



Date: January 24, 2012

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Linda Battin, Luke Morenus, Scott Ochs (6:10), Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan, Kim Sharpe, Nicole Sprouse and Martin Sweeney

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent Ruscio, Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn, Director of Business and Finance Hearton, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Guests

President Sharpe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks-**Mrs. Sharpe welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence-**None provided.
- **Update to Agenda-**There were no updates to the agenda.

Community Voices

- Mr. Charles Borgognoni, CNYSBA Executive Director, introduced himself, explained his goals for the Central New York School Board Association and also encouraged Board members to attend the upcoming Legislative Breakfast on February 4, 2012 at Cincinnatus School.

(Mr. Ochs entered the meeting)

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sprouse, that the Clerk's minutes of the January 10, 2012 regular meeting be approved as amended. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Morenus)

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio offered kudos to this year's Scholastic Art Awards winners. Homer had numerous students honored for their outstanding work. Homer was also recognized with a plaque from the CNY Scholastic Art Council for the district's continued support of the art program.
- **Correspondence-**None provided.

Postvention Plan

- Mrs. O'Callaghan and Mr. Steedle presented a Postvention Plan, a five day crisis plan to be used in the event of a district emergency.

Tax Video and Budget Update

- A video was shared showing a student speaking as to why "upstate" students matter.
- Mr. Hearton presented the 2012-13 budget information now that the Governor's state aid proposal has been released.

Old Business

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the following policies for 2nd Reading/Final approval: (Board Notes Item B)

- Policy 5400-Purchasing
- Policy 5500-Accounting of Funds

Motion by Battin, seconded by Morenus, to *Table* Policy 5400-Purchasing until further information is clarified.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	1	(Apker)

Motion by Battin, seconded by Morenus, to approve Policy 5500, Accounting of Funds for 2nd Reading/Final approval.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action
Reports on Special Education

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the Reports from the Committee of Special Education dated January 3, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12, 2012 and amendments dated January 3, 5 and 10, 2012. (Board Notes Item C)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Budget Guidelines

Motion by Battin, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the 2012-13 Budget Guidelines: (Board Notes Item D)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Class of 2012 Field Trip Request

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the field trip request from Ms. Latten and Ms. Renner to take the Class of 2012 to Hershey Park for their Senior Trip on June 1, 2012: (Board Notes Item E)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Winterguard Field Trip Requests

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the field trip request from Mr. Spalding to take the Winterguard students to South Brunswick, NJ from March 23-25, 2012 and to Dayton, OH from April 11-15, 2012 for competitions: (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

FFA Field Trip Requests

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Sprouse, that the Board approve the field trip requests from Mrs. Pratt to take several FFA members to Albany on February 6-7, 2012 to participate in the Governmental Awareness Conference and also to Syracuse on January 28-29, 2012 to attend the FFA 360 Conference: (Board Notes Item G) (The Board gave conditional approval on the Albany trip, pending further information. The Syracuse trip was approved.)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Personnel

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Pedrick, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Ruscio, the following personnel items be approved:

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Instructional:

Approve the Employment Addendum for the Superintendent of Schools effective January 18, 2012.

Approve the Employment Contract for Robert Harris to be appointed as an interim Director of Special Education effective January 24, 2012 through June 30, 2012 as outlined in the contract dated January 24, 2012.

Approve the appointment of Nancy S. Ruscio, Superintendent of Schools, as Deputy Treasurer effective May 17, 2011 through June 30, 2012 and authorizes the Deputy Treasurer, in absence of the Treasurer, to act as signatory on checks for payroll, trust and agency, general fund, federal and cafeteria accounts and pre-payment of utilities.

Approve the appointment of Tiffany Tompkins-Solan to continue as a Long-term Substitute Spanish Teacher through February 29, 2012.

