



**Date:** May 8, 2012

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Place:** Homer High School

**Members Present:** Sonia Apker, Linda Battin, Luke Morenus, Scott Ochs, David Quinlan, Kim Sharpe, Nicole Sprouse and Martin Sweeney

**Members Absent:** Bill Pedrick

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:03 PM.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

#### **Public Hearing 2012-13 Proposed Budget**

- Superintendent Ruscio presented the 2012-13 proposed budget.

#### **Public Hearing Policy 8264-Children's Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/Safety**

- Superintendent Ruscio highlighted Policy 8264-Children's Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/Safety.

#### **President's Comments**

- **Remarks-**Mrs. Sharpe welcomed the group and noted that it is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. She stated that the Board is very aware of the work that is being asked of the staff as all the new mandates unfold and that the Board is *very* appreciative of all that the staff does for our students.
- **Correspondence-**None provided.
- **Update to Agenda-**It was noted that there were two addendums to the agenda.

#### **Community Voices**

- None heard.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Battin, seconded by Sweeney, that the Clerk's minutes of the April 23, 2012 regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Superintendent’s Report**

• **Remarks:**

- Superintendent Ruscio thanked the Board members for volunteering their time in each building spreading good cheer to staff during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week.
- Superintendent Ruscio also recognized the efforts of Bernie Zolla with a gift of flowers for her efforts in providing technical set-up and support for each of the budget presentations.

- **Correspondence**-None provided.

**Blue Pride**

- Each building principal highlighted various student achievements as well as current and upcoming events throughout their buildings.

**Old Business**

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

- Policy 6162-Staff-Student Relations (Fraternization)
- Policy 6170-Equal Employment Opportunity
- Policy 6180-Disciplining of Tenured Teachers or Certified Personnel
- Policy 6190-Safety of Students (Fingerprinting Clearance of New Hires)
- Policy 6200-Certification and Qualifications
- Policy 6221-Conference/Travel Expense Reimbursement
- Policy 6222-Professional Certification: 175 Hours of Professional Development
- Policy 6500-Health Insurance
- Policy 6550-Leaves of Absence
- Policy 6551-Family and Medical Leave Act
- Policy 6552-Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)/Military Leaves of Absence
- Policy 6560-Employment of Retired Persons
- Policy 6600-Timekeeping and Overtime Practices
- Policy 8310-Selection of School Library Materials

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**New Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

**Warrants and Claims Auditors Report**

Motion by Battin, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the following Warrants: (Board Notes Item C)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Warrants**

T and A	\$2,728,056.67
General March #1	\$ 468,530.34
General March #2	\$ 49,981.53
Federal March #1	\$ 4,444.74
Federal March #2	\$ 3,385.04
Capital March #1	\$ 4,800.00
School Lunch March #1	\$ 29,880.15
General April #1	\$ 489,874.34
Federal April #1	\$ 1,684.20
School Lunch April #1	\$ 48,616.49

**Treasurer’s Report**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Battin, that the Board approve the following Treasurers’ Reports: (Board Notes Item D)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Treasurers' Reports**

General Fund	March
Capital Fund	March
School Lunch	March
Trust & Agency	March
Federal Fund	March
Workers' Compensation	March
Payroll	March
Extra-classroom Activity Fund	March

**Investment Summary/Attendance Report:** No action required.  
(Board Notes Item E)

**Budget Status Report/Revenue Status Report:** No action required.  
(Board Notes Item F)

**Reports on Special Education**

Motion by Apker, seconded by Ochs, that the Board approve the Reports from the Committee of Special Education dated February 3, 8, 10, March 26, 27, 29, April 2, 19, 20, 24, 25 and 27, 2012.  
(Board Notes Item G)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the following Policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: (Board Notes Item H)

- Policy 8264-Children's Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/Safety
- Policy 8290-Animals in the School (Instructional Purposes)
- Policy 8330-Textbooks/Workbooks/Calculators/Instructional Computer Hardware
- Policy 8420-Independent Study
- Policy 8460-Home Instruction (Home Schooling)
- Policy 8500-Children with Disabilities
- Policy 8504-Prereferral Intervention Strategies in General Education (Prior to a referral for Special Education)
- Policy 8505-Least Restrictive Environment
- Policy 8510-Students with Disabilities Participating in School district Programs
- Policy 8511-Program Accessibility/Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Policy 8520-Appointment and Training of Committee on Special Education (CSE)/Subcommittee on Special Education Members
- Policy 8521-Appointment and Training of Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) Members
- Policy 8530-Student Individualized Education Program (IEP): Development and Provision
- Policy 8532-Transition Services
- Policy 8535-Use of Time Out Rooms
- Policy 8550-Parent Involvement for Children with Disabilities
- Policy 8560-Impartial due Process Hearings/Selection of Impartial Hearing Officers
- Policy 8590-Credential Options for Students with Disabilities

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Personnel**

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

### **Instructional:**

Approve the unpaid leave request from **Erica Stark** from April 20, 2012 through June 30, 2012 for medical reasons.

Approve the following as **Driver Education Teachers** for Summer 2012 Program:

**Lynne Renner**  
**Randi Patterson**  
**Dan Twentyman**

Approve the **Agreement** between the Homer Central School District and the Homer School Aides/Assistants Association as attached.

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Certification/Degree Area</u></b>
<b>James Boyce</b>	History
<b>Tomi