



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748
Central Office Board Room
November 17, 2016

Members Present

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

Members Absent

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

School Administrators Present

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

Homer-Center Staff Present

Joseph Kotelnicki
Christina Bruno

Media Present

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

Visitors

Meghan Dressler and Family
James Clawson and Family
Nick George and Family
PTA Officers-Julie Arone, Krista
Dunn, Renee Kellerman

The Board held an executive session from 7:00-7:30 p.m. for contract reasons.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:33 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/Hayes motion approved the minutes from the October 20, 2016 Regular Meeting. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITOR COMMENTS-None

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. McLoughlin presented Nick George with his Kiwanis Senior of the Month Award. Mr. Rainey introduced Meghan Dressler as the Wildcat Recognition Award recipient for November and presented her with her certificate, bowling and ice skating passes. Mr. Stofa introduced James Clawson as the November Wildcat Recognition Award recipient. His teacher, Mr. Kotelnicki, spoke about Jimmy and all his accomplishments. Mr. Stofa presented him with his certificate, bowling and ice skating passes. Mrs. Smith presented all students with HC lapel pins to wear from the Board.

Mrs. Julie Arone, PTA President, spoke to the Board about upcoming events. She noted 163 students were signed up to attend the movie night this Friday. She also noted they are looking into a Carnegie Science Center Assembly and a new assembly called the NED Show. Further discussion regarding this assembly will be addressed with Mr. Stofa. There are currently 164 members in PTA.

Dr. Koren presented Mrs. Genchur with a certificate from PaTTAN for participation in their Special Education Continuing Education Program.

REPORTS

1. ARIN IU 28- Mrs. Rado reported on the following: (1) Mr. Tom Gluck from PA IU had bad news with the money; (2) the audit ended from June 30th; (3) the new security system is up and running; (4) will be using a solar farm to help with electric; (5) continue working on Mr. Wagner's contract.
2. ICTC-Mrs. Smith reported their next meeting is Tuesday. They are currently advertising for a new Business Manager or may be sharing services with ARIN IU 28.
3. Building and Grounds-Mr. J. Bertig noted there was nothing specific to report. Honing in on priorities and there will be more to share at a later date. Discussions still on-going regarding the sound system at the Memorial Field. No information yet on the playground grant.
4. Parks and Recreation –Mr. Smyers noted that they are winding down for the winter months.
5. Academic Committee –Mr. M. Bertig noted their next meeting will be Tuesday, November 22nd. They will be discussing grading.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. McLoughlin read the Treasurer's Report and Cafeteria Cash Statement for October 31, 2016. On a Fabin/Dellaflora motion, the reports were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

On a McLoughlin/J. Bertig motion the general fund, cafeteria and capital reserve fund bills for November, 2016 were approved for payment. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cessna reported that interest earned during October, 2016 amounted to \$1,175.02.

On a Dellafiora/Hayes motion approved Homer-Center School District's participation in the Western Pennsylvania Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Consortium through the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2016-2017 school year as noted in Appendix A. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a J. Bertig/Rado motion approved the Memorandum of Agreement with ARIN Intermediate Unit to provide School Based Access Program services for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year as noted in Appendix B. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PERSONNEL

Certified Personnel and Supplemental Personnel

On a Rado/Dellafiora motion approved the following: (1) Elizabeth "Betsy" Brown, RN, as a substitute nurse; (2) Shannen Snyder: Anthony McDonnel, Ryan Gross, Victoria Cotter; Sandra Scott, Kenton Scott, Chellise Stolarz and Louise Vranesevic as musicians for the high school musical. Voice vote; unanimous.

EDUCATION

On a McLoughlin/Fabin motion approved the following attendance at a conference: (1) Mr. Mark Pangonis to attend the 95th Annual PA State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Conference at Seven Springs in Champion, PA on December 1-2, 2016. Cost to the district is \$571 and one substitute for two days. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a J. Bertig/Dellafiora motion approved the following student field trips: (1) Ms. Christina Bruno and the Law Class to attend Magistrate Steffee's District Court retroactive to November 9, 2016. There was no cost to the district; (2) Mr. Charles Kirkland and FBLA students to attend the Indiana County Chamber of Commerce Annual Luncheon at the Kovalchick Complex in Indiana, PA on December 2, 2016. They are using the school van. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

