



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748
Central Office Board Room
December 14, 2017

Members Present

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

Mr. James McLoughlin
Mr. Justin Smyers
Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Robert Valyo

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

Homer-Center Staff Present

Len Black
Christina Bruno
Teachers

Media Present

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

Visitors

Joseph Kosmack & Family
Michael Yount & Family
Emma Nipps & Family

The Board held an executive session from 7:01-7:35 p.m. for personnel reasons.

President Michael Bertig called the meeting to order at 7:36 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 McLoughlin/Smyers motion approved the minutes from the November 16, 2017 Regular Meeting and the December 6, 2017 Reorganization Meeting. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITOR COMMENTS – None

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. Stofa introduced Mrs. Shoup who presented Joseph Kosmack with his Wildcat Recognition Award for December, 2017. Mr. Rainey presented Michael Yount with his Wildcat Recognition Award for December, 2017. Emma Nipps was honored as the Kiwanis Senior of the Month. Mr. Bertig gave all recipients an HC lapel pin from the Board.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Koren presented Mr. Greg Page with a letter of commendation from Smith Bus Company acknowledging the football team's great accomplishments this past season. Mr. Page then gave an end of the fall season all sports recap to the Board.

REPORTS

1. ARIN IU 28- No report
2. ICTC- No report
3. Building and Grounds- Mr. J. Bertig gave an update on the Kindergarten wall on their playground. They are getting quotes for repairs. Mr. Sutter discussed energy upgrades.
4. Parks and Recreation – No report
5. Academic Committee – No report

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. McLoughlin read the Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2017 and Cafeteria Cash Statement for November 30, 2017. On a Fabin/J. Bertig motion, the reports were approved. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

BILLS

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

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cessna reported that interest earned during November 2017 amounted to \$2,213.25.

On a Smyers/Dellafiora motion approved the recommended budgetary transfers for the 2016-2017 fiscal year as noted in Appendix A. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Dellafiora/Smyers motion approved a \$5,000 School Climate Leadership Initiative Grant. Voice vote; unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PERSONNEL

Certified, Support and Supplemental Personnel

On a Smyers/Fabin motion approved the following: (1) Mrs. Leslie Yount as an ARIN IU 28 Guest Teacher for the 2017-18 school year; (2) the movement of Mr. Kristopher Marinas from a 4 hr. 12 mo. custodian to an 8 hr. 12 mo. custodian at the high school; (3) unpaid leave for Mrs. Mindy Strong, cafeteria worker, retroactive to December 11-15, 2017; (4) Mrs. Melissa Kulka as the Boys' Assistant Track Coach for the 2017-2018 season at the current supplemental salary of \$2,412. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

EDUCATION

On a McLoughlin/J. Bertig motion approved Mrs. Kara Gardner to attend the Gifted Services Workshop at Blairsville Middle School retroactive to December 12-13, 2017. There was no cost to the district. Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a Hayes/Dellaflora motion approved Mrs. Laura Root and students to attend the Christmas Wonderland at the KCAC in Indiana, PA retroactive to December 10, 2017. There was no cost to the district. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

On a McLoughlin/Fabin motion approved the following use of building and grounds: (1) Mrs. Hope Fye and the Crossfire 308 Volleyball Team to use the high school gym for 2 hour practices from December, 2017-March, 2018. Gym availability will determine the dates and times for use. With Board approval, custodial fees will apply at \$25/hr; (2) Mr. Scott Bauer to use the elementary gym/cafeteria on December 16, 2017 from 10-11 a.m. for the Elks National Hoop Shoot. With Board approval, all fees will be waived; (3) Mrs. Krista Dunn and the Class of 2025 to use the high school auditorium and cafeteria for a talent show and spaghetti dinner on December 13, 2017 (for rehearsal) and January 20, 2018 for the talent show and spaghetti dinner. With Board approval, a custodial fee and fee for operator of the lights in the auditorium will be assessed to the group; (4) Mrs. Krista Dunn and the Homer City Area Athletic Boosters to use the high school gym on Feb. 16 (6-9 pm), 17 (7:00 am-9:00 pm) and 18 (1:00-9:00 pm) for a basketball tournament. With Board approval, custodial fees will apply to the Boosters; (5) Mr. Nick Arone and the Homer City Area Athletic Boosters to use the elementary gym for Saturday free basketball clinics on January 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2018 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. With Board approval, all fees will be waived. No need for custodial services; (6) Mr. Nick Arone and the Homer City Area Athletic Boosters to use the elementary gym for league games on November 28, 2017-February 15, 2018 Monday-Thursday evenings and as available depending on high school practices. With Board approval, all fees will be waived. Voice vote; unanimous.

