintendent
Mr. Gregory Cessna, Business Manager
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elementary Principal
Mr. Jody Rainey, High School Principal
Mrs. Bethany Genchur, Special Education Director
Mr. Edward Sutter, Facilities Supervisor
Mrs. Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

Homer-Center Staff Present

Cindy Scott
Tina Bruno
Kara Gardner
Lisa Adams

Media Present

Jessee VanHorn, 1160 WCCS
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Greg Reinbold, The Dispatch

Visitors

Jordan Alsop

The Board held an executive session from 7:00-7:32 p.m. for personnel reasons.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Homer-Center Mission Statement opened the meeting. Nine members were present at roll call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a Smyers/Fabin motion approved the minutes from the June 22, 2017 Regular Meeting and the August 3, 2017 Special Meeting. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITOR COMMENTS-None

REPORTS

1. ARIN IU 28- Mrs. Rado reported on the following: (1) The IU will be having a solar eclipse viewing part 1:10-2:40 pm; (2) Discussion on the Palmyra School District Title 9 – assault of student off premises; (3) PSSA Testing – reduction of time testing; (4) IU approved partnering with IU 4 for technology services.
2. ICTC- No report. Noted enrollment this year is high.
3. Building and Grounds- No report
4. Parks and Recreation – No report
5. Academic Committee – No report

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. McLoughlin read the Treasurer's Report and Cafeteria Cash Statement for June 30 and July 31, 2017. On a J. Bertig/Rado motion, the reports were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

On a McLoughlin/Dellaflora motion the general fund, cafeteria and capital reserve fund bills for June, July and August, 2017 were approved for payment. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cessna reported that interest earned during June, 2017 amounted to \$910.22 and July, 2017 amounted to \$764.86.

On a Dellaflora/Hayes motion exonerated the District's tax collectors of 2017 Real Estate Taxes resulting from the Senior Tax Exemption Program participation in 2016/2017 in the amount of \$1,727.00. 2015/2016 total was \$1,705.02 and 2014/2015 was \$1,696.75. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Fabin/McLoughlin motion approved the renewal of an elementary and high school two year contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. for HVAC services effective 9/1/2017 to 8/31/2019 in the amounts of: Year 1 Elementary \$19,298, High School \$13,908; Year 2 Elementary \$19,910, High School \$14,360 as noted in Appendix A and B. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Hayes/Dellaflora motion approved a computer processing service agreement with Weidenhamer to provide managed hosting services for the District's accounting software for an annual fee of \$2,963.75 with a one-time set up fee of \$1,500 as noted in Appendix C. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Smyers/Rado motion accepted a \$10,000 America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Program grant from the Monsanto Fund and a \$3,000 Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness

(OTDA) Mini Grant from the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unite 13. Voice vote; unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PERSONNEL

Certified Personnel

On a Smyers/Rado motion employed Mr. Jordan Alsop as a secondary Math teacher at the pro-rated starting salary of \$54,102 effective approximately October 17, 2017 and as per the current CBA between the Homer-Center School District and the HCEA. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Hayes/Dellafiora motion approved the 2017-18 Substitute List as noted in Appendix D and approved Mrs. Deborah Bem as a long-term substitute elementary teacher effective approximately September-November, 2017. Voice vote; unanimous.

Supplemental Personnel

On a McLoughlin/Rado motion approved the 2017-18 Supplemental Contract List as noted in Appendix E. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

Volunteers

On a J. Bertig/Rado motion approved Karen Marshall as a band volunteer for the 2017-18 school year. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

On a M. Bertig/McLoughlin motion approved the following attendance at conferences: (1) Mrs. Suzanne Mateer, Mrs. Beth Genchur and Mrs. Heather Lowry to attend the Text Dependent Analysis Seminars through Allegheny IU in Pittsburgh, PA on September 28, October 26, November 29, 2017 and January 18, 2018. Cost to the district is \$1,200 and two substitute for four days; (2) Mrs. Kara Gardner to attend the Gifted Boot Camp at IU 8 in Johnstown, PA on September 13-14, 2017. Cost to the district is \$75; (3) the following teachers and dates for PIIC monthly meetings at ARIN IU 28 – Mr. Robert Stossel-9/21/17; 1/25/18; 5/17/18; Mrs. Deanne Magolis-9/21/17; 12/14/17; 2/15/18; 3/15/18; Mr. Anthony Buffone-10/19/17; 5/17/18; Mrs. Christine Yurky-11/16/17; 12/14/17; 3/15/18; Mrs. Vicki Olinger-10/19/17; 11/16/17; 1/25/18; 3/15/18; 5/11/18. Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a Hayes/Dellafiora motion approved the following: (1) annual student field trips as noted in Appendix F; (2) changes to the Elementary and High School Handbooks effective with the 2017-2018 school year as noted in Appendix G. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