On a McLoughlin/Rado motion approved the following use of building and grounds: (1) Mrs. Julie Arone and the PTA to use the Elementary Library, Music Room and two Classrooms for an afterschool movie night on Friday, November 18, 2016. There are no fees; (2) Mrs. Julie Arone and the PTA to use the Elementary Cafeteria/Gym on Friday, December 9, 2016 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. for set up, and again on Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for Breakfast with Santa. There are no fees; (3) Mr. Aaron Marshall and Evergreen Boys and Girls Club to hold Family Fun Night in the Elementary LGI on November 15, 2016 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Stall Training on December 12, 2016 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. All fees have been waived; (4) Mrs. Sherri Williams and the Class of 2024 to use the high school auditorium on December 16, 2016 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for rehearsal and December 17, 2016 from 4:30-10:00 p.m. using the cafeteria and auditorium for a dinner and talent show as a Fifth Grade Fundraiser. Consider waiving all rental and custodial fees; (5) Mrs. Sherri Williams and the Class of 2024 to use the elementary band room on November 29-30 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for auditions for the talent show. There are no fees; (6) Mr. Nick Arone and Mrs. Kristi Voyda from the Homer City Boosters to use the elementary gym/cafeteria beginning November 29, 2016-February 16, 2017 Mondays-Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. or 7:00-9:00 p.m. (depending on the high school practice times) for boys basketball; (7) Mr. Nick Arone and Mrs. Kristie Voyda from the Homer City Boosters to use the elementary gym/cafeteria on Saturdays beginning January 7, 2017 to February 4, 2017 for a basketball clinic for Grades K-2 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; (8) Mrs. Ruth Yatzkanic and TADD Club to hold a winter dance in the high school cafeteria on December 3, 2016 from 6:00-11:00 p.m. for a Grade 7-9 Jr. High Dance. There are no fees. Voice vote; unanimous.

CAFETERIA – No report at this time.

POLICIES

On a Fabin/Dellafiora motion adopted new School Board Policy #831, Operations, Electronic Signatures as noted in Appendix C. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

Informational-First reading of revised School Board Policy #214, Pupils, Class Rank as noted in Appendix D.

TRANSPORTATION

On a Hayes/Rado motion approved the following as spare bus drivers for the 2016-2017 school year: Mr. Ron Kelly, Mr. Karl Fisher, Mrs. Kayda Trout and Mrs. Anne Montgomery. Voice vote; unanimous.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Rado/Hayes motion approved the following: (1) Mrs. Vicki Smith as the ICTC Representative for a three year term effective December 2016-December, 2019. Mr. James

McLoughlin will serve as the alternate; (2) reappointed Mr. Gregory Cessna to the Indiana County Tax Collection Committee. Voice vote; unanimous.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa reported on the following: (1) the Playground Committee held a Fall Festival to raise funds for the new playground on Nov. 5th. \$5,210 was raised. The Playground Committee also received a grant from the Bork Foundation in the amount of \$5,000; (2) Students and staff traveled to the high school on Nov. 10th for the annual Veteran's Day Assembly; (3) He congratulated the football team on an excellent season.

Mr. Rainey reported on the following: (1) Anna Overman was named the Indiana-Franklin Masonic Lodge Student of the Month for October for school and community service, school activities, academics and attendance; (2) the musical Little Shop of Horrors will be Nov. 18, 19 and 20. Due to the football game, the Nov. 20th performance was moved; (3) Student Council is conducting their annual Basket of Love food drive for our local pantry. The high school goal is 1600 items; (4) Special thanks to Mario Luther and his team at Luther Ford Lincoln in Homer City. Homer-Center High School was presented a check for \$2,120 as part of the Drive 4 Ur School event this past August. Funds help support Prom activities and STEM initiatives; (5) Football team will play in the District 6 Class A Semi Final game Saturday, Nov. 19th against Portage at Memorial Field. Kickoff is at 7:00 p.m.; (6) Veterans Day Assembly – Mr. Rainey thanked Mrs. Yurky and students on a great job. He also thanked Mr. Hayes for participating; (7) The Homer-Center and Blairsville bands played together at last week's football game; (8) Keystone Testing will begin in December; (9) Heritage Conference Basketball Championships are set for February 10th at KCAC. There will be a media day November 30th for promotion.

Mrs. Genchur reported on the following: (1) The Elementary School had their first quarter SWPBIS assembly on Nov. 7th. During the first quarter there were 67 classroom rewards. Their next goal is to have 70 class rewards to earn a school wide assembly; (2) Elementary staff is being trained on Visual Phonics to promote literacy in younger grades; (3) the High School Special Education Department is working to build a partnership with Goodwill Industries and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to allow students of transition age to participate in Pre-Transition Employment Services such as Workplace Readiness Trainings, Job Shadowing and Work Based Learning Experiences.

Mr. J. Bertig asked Mr. Rainey the percentage of students that use cursive writing in our district. Some discussion followed.

Mr. Sutter reported on the following: (1) Meeting with the contractors or vendors for bids on projects for the Building and Grounds Committee; (2) water will be shut off after Saturday's football game at the Memorial Field. He and his staff are getting ready for snow plowing and salting for winter months.

REPORT OF HCEA PRESIDENT-Miss Christina Bruno

Miss Bruno noted that the Wildcat Tale was sent to the Board. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

REPORT OF HCESP PRESIDENT- Did not attend

REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Dellafiora had no report. Mr. Hayes wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mrs. Rado wished the football team and cast of the musical good luck. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mr. J. Bertig had no report. Mr. Fabin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mr. Smyers noted that Parks and Rec is still looking for a representative from Center Township to be on their Board. Mr. M. Bertig thanked Mr. Sutter for fixing the pictures in the Board Room. Mr. McLoughlin noted that the football field looks great and also noted how well the football team has done this year. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mrs. Smith noted that one of our former teachers, Mrs. Bev Pribicko, her daughter Ashley passed away. Her family is in our thoughts and prayers. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

On a Hayes/Dellafiora motion the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous. The Board went into Executive Session for personnel reasons.

Submitted for board approval;


Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

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Vicki Smith, Board President