



Date: March 20, 2012

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Linda Battin, Luke Morenus, Scott Ochs, 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 6:30 PM

Executive Session

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks-**Mrs. Sharpe welcomed the group and held a Moment of Silence for Patrick Young. Mrs. Sharpe also offered thanks to the administration, staff, students and the surrounding districts for all the support after the loss of Mr. Young.
- **Correspondence-**None provided.
- **Update to Agenda-**There were no updates to the agenda.

Community Voices

- Mr. Nasiatka and Mrs. Carboine along with several of the High School Bowling Team members thanked the Board for creating and funding the team.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Clerk's minutes of the March 6, 2012 regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio echoed Mrs. Sharpe's comments, thanking all those mentioned as well as the Crisis Teams for their endless efforts during the loss of Mr. Young.
 - The following students were honored and presented with a Certificate of Excellence for their recent accomplishments:
Devon Drake-Youth of the Year
Collin Lake-Youth of the Year Nominee
Max Randolph-Youth of the Year Nominee (not present)
 - Ms. Jones addressed the Board, presenting a project that she recently was a speaker for at Cornell University.
- **Correspondence-**None provided.

Schooltool

- Mr. Finn presented Schooltool, a proposed new student information system.

Budget Update

- Superintendent Ruscio presented the 2012-13 Preliminary Budget.
- Director of Business and Finance Hearton discussed the District’s Fund Balance as well as the Fund Balance projection.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Reports on Special Education

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Apker, that the Board approve the Reports from the Committee of Special Education dated February 16, 27 and March 12, 2012. (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Resolution for Fiber Optic Services

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Ochs, that the Board approve the Resolution between the District and OCM BOCES for Fiber Optic Services: (Board Notes Item C)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

OCM BOCES Board Member Nomination

Motion by Ochs, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the Nomination of William Pedrick for Membership to the OCM BOCES Board of Education: (Board Notes Item D)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Agreement with McGraw Central School District

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the Agreement between the District and the McGraw Central School District to share the services of an ESL Teacher: (Board Notes Item E)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Hartnett Parent Donation

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Ochs, that the Board accept the donation from Dennis Aleba (Hartnett Parent) to the Hartnett Student Council: (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Policies for 1st Reading

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the following Policies for 1st Reading: (Board Notes Item G)

- **Policy 5633-Pest Management and Pesticide Use**
- **Policy 5740-School Bus Safety Program**
- **Policy 5750-Qualifications of Bus Drivers**
- **Policy 6140-Employee Medical Examinations**
- **Policy 6160-Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel**
- **Policy 6161-Sexual Harassment of District Personnel**

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Personnel

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Instructional:

Approve the Resignation, for **Retirement** purposes of those participating per the Homer Teachers' Association Contract for the following Teachers, effective June 30, 2012. Their resignation should be accepted with an appropriate letter of appreciation for their many years of service to the district.

Intermediate

Maria Greenfield-Grade 6

Junior High

Gary Selover-AIS

Approve the **Agreement** between the District and the Homer Teachers' Association from July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013.

Approve the attached list of **Graduate Credits** as per contract.

Accept the resignation from **Kathryn Palm** from her position as Teaching Assistant effective June 30, 2012.

Approve the appointment of **Karen Lang** to the position of Acting Principal effective March 9, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Approve the appointment of **Tiffany Tompkins-Solan** to continue as a Long-term Substitute Spanish Teacher through April 19, 2012.

Approve the appointment of **Daniel' Fish** to the position of Long-term Substitute Librarian effective October 17, 2011.

Approve the following as **Mentors** for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year:

Mark Bertram (mentoring Jessica Tarry)

Billi Gizzi (mentoring Colleen Crisell)

Approve the following **Practicum Student**:

Daniel Bertoni with Jeremy Cook and Geoff Sorenson

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Katie Corbett	Elem. Ed.
Tricia DiFulvio	Math
Russell Saladin, Jr.	Elem. Ed.

Non-Instructional:

Approve the Resignation, for **Retirement** purposes from the following Non-Instructional Staff Members effective June 30, 2012:

Intermediate

Suzanne Schmitz-School Nurse

Informational Items

- **OCM BOCES Annual Meeting**-The OCM BOCES Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4th at the Irvin E. Henry Campus in Syracuse.
- **CNYSBA Roundtable**-Information from Charles Borgognoni regarding a CNYSBA program on March 28th was shared.
- **Town Meeting-Helping a Community with Loss** (April 4th at 6:30 PM at Bonne Auditorium)
- **Junior High Student Council Event**-The JH Student Council is planning a "lockdown" for April 20th for 7th and 8th grade students.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-The Audit Committee recently met with the Internal Auditor’s and discussed the findings of the recent audit. The group agreed to audit the payroll functions of the district as their standard test for this year’s internal audit.
- *Budget & Finance*-The Budget and Finance Committee recently met and reviewed the budget and fund balance of the district.
- *Policy*-The Policy Committee will be reviewing several policies in the next couple of months.
- *Community Relations*-Mrs. Sprouse offered kudos to Superintendent Ruscio for keeping up with the ever changing technology that our children are now very proficient in.

District Committee Reports

(It was noted that no district committee’s have met in the last two weeks as a result of the recent loss of one of our students)

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*
- *Health Advisory*
- *Safety*
- *APPR*
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Pedrick offered kudos to all that were involved with the High School Musical. He also attended a strategic planning work session.
- Mr. Sweeney attended the High School Musical and noted that the talent was incredible and the choreography was outstanding. He also attended the Dryden Community Forum.
- Mrs. Apker attended both the Junior High and High School Musicals as well as a Shared Decision Making meeting at the Elementary School. She also thanked Mr. Falls for his leadership in bringing the “Bullyproof Your Child for Life” presentation to the district on Friday, March 23, 2012 at 7:30 PM at Bonne Auditorium.

Upcoming Events

- *March*
- 19-20-All County Band
- 22-All District Instrumental Concert
- 23-*Bullyproof your Child for Life* (7:30 PM at Bonne Auditorium)
- 24-NYSSMA Solo Festival
- 28-All District Vocal Concert
- 30-All County Elem. & HS Jazz Band
- 31-HS Cabaret Night
- *April*
- 6-Good Friday
- 9-13-Spring Recess
- 17-19-Grades 3-8 ELA Exams
- 25-27-Grades 3-8 Math Exams
- 26-HES 2nd Grade Play

Closing Remarks

- Superintendent Ruscio again thanked the staff, administration and students at each of the district’s five buildings for all they have done during our recent loss.

Executive Session

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Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 9:27 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Ochs, seconded by Sweeney, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:29 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	