



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

Members Present

Mr. Michael Bertig
Mr. Logan Dellafiora
Mr. Fred Hayes
Mrs. Julie Rado
Mr. Justin Smyers
Mrs. Vicki Smith

Members Absent

Mr. Gerald Bertig
Mr. Daniel Fabin
Mr. James McLoughlin

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
Christina Bruno
David King
Lisa Golec
Brad Adams
Jon Stolarz
Lisa Adams
Len Black

Media Present

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

Visitors

Chris Brewer & Jamie Doyle,
PFM
Laken Hill and Family
Lucas Hurd and Family
Patrick Andrei and Family
Emily, Karen & Adam Marshall,
Christina, Katie & Abbey Burgess,
Carrie George and other band
parents

The Board held an executive session from 7:00-7:29 p.m. for personnel reasons.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Homer-Center Mission Statement opened the meeting. Six members were present at roll call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a Hayes/Rado motion approved the minutes from the September 21, 2017 Regular Meeting. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITOR COMMENTS – None

At this time, Mr. Justin Smyers was called out on a fire department emergency call at 7:33 p.m. and left the meeting. Five members were left to comprise a quorum.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. Stofa introduced Mr. King who presented Lucas Hurd with his Wildcat Recognition Award for October, 2017. Mr. Rainey introduced Mrs. Adams who presented Patrick Andrei with his Wildcat Recognition Award for October, 2017. Mrs. Vicki Smith presented Laken Hill with her Kiwanis Senior of the Month Award. Mrs. Smith gave all recipients an HC lapel pin from the Board.

BOARD RECOGNITION

Dr. Koren presented PSBA Honor Roll Certificate to Mrs. Vicki Smith for her twenty years of service on the Board of Education and thanked her for her service.

REPORTS

1. ARIN IU 28- Mrs. Rado had no report as the meeting was cancelled.
2. ICTC- Mrs. Smith had no report as the meeting is next week and she was on vacation for the previous meeting. She noted enrollment was up and they are doing an evaluation of the electrical program to see if it should be brought back.
3. Building and Grounds- Meeting is at the end of September. Mr. Sutter noted that a tentative capital project list is forthcoming; aerated the fields; replacement of many light bulbs; he also noted it was he and Beth Genchur are celebrating their 3 year anniversary working for the district and a treat was in the district office kitchen for Board Members at the end of the meeting.
4. Parks and Recreation – No report
5. Academic Committee – Dr. Koren reported the committee discussed the following items: report cards; DW data; College Board and participation rate in AP Courses; Standards Based Quarterly Report; K-2 report card adjustments and also Gr. 3-6.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Michael Bertig read the Treasurer's Report for September 30, 2017 and Cafeteria Cash Statement for September 30, 2017. On a Dellafiora/Hayes motion, the reports were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

On a Dellaflora/Rado motion the general fund, cafeteria and capital reserve fund bills for October, 2017 were approved for payment. Poll vote; motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cessna reported that interest earned during September, 2017 amounted to \$877.82.

On a Hayes/Rado motion approved electricity supply Agreement of Constellation New Energy, Inc. for the period 12/5/2017 to 12/1/2021 as noted in Appendix A. Poll vote; motion carried 5-0.

At this time Mrs. Jamie Doyle and Mr. Chris Brewer presented information regarding the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2017 with the Board Members and handed out information to them and answered questions they had regarding the refinancing.

On a Dellaflora/Hayes motion adopted the resolution authorizing the incurring of non-electoral debt by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2017, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 to refund the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2012 and a portion of the General Obligation Note, Series of 2015 as noted in Appendix B. Poll vote; motion carried 5-0.

On a Rado/M. Bertig motion approved the Memorandum of Agreement with ARIN IU 28 to provide School Based Access Program services for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year as noted in Appendix C. Poll vote; motion carried 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PERSONNEL

Certified, Volunteers and Supplemental Personnel

On a M. Bertig/Dellaflora motion approved the following: (1) Elisa Bradshaw, Rebecca Hudak, Heather Hook, Tori Saxfield, Krista Schawl, Tyler Strini and Tyler Strong all as ARIN IU 28 Guest Teacher substitutes; (2) Kurt Krejocic as a volunteer baseball coach for the 2017-18 season; (3) Kye-Won Kopko as a volunteer choreographer for the high school musical; (4) Courtney Henry as acting Head Cheerleading Sponsor; (5) Taylor Palmer as acting Assistant Cheerleading Sponsor for the 2017-18 season. Poll vote; motion carried 5-0.

EDUCATION

On a Rado/Hayes motion approved the following attendance at conferences: (1) Mrs. Tanya Hirsch to attend the Visual Phonics See the Sound Training at ARIN IU 28 retroactive to September 28-29, 2017. Cost to the district was one substitute for two days; (2) Mrs. Tanya Hirsch to attend the Safety Care Initial Training at ARIN IU 28 retroactive to October 12 and October 16, 2017. Cost to the district was one substitute for two days; (3)

Mrs. Susan McLoughlin to attend the Food Service Conference & Commodity Show at Penn Stater Conference Center on November 7-8, 2017. Cost to the district is \$339; (4) Mrs. Suzanne Mateer to be a presenter at the PLO Conference in State College, PA on January 8-10, 2018. Cost to the district is one substitute for 3 days. All other costs paid for by the PIIC Program; (5) Mrs. Suzanne Mateer to attend the PLO Conference in State College, PA on May 14-16, 2018. Cost to the district is one substitute for 3 days. All other costs paid for by the PIIC Program; (6) Mr. Steven Hall to attend the Nearpod and Breakout Trainings at ARIN IU 28 on October 12 and October 25, 2017. Cost to the district is \$100 registration and one substitute for two days. Voice vote; unanimous.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a Dellafiora/Hayes motion approved the following student field trips: (1) Mrs. Kristin Curci and eight students to attend the Women in Manufacturing tour at the Advanced Technology Center in Mt. Pleasant, PA on October 20, 2017. Transportation costs will be reimbursed by the Westmoreland IU; (2) Second Grade to attend Nancy's Pumpkin Patch in Brush Valley, PA on October 23, 2017. There is no cost to the district. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

On a Dellafiora/Rado motion approved the following use of building and grounds: Mrs. Jen Ponish to conduct the Kai Hrabovsky Memorial Basketball Tournament on Saturday, May 19, 2018 in the high school gym from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. With Board approval, all fees will be waived. Voice vote; unanimous.

CAFETERIA – No Report

POLICIES –No Report

TRANSPORTATION

On a Dellafiora/Hayes motion approved the following as spare bus drivers for the 2017-18 school year: Heather Caufild, Denise Dunmire, Alan Griffin and Daryl McKendrick. Voice vote; unanimous.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Rado/M. Bertig motion granted tenure to Mrs. Lisa Golec, School Nurse, who has successfully completed three years of satisfactory work in our school district. Poll vote; motion carried 5-0.

On a Dellafiora/Rado motion opened the tabled motion from September 21, 2017 on the four year cycle of spring training trips for Softball. Voice vote; unanimous.

On a M. Bertig/Rado motion approved the revision to the cycle for band, chorus, baseball and softball for spring field trips to be every two years, with band and chorus on odd years; baseball and softball on even years. Poll vote; motion carried 5-0.

President Vicki Smith asked that the following items be added into the line item with (1) maximum of three instructional days missed; (2) funded solely by the group; (3) and that the eligibility requirements must be upheld. Therefore, the wording of the line item was reread by the Board Secretary as follows:

Consider providing a revision to the cycle for band, chorus, baseball and softball for spring field trips to be every two years, with band and chorus on odd years; baseball and softball on even years, with a maximum of three instructional days missed; to be solely funded by the group; and all eligibility requirements be upheld. On a M. Bertig/Hayes motion, the revised line item was Poll Voted; motion carried 5-0.

On a Dellaflora/Rado motion formally approved the Indoor Percussion and Color Guard. Voice vote; unanimous.

At this time, Dr. Koren shared with the Board the Homer-Center test scores and county and state comparisons by IDEX based on 10 peer, pre-selected districts based on enrollment and has shown growth on scores. The Homer-Center Elementary School Federal Program Title I School made High Progress Award Recognition.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa's reported on the following: (1) Thanked Mrs. Adams for the HCEA Wildcat Tale; (2) The Scholastic Book Fair was held on October 2-5, 2017 in the Elementary Library. Mr. Stofa thanked Mrs. Carolyn Sacco for all her hard work organizing this event; (3) Breakfast Book Club held their first meeting in the Elementary Library on October 10th; (4) PTA movie night was cancelled for October 20th; (5) Flu Shots will be provided to faculty and staff on October 25th; (6) last day of the first grading period was October 27th; (7) Halloween parade and parties will be held on October 27th. He invited all Board Members to attend; (8) Mr. Stofa thanked Mr. Fred Hayes for coming in to Kindergarten and reading to the students. They enjoyed it.

Mr. Rainey reported on the following: (1) He thanked Mrs. Adams for the Wildcat Tale; (2) Laura Root and Jon Stolarz hosted the Indiana County Chorus bringing 200 students to our high school. Mr. Rainey noted that you would not have known they were in the building they were so well behaved. The students represented their schools very well; (3) Veterans Day Assembly will be November 9th in the High School Gym. He commended Mrs. Christine Yurky and the Social Studies Committee on doing an excellent job organizing this event. The assembly is for all grades K-12. It begins at 9:30 a.m.; (4) Academic Luncheon was held on October 18th. Mr. Fabian will be conducting the final remarks with the Guest Speaker as Mr. Brad Adams. 200 students qualified for this year's luncheon. Mr. Rainey thanked Mrs. Erin Collins for all her hard work and organization of this event; (5) District 6 Playoffs – we will be hosting one game with a bye week next week. West Pac Game will also will be hosting; (6) Congratulated Mrs. Lisa Golec on her tenure and thanked her for all her hard work; (7) Noted that Jordan Alsop will begin work tomorrow. He thanked Cody Stewart for coming in on such short notice and

substituting for Mr. Alsop while we awaited his employment. Mr. Stewart did an excellent job; (8) At the next Planning Meeting Mr. Rainey would like to discuss with the Board a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Program – handouts will be made available at the meeting. He would like to start this at the high school for any interested athletes.

Mrs. Genchur reported on the following: (1) Project MAX – This will expand into the second year of the project in Mrs. Misko’s Life Skills classroom. The team will meet four times over the course of the school year; (2) Hiram G. Andrews Field Trip – Six high school students attended the Career and Transition Fair at Hiram G. Andrews in Johnstown, PA on October 12th. This is a beneficial program for many students with special needs who are seeking postsecondary education opportunities; (3) School Climate – The committee met on October 10th to finalize questions that will be part of our survey this fall. Teachers, students, parents, and community members will be involved this year. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Sutter had nothing else to add to his earlier comments. He reminded the Board that there was dessert in the kitchen following the meeting.

REPORT OF HCEA REPRESENTATIVE – Mrs. Adams

Mrs. Adams noted it was Boss’s Day and she thanked them for what they do every day for the teachers.

REPORT OF HCESP REPRESENTATIVE- Mr. Black

Mr. Black congratulated Lisa Golec on her tenure and Ed and Beth on their anniversary of three years. He also thanked the Board for all they do for the students and staff.

REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Hayes congratulated Mrs. Golec on tenure and noted how wonderful the Wildcat Tales was and thanked Mrs. Adams for doing such a great job. He noted he read to Kindergarten students in Mrs. Hirsch’s classroom, along with Mrs. Rado the instructional aide. It was a phenomenal time – the students were well behaved and he was impressed with the instruction of the teacher and the students. He read a fireman book and an activity followed. Mrs. Rado congratulated Mrs. Golec and thanked Mrs. Adams for the Wildcat Tale. She also congratulated Mr. Sutter and Mrs. Genchur. She noted to Mr. Stolarz who was in attendance how wonderful the band was sounding at football games. Mrs. Smith also congratulated Mrs. Golec, Mr. Sutter and Mrs. Adams and thanked the Board for taking over for her while she was on vacation last month. Mr. Dellafiora and Mr. M. Bertig had no reports.

On a Hayes/Dellafiora motion the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,



Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

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Vicki Smith, President