CAFETERIA – No Report

POLICIES –No Report

TRANSPORTATION

On a Dellafiora/Valyo motion approved the following as a spare bus driver for the 2017-18 school year: Heather McKendrick. Voice vote; unanimous.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a J. Bertig/Valyo motion approved the following: (1) the appointment of Mr. Fred Hayes as the ARIN IU 28 Board of Directors representative for the Homer-Center School Board; (2) the 2017-2018 revised school calendar with the snow make-up date to be April 3, 2018 as noted in Appendix B. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa reported on the following: (1) elementary students previewed the musical *Annie* on December 1st; (2) interim reports went home Dec. 5th; (3) Santa's Workshop was held December 4-8 and Breakfast with Santa was held on December 9th; (4) PTA Meeting was held on December 11th; (5) Christmas Homeroom Parties will be held on December 22nd. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Rainey reported on the following: (1) The football team concluded the best season in the history of our school finishing 2nd in the PIAA State Football Championship, earning our 4th District 6 Football Championship and setting a new record for most wins in a football season (13). Congratulations to the players, coaches and team support staff on a great season. Also, a huge shout-out to our band, cheerleaders, student body and entire community for rallying behind and supporting our team; (2) Commendations are given to our musical cast, crew and directors for their efforts in putting on our production of *Annie*; (3) The high school band and choral concert will be Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 in the high school auditorium; (4) The high school efforts to raise funds for the Teddy Bear Fund Drive are in full swing; (5) The Student Council completed our annual food drive for the Homer City pantry. Over 2000 items were collected; (6) The Student Council completed our annual food drive for the Homer City pantry. Over 2000 items were collected; (7) The junior high winter dance is December 16 in the high school cafeteria and the senior high winter formal is January 13 at Rustic Lodge. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Genchur reported on the following: (1) Elementary SWPBIS – Paw Patrol conducted Holiday Spirit Days. Proceeds benefit the School-Wide Positive Behavior Program; (2) Books with Santa – December 15th at 12:30 p.m. for preschool families in the Elementary Library. She anticipated 25 students for the program. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Sutter reported on the snow removal and equipment. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

REPORT OF HCEA REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Bruno

No report

REPORT OF HCESP REPRESENTATIVE- Mr. Black

Congratulated the football team on a great season and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Fabin and Mr. Dellafiora congratulated the football team, band and Mr. Stolarz on a great season. They also thanked Mrs. Smith and Mr. Jerry Bertig for their service as President and Vice President. Mrs. Smith thanked Mr. Page for being a good role model for our players and wished everyone a Blessed Christmas. Mr. McLoughlin congratulated Mr. Page and the football team and noted he can see growth in the players. He congratulated the staff as well. Mr. Valyo congratulated Mr. Page and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Mr. Hayes congratulated Mr. Page and noted that he was building character and good citizens. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Mr. J. Bertig noted you can't say enough to Mr. Page and the team on such a fun experience. He also thanked the community for their support of the team. Mr. Smyers congratulated Mr. Page and the football team and acknowledged the HCEA members in attendance. Mr. M. Bertig congratulated Mr. Page and the football team on a great season. He thanked Vicki Smith and Jerry Bertig for their service and hopes to have possible goals - attainable goals like: school start time; school calendar; wants to speak with the teachers and seek goals; use Board Meeting time productively; HCEA negotiations and hopes to continue to work on all issues face-to-face and personable and to get this done.

On a Smyers/Hayes motion the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,


Gregory K. Cessna, Business Manager

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Michael Bertig, President