Approve the following CSE Parent Representatives 2011-12 school year:

Marybeth Mathey
Jeffrey Bush
Lucia Bush

Approve the following Practicum Students for the spring term:

Elementary
Christopher Scagnelli with Shari Powers

Approve the following Student Trainer from SUNY Cortland for the spring term:

Daniel Rodriguez with Joseph Davies

Approve the following Volunteers for the 2011-12 school year:

Intermediate
Rita Armideo

Appoint the following people as Instructional Substitutes for the 2011-12 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Dawn Bishop	Teaching Assistant
Laura Finkbeiner	Fine Arts
Kyle Lumpkin	P.E.
Megan Shirey	P.E.

Non-Instructional:

Approve the following as Non-Instructional Substitutes for the 2011-12 school year:

Bonnie Brenchley-Food Service Worker
Laura Finkbeiner-Aide

Public Budget Input-7:00 PM

- There was no public input.

Informational Items

- **State Educational Grant Award Update**-Good news from Senator Seward regarding the state educational grant for our district was shared.
- **OCM Board of Education Position**-A discussion took place on the upcoming vacant Board seat at OCM BOCES. Mr. Brady addressed the Board and noted the importance of having a representative from our area.
- **“Math Exploration” Grant Award**- Mr. Edelman has been awarded a mini-grant from SUNY Cortland in the amount of \$1,500 for his “Math Explorations” proposal.
- **FFA Letter**-A letter from the NYS FFA President was provided.

- **Energy Performance Contracting**-Information on Energy Performance Contracting was shared.
- **Lacrosse Helmets**-Mr. Hearton updated the Board on the status of the district's lacrosse helmets. Mr. Hearton will be attending the next booster club meeting in February to discuss this purchase.
- **Strategic Planning Workgroups**-Four groups are currently being formed, *Community Partnerships, Teaching and Learning, Stewardship* and *Student Life*. The first meeting for all the groups is February 1, 2012 at 3:45 PM in the Intermediate School Cafeteria.
- **Open Meeting Law Changes**-Superintendent Ruscio shared a copy of the *School Law Matters* newsletter and discussed the changes to the open meetings law.
- **School Calendar**-The 2012-13 district calendar is on hold due to the proposed changes in the regents testing for next year.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-The Audit Committee met with the internal auditor's on January 18th and discussed the District's Risk Assessment. They agreed to meet at the end of February to determine a plan after the final Risk Assessment is completed.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-The next policy meeting is on February 2nd at 7:30 AM.
- *Community Relations*-The Community Relations Committee will be meeting with business leaders in the near future.

District Committee Reports

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-No report.
- *Health Advisory*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *APPR*-The APPR committee met on January 18th and noted that they are continuing planning of the APPR requirements. It was also noted that the Post Standard recently printed an article indicating that the only two districts that are ahead of the curve on APPR requirements are Homer and Jamesville-DeWitt.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-The C-Tag Committee is currently working on solutions for E-Readers.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Sweeney noted that Mr. Pedrick, Mr. Morenus and himself attended the recent Superintendent's Forum. Mr. Sweeney indicated that there was a nice cross-section of individuals at the meeting.
- Mrs. Apker had the pleasure of dining with the Intermediate School students and emphasized how polite and courteous the students are while eating their lunch. She noted that they play games and are very proud of their recycling program.
- Mr. Pedrick offered his appreciation to the maintenance staff for their support in the fundraising efforts for the High School Parents Org. After Prom Party Committee.

Upcoming Events

- *January*
 - 31-Early Dismissal/Staff Curriculum Session
- *February*
 - 3-4-HS Area All-State
 - 4-CNYSBA Legislative Breakfast
 - 10-HT Parent Visitation Day
 - 14-Budget Work Session
 - 15-Bus Driver Appreciation Day
 - 20-24-Break
 - 28-Budget Work Session

Closing Remarks

- Superintendent Ruscio noted that it is mid-term week and that the first day of testing went well. The first School Messenger test also appears to be a success.

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:00 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments, promotions and negotiations.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 9:05 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Ochs, seconded by Pedrick, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	