On a J. Bertig/McLoughlin motion approved the following use of building and grounds: (1) Ms. Kathy Daskivich, Mrs. Tanya Hirsch and the Alpha Delta Kappa-International Honorary Organization for Women Educators to use the Elementary Library on April 18, 2018 from 6:00-8:30 pm for their annual meeting. With Board approval, all fees will be waived; (2) Mr. Matthew Wilson and the HCAABC to use the Memorial Field for Midget Football games on the following dates and times: Aug. 24 5:00-10:00 pm Pep Rally; Sept. 2 2:00-10:00 pm; Sept. 23 2:00-10:00 pm; Oct. 7 2:00-10:00 pm; Oct. 21 2:00-10:00 pm (possible championship games). With Board approval, the Club will be charged security fees; (3) Mrs. Candy Shaffer and the PTA to hold Breakfast with Santa in the Elementary Cafeteria on December 8, 2017 (set up) from 6:00-9:00 p.m., and December 9, 2017 from 6:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. With Board approval, all fees will be waived. Voice vote; unanimous.

CAFETERIA – No Report

POLICIES –No Report

TRANSPORTATION

On a Smyers/Fabin motion approved the 2017-2018 Bus Routes and 2017-2018 Bus Drivers and Spare Drivers lists as noted in Appendix H. Voice vote; unanimous.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a McLoughlin/Rado motion approved the increase in the substitute pay rate from \$85/day to \$90/day effective with the 2017-2018 school year. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a McLoughlin/Rado motion approved the following: (1) purchase of new track and cross country shorts for the 2017-18 season. Cost to the district is \$1,485; (2) contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for an elementary student at the cost of \$22/hr.; (3) Mrs. Peggy Domenick to be placed in the STEP Program for the 2017-18 school year. Mrs. Domenick will be serving as a crossing guard. Voice vote; unanimous.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa thanked Mr. Sutter for all the hard work over the summer getting the building prepared for school. He is also working on the schedule for teachers. Mr. Stofa noted Back-To-School Night will be conducted on August 21st from 7-9 p.m. August 22nd will be ALICE Training from 8:00 am-3:00 pm in the Elementary School.

Mr. Rainey also thanked Mr. Sutter and technology for all their hard work over the summer. He noted the cameras have been installed and upgraded. Mr. Rainey thanked Mr. Jioio for coming for ALICE Training. He has also been working on teacher schedules and BTSN. Seventh Grade Orientation is at 6:00 pm on August 21st. He also noted all the new teachers and hires. Drive 4URSCHOOL will be September 23rd from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This helps with Prom costs. He encouraged everyone to come drive a car.

Mrs. Genchur noted the elementary building is humming with lots of activities and committee meetings. She thanked Mr. Sutter for his hard work. Mrs. Gardner noted she had an orientation day for new students. Fourteen new students attended today.

Mr. Sutter noted that all the summer work was “team oriented” and very busy. He also noted that the concrete for the playground is coming soon.

REPORT OF HCEA REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Adams noted she is looking forward to an extraordinary year.

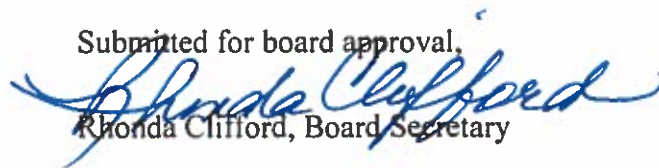
REPORT OF HCESP REPRESENTATIVE-No Report

REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Dellafiora commended Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Scott for their hard work on the organ donation program. Mr. Hayes noted you can sense the excitement in the air for a new school year. He also thanked Mr. Sutter for all his hard work on the playground. Mrs. Rado welcomed new hire Jordan Alsop. She thanked Mr. Sutter for the hard work over the summer. She also noted that several people from ARIN IU 28 commented on our new hires as being good choices. Mr. J. Bertig also noted the sense of excitement in the air for the start of school. He mentioned to Mr. Sutter to remind the midget football teams to be mindful of using the football field during inclement weather. Mr. M. Bertig also congratulated Jordan Alsop on his new position. He also thanked the Administration for their hard work this summer. He commended fellow Board Members on doing their due diligence on the budget this year. He also noted he like the four matching, living trees in the high school courtyard. Mr. McLoughlin noted he saw at least 20 community children playing on the new playground. He thanked Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Scott for their work on the Organ Donation. Mrs. Smith welcomed Mr. Alsop and noted what a great job Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Scott are doing on the organ donation. She also noted that the playground looks great. She went down the slide herself and said it was great. The new playground is a great addition for our students and community. Mr. Fabin and Mr. Smyers had no reports.

On a Smyers/McLoughlin motion the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous. The Board Members then went into Executive Session for personnel reasons and negotiations from 8:45-10:10 p.m.

Submitted for board approval,



Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

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Vicki Smith, Board President