



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748
Central Office Board Room
June 22, 2017

Members Present

Mr. Gerald Bertig
Mr. Michael Bertig
Mr. Logan Dellafiora
Mr. Daniel Fabin
Mr. James McLoughlin
Mrs. Julie Rado
Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Justin Smyers

Members Absent

Mr. Fred Hayes

School Administrators Present

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

Homer-Center Staff Present

Kara Gardner
Len Black
Beverly Kundla

Visitors

Media Present

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

The Board held an executive session from 7:00-7:38 p.m. for personnel and real estate reasons.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Homer-Center Mission Statement opened the meeting. Eight members were present at roll call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a Smyers/Rado motion approved the minutes from the May 18, 2017 Regular Meeting. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITOR COMMENTS-None

REPORTS

1. ARIN IU 28- Mrs. Rado reported on the following: (1) discussed starting in the summer of 2018 to have the offices closed on Fridays and have longer work days on Monday-Thursday. No action was taken; (2) Joshua Muscatello resigned – no talk of a replacement. He was the director of transportation and technology; (3) discussion on the Keystone Exams being replaced with the SATs. Each district would pay for the testing for the students.
2. ICTC- Mrs. Smith noted that ICTC will be holding a camp for students in Grades 6-8 to introduce them to the programs at ICTC.
3. Building and Grounds- No new items to report. The truck, PA System and playground are incorporated on the agenda.
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 May 31, 2017. On a Rado/Fabin motion, the reports were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

On a McLoughlin/Rado motion the general fund, cafeteria and capital reserve fund bills for June, 2017 were approved for payment. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Cessna reported that interest earned during May, 2017 amounted to \$745.38.

On a Dellaflora/Fabin motion adopted a Real Estate Tax Universal Installment Payment Plan Resolution effective July 1, 2017 as noted in Appendix A. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/J. Bertig motion approved de-committing \$105,551 of the General Fund – Committed Fund Balance for the payment of employer retirement pension obligations of the District for 2016-2017. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Fabin/Dellaflora motion approved the proposal of CM Regent Insurance Company to provide the District’s worker’s compensation insurance for the 2017-2018 school year at a premium of \$60,155. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a McLoughlin/Rado motion approved the Updated 2017-2018 Indiana County Technology Center’s total budget in the amount of \$6,284,710. Homer-Center’s share is \$353,741 of the overall member district’s contributions of \$3,456,900. Homer-Center’s share is

a 5.68% increase compared to the 2017-2018 budget as noted in Appendix B. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Rado/Fabin motion authorized administration to prepare budget transfers as par of the year end close for 2016-2017 school year with subsequent presentation and approval following review under the annual local audit. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Dellaflora/Smyers motion authorized administration to prepare and pay July 2017 invoices with a list to be emailed to the Board on or about July 17, 2017 for review and to be presented for approval at the August 17, 2017 regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/Fabin motion approved the proposal from Bettwy Systems for the upgrade of the Elementary Intercom System with payment to be made from the Capital Reserve Fund (Fund 32). Cost is \$12,126 and will be purchased through the PEPPM purchasing process as noted in Appendix C. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a J. Bertig/M. Bertig motion approved the renewal of Tyco Simplex Grinell as the vendor to provide Elementary fire alarm tests and inspections for 7-1-2017 to 6-30-2018 at a cost of \$3,310.93 and Elementary fire alarm monitoring for 7-1-2017 to 6-30-2018 at a cost of \$582.60 as noted in Appendix D. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/J. Bertig motion approved the quote from Luther Ford Lincoln of \$17,900 for a 2010 ¼ ton Dodge Ram truck, pending confirmation of availability and a visual inspection and examination of said vehicle by District staff. The truck currently has 57,000 miles on it. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Smyers/Fabin motion adopted a resolution establishing the “2017 Homer-Center School District Residential Structure or Commercial Building Tax Abatement Program” for improvements initiated or commenced after the adoption of this resolution as noted in Appendix E. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PERSONNEL

On a Smyers/Dellaflora motion approved the following: (1) the reduction of the HCESP staff by one, capturing the position through a current retirement; (2) the reduction in staff of a full-time librarian to a half-time librarian and authorizing accepting applications for the position; (3) the reduction in staff from two full-time secondary counselors to one; (4) the reduction in staff of a full-time elementary technology teacher to a half-time position and authorizing accepting applications for the position. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

Certified Personnel

On a McLoughlin/Rado motion approved the following: (1) one unpaid day and possibly two more if snow days are used, for Mrs. Deanne Magolis in April, 2018 for travel purposes; (2) the movement of Ms. Tammy Buffone, Guidance Counselor from 197 days to 185 days as a Secondary Special Education Teacher effective with the 2017-18 school year; (3) the movement of Mr. Matthew Rodkey, Dean of Students and Math Department Chair, from 185 days to 205 days as Assistant Principal K-12; Homer-Center Academy of Choice Coordinator; and Foster Child Coordinator (attendance and other assigned related administrative items) effective July 1, 2017 at the starting salary of \$85,164.76. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

Support Personnel

On a Fabin/McLoughlin motion approved the following: (1) Denise Sheely, instructional aide, as a substitute LPN for the purpose of traveling on field trips retroactive to May 25, 2017; (2) Miss Katie Strong as a long-term substitute cleaner retroactive to June 12, 2017; (3) the movement of Mrs. Beverly Kundla, Elementary Special Education Secretary, from 202 days per year to 260 days per year with expanded duties, and as per the HCESP contract effective July 1, 2017; (4) the movement of Ms. Brandi Rankin, Elementary Clerical Aide, from 202 days per year to 260 days per year with expanded duties, and as per the HCESP contract effective July 1, 2017; (5) the movement of Mrs. Erin Collins, Secondary Guidance Secretary, from 202 days per year to 260 days per year, and as per the HCESP contract effective July 1, 2017. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

Supplementals and Volunteers

On a Rado/McLoughlin motion approved the following: (1) supplemental contracts for the 2017-18 school year. Salaries to be based on the CBA. Cheerleading Sponsor Jr. High: Loren Stephenson; Football: Greg Page, Tony Arone, Gene Raymond, Mike Arone, Matt Wilson; Volleyball Assistants: Melissa Jones, pending clearances and Hope Fye, pending clearances; Cross Country: Brandon Payne; (2) the following football volunteers: Rob Nymick, Nick Raymond, Stephen Nymick, Don Mester, Dave Cook, Mike Newhouse, Aaron Berezansky, Stephen McLoughlin and Chris Graham. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION – No Report

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a Smyers/J. Bertig motion approved the following: (1) student field trips: Mr. Jon Stolarz and the Marching Band to attend the DuBois Fireman's Parade on June 17, 2017. Cost for transportation is covered by the DuBois Firemen; and Mr. Jon Stolarz and the Marching Band to attend the DCI Pittsburgh Competition in Baldwin, PA on August 2, 2017. Cost to the district is transportation; (2) Informational - Homer-Center will participate in the 2017 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) in Grades 8,10,12. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

On a Fabin/McLoughlin motion approved the following use of building and grounds: (1) Mr. Jon Stolarz to use the high school building and all practice fields on the following dates and times: June 27, 2017 1:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Crossmen Drum & Bugle Corps .and August 2, 2017 3:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps. With Board approval, all fees will be waived; (2) Ms. Lauren Fraley and the DEP to hold a public hearing in the high school auditorium on August 3, 2017 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. With Board approval, security and maintenance fees will be applied. Voice vote; unanimous.

CAFETERIA – No Report

POLICIES –No Report

TRANSPORTATION - No Report

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Rado/McLoughlin motion approved the following: (1) the Guest Teacher Consortium with ARIN IU 28 and the Homer-Center School District at a cost of \$400 for the 2017-2018 school year; (2) the Letter of Agreement between the Homer-Center School District and The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a J. Bertig/McLoughlin motion granted tenure to the following who have successfully completed three years of satisfactory teaching in our school district: Mrs. Emily Gates, Mrs. Nicole Neal and Mrs. Kara Gardner. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Smyers/Fabin motion approved the MOU with the Pennsylvania State Police and the Homer-Center School District retroactively to September 1, 2016-August 31, 2018. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Smyers/Dellafiora motion approved the 2017-2018 General Fund Final Budget of the Homer-Center School District in the amount of \$16,760,607 with the following tax structure as noted in Appendix F:

Real Estate	16.5091 mills
Wage Tax	.9 percent
Real Estate Transfer	.5 percent
Local Services Tax	\$5.00

Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a McLoughlin/Fabin motion adopted the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution for the 2017-2018 school year as noted in Appendix G. Voice vote; unanimous.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa noted that everything is going well with wrapping up the end of the year.

Mrs. Genchur thanked the Board for a great year. She noted ESY will begin on July 5th at Homer-Center School District.

Mr. Sutter thanked the board for the building and grounds items. He has a meeting with the playground committee on installation. He noted the Eagle project our student is working on continues and is looking great. He noted the summer workers are doing a good job. He also noted that the bleacher inspection will be conducted next week.

REPORT OF HCESP PRESIDENT – Len Black

Mr. Black thanked the Board for the summer workers and for the truck.

REPORT OF HCEA REPRESENTATIVE – No Report

REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Fabin, Mr. McLoughlin and Mrs. Rado congratulated Mrs. Gardner on her tenure status. Mr. Dellafiora noted he was pleased with the budget and that there is no increase. Mr. Jerry Bertig noted that he hopes the Tax Abatement Program welcomes growth to the area. He also noted that to produce a budget with no increase comes with challenges and sacrifice. He also noted that the State support is not locally given evenly. Mrs. Smith also congratulated Mrs. Gardner on her tenure status. She noted that the budget was the most difficult in years – with PSERS up 163% over five years and the allocation of funds is unfair. Mr. Smyers and Mr. M. Bertig had no reports.

On a Smyers/Dellafiora motion the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,



Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

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Vicki Smith, Board President