



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748
Central Office Board Room
May 17, 2018

Members Present

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

Mr. James McLoughlin
Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Justin Smyers
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
Mrs. Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

Homer-Center Staff Present

Tanya Hirsch
Kara Gardner
Lisa Adams

Media Present

Jesse VanHorn, 1160 WCCS
Greg Reinbold, The Dispatch

Visitors

Mr. Frank Glunz, Penn Run
Dairy Nutritionist

The Board held an executive session from 7:00-7:41 p.m. for personnel matters.

President Michael Bertig called the meeting to order at 7:42 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.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Mr. Frank Glunz from Penn Run spoke to the Board regarding whole milk.

Student Recognition

No students were present at the meeting. Principals gave information regarding the students and why they chose them for the Wildcat Recognition.

REPORTS

Homer-Center School Board Committees

Academic Committee – Mr. Michael Bertig reported the committee discussed the following: (1) start time moved back by 12 minutes – to vote on this tonight; (2) NOCTI Testing at ICTC-19/20 of Homer students received proficient or better; (3) worked on course descriptions; (4) Project Lead the Way will begin with Mrs. Olinger as the lead teacher.

Buildings and Grounds Committee- Mr. Jerry Bertig reported discussions centered on the following: (1) upgrades on lighting; (2) hot water storage; (3) pavement repair – getting quotes.

Homer-Center School Board Representatives to Outside Boards

Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit #28-Mr. Hayes reported on the following: (1) recalled nine (9) home visit students – a grant will provide services; (2) discussed employment changes.

Homer-Center Parks and Recreation-Mr. Smyers reported the Homer City Pool will open May 31st.

Indiana County Technology Center-Mrs. Smith reported on the following: (1) Dr. Koren will be the Superintendent of Record for the next two (2) years; (2) budget will be larger this year; (3) grants and guidance plan approved; (3) negotiations and the Business Manager position interviews continue.

Administration

Mr. Stofa reported on the following: (1) annual cook-out was held on May 8th; (2) Kindergarten Orientation was held May 9th with 47 students registered; (3) CDT testing will be May 14-17; (4) Spring Concert was held May 16th; (5) Field Day was May 17th (6) Sixth Grade Dance is May 24th; (7) Awards Day will be May 29th; Kindergarten Graduation and Sixth Grade Promotion is May 30th and last student day is May 31st.

Mr. Rainey reported on the following: (1) Commended his staff on their handling of the Keystone and AP Testing; (2) Senior Class went to NYC on April 20-21. The Sophomore Class will be going to Washington, D.C. on May 30th; (3) baseball and softball will participating in District 6 playoffs starting May 15th; (4) Baccalaureate will be May 20th with Graduation on May 31st.

Mrs. Genchur reported on the following: (1) RIF-May 7th the Spring RIF event was held. Twenty-two preschool students attended; (2) Summer Reading Opportunities – elementary students will once again have a summer reading contest. A brief assembly will be held on May 24th; (3) End of Year Assessment – underway currently in all grades in the elementary school. She noted they are very proud of the students and teachers for their hard work and growth this year.

Mr. Sutter reported on the following: (1) noted his staff is a little short-handed currently but they are busy with the end of the year programs and outside maintenance; (2) beginning June 4th all maintenance will be on daylight hours.

Faculty and Staff

Mrs. Adams noted that the HCEA Newsletter had been emailed and placed on line.

OLD BUSINESS FROM THE MAY 3, 2018 PLANNING MEETING-CONSENT ITEMS

On a J. Bertig/Smyers motion approved these consent items. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

Minutes of the April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting as noted in Appendix A.

Treasurer's Report and Cafeteria Cash Statement for April 30, 2018 as noted in Appendix B.

Approved bills for the general fund, cafeteria and capital reserve fund for May, 2018 as noted in Appendix C.

Business Manager's Items:

Interest earned during April 2018 amounted to \$6,269.44.

Approved the proposal from United States Fire Insurance Company for Student and Athletic Accident Insurance and Voluntary Student Accident Coverage for 2018-2019 school year at a premium of \$7,730.

Approved the proposal from Ace American Insurance Company to provide the District's Cyber, Privacy, and Network Security Liability Insurance for the 2018-2019 school year at a premium of \$4,269.

Accepted the proposal from Ronald C. McCrory, CPA, LLC, to perform the 2017-2018 fiscal year annual local audit at a fee of \$12,500 as noted in Appendix D.

Approved the following as depositories for school district funds for the following year:

- First Commonwealth Bank
- S&T Bank
- PLGIT (PA Local Government Investment Trust)
- PSDLAF (PA School District Liquid Asset Fund)

Renewed Tyco Simplex Grinell to provide elementary building fire alarm tests and inspections for 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019 at a cost of \$3,377.14 and elementary building fire alarm monitoring for 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019 at a cost of \$582.60 as noted in Appendix E.

Accepted a \$1,500 grant from California Casualty Thomas R. Brown Athletics Grant Award.

Superintendent's Items:

Personnel

Approved the following as summer student workers in the maintenance department averaging seven hours per day for 40 days at \$8.00/hr. (pending receipt of clearances): Alex Arone, Lane Potts, Colin Moore.

Approved Mr. Daniel Gennaro as an ARIN IU Guest Teacher retroactive to April 24, 2018.

Approved Mrs. Lori Thompson as the Jr. High Assistant Volleyball coach for 2018-19 season at the supplemental salary of \$1,451.00.

Education

Approved homebound instruction for a secondary student (Tracking #17-18-07).

Approved the candidates for graduation on May 31, 2018, pending the completion of the requirements of the Homer-Center School District, as noted in Appendix F.

Approved Mrs. Deanne Magolis to attend Text Dependent Analysis training at Allegheny Intermediate Unit on Sept, 25, Oct. 23, Dec. 4, 2018 and Jan. 24, 2019. Cost to the district is \$600 and one substitute for four days. Using the school van.

Approved Mrs. Laura Ramsey to attend the Visual Phonics conference at Penns Manor Elementary School retroactive to May 1-2, 2018. Cost to the district is \$60 and one substitute for two days.

Student Activities

Approved Mrs. Deanne Magolis, Mrs. Vicki Olinger and students to attend Clark Metal Products in Blairsville, PA on May 29 and May 30, 2018. There is no cost to the district as a grant will pay for transportation and substitutes.

Buildings and Grounds-No Report

Cafeteria-No Report

Policies

Adoption of revisions to Policy #209.1, 200 Pupils, Head Lice as noted in Appendix G.

Second reading and adoption of revisions of Policy #222, 200 Pupils, Tobacco/Nicotine Use as noted in Appendix H.

Transportation-No Report

Board of Directors

Accepted the resignation of Mr. Randy Thomas as a representative on the Parks and Recreation Committee effective immediately.

Approved 3 days per week for 3 weeks in July for the ABC's & Me Kindergarten Program.

Appointed Mr. James McLoughlin as board treasurer. His \$900 salary will be donated back to the District.

Appointed Mr. Robert Valyo as the assistant board treasurer.

Approved the August, 2018-December, 2018 Planning/Board/Building and Grounds/Academic Committee meeting dates as noted in Appendix I.

Appointed Mrs. Vicki Smith as a voting delegate for the PSBA 2018 Delegate Assembly during the October 17-19, 2018 Leadership Conference.

Approved the Letter of Agreement between ARIN IU 28 and the Homer-Center School District to provide the Driver Education Program Component Instruction for the 2018-2019 school year.

PULLED ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

The Board asked that the following agenda items be pulled from the consent agenda and be voted on separately:

Superintendent's Items

On a McLoughlin/Valyo motion accepted, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Mrs. Susan Snyder, elementary office secretarial aide, effective June 2, 2018. Voice vote; unanimous. Dr. Koren noted she is a valued and pleasant employee with 29 years of service. Mr. Stofa and Mrs. Genchur also gave their praises to her and noted she will be missed.

Board of Directors

On a Smyers/Fabin motion the 2018-2019 General Fund Proposed Final Budget of the Homer-Center School District in the amount of **\$16,951,036** with the following tax structure was brought to the Board:

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| Real Estate | 16.5091 mils (Amended to 17 mils) |
| Wage Tax | .9 percent |
| Real Estate Transfer | .5 percent |
| Local Services Tax | \$5.00 |

This budget will be displayed by May 21, 2018.

After discussion it was motioned by Mrs. Smith that the Real Estate mils be amended to read 17 mils. On a Smith/McLoughlin motion the Real Estate mils will be listed at 17 mils. Poll vote; motion carried 6-3. Voting no were Mr. Valyo, Mr. Smyers and Mr. M. Bertig.

President Bertig then called for a vote on the budget as amended to 17 mils. Poll vote; motion carried 5-4 with Mr. Smyers, Mr. Dellafiora, Mr. Valyo and Mr. M. Bertig voting no.

On a J. Bertig/Smyers motion and much discussion, Mr. J. Bertig motioned to table the following agenda item. Poll vote to table the motion passed 6-3. Voting no were Mrs. Smith, Mr. Smyers and Mr. M. Bertig.

The new start times for the High School and Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year as follows:

High School – First Bell 7:47 a.m.; Homeroom 7:52 a.m.; Student Dismissal 2:58 p.m.

Elementary School – First Class 9:02 a.m.; Student Dismissal 3:27 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS FROM THE MAY 3, 2018 PLANNING MEETING

NEW BUSINESS

On a McLoughlin/Hayes motion approved the following items in New Business. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Amy Stefan, cleaner, due to retirement, effective June 2, 2018.

Accepted \$2,620 Teaching Tolerance Educator Grant.

Approved homebound instruction for a secondary student (Tracking #17-18-08).

Approved Homer-Center School District to participate with the Intermediate Unit School District partners in the Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) program, and the approval allows for Homer-Center eligible students to participate in the program. ARIN IU 28 will administer this program and conduct activities.

Approved the agreement with Citizens' Ambulance Service at the cost of \$3,350.00 for the 2018-19 school year. This is a \$360.00 increase over last year.

Approved the Letter of Agreement between the Homer-Center School District and the Community Guidance Center for the 2018-19 school year.

On a Dellafiora/Valyo motion accepted the nomination of Mr. Michael Bertig to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Hayes/McLoughlin motion approved the Interagency Linkage Agreement between the Homer-Center School District and Family Psychological for the 2018-2019 school year. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Smyers/Dellafiora motion approved the Cooperative Agreement between the Homer-Center School District and Mount Aloysius College for dual enrollment for the 2018-19 school year. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a Dellafiora/McLoughlin motion, and after discussion, approved a child bearing leave for Hilary Hubbard for the 2018-19 volleyball season. Poll vote; motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Valyo voting no.

On a McLoughlin/Dellafiora motion approved Hope Fye as the interim Head Volleyball Coach for the 2018-19 season. Voice vote; unanimous.

OPEN DISCUSSION- None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Koren congratulated Logan Dellafiora on his recent victory in the primaries for the 62nd House of Representatives on the democratic ballot. He also commended him on his effort in taking on such huge responsibility. Mr. Fabin noted he had attended the choral and band concerts. He congratulated Mr. Stolarz and Miss Vranesevic on their good work with the 136 students involved in band and chorus at the Jr./Sr. High School. Mr. Dellafiora thanked the Board and community for all their support during the primaries. Mrs. Smith wished the faculty and staff a nice summer vacation and noted that PSBA is discussing prohibiting cross filing for Board Members. Mr. McLoughlin wished the teachers and staff a great summer. Mr. Hayes congratulated the administration and teachers on a successful school year. Mr. J. Bertig congratulated the baseball team and Mr. Dellafiora. Mr. M. Bertig wished everyone a happy summer. He also thanked Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Andrie for their years of service. He also noted that Mr. Greg Page did an admirable job as the Athletic Director and thanked him for his hard work. He has resigned his position as Athletic Director. He wished Mr. Stossel well in his new position. He also congratulated Mr. Dellafiora on his recent victory. Mr. Valyo and Mr. Smyers had no comments.

On a McLoughlin/Dellafiora motion the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous. Mr. M. Bertig then called an Executive Session for personnel matters with no votes being taken from 9:04-9:41 p.m.

Submitted for board approval,



Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

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Michael Bertig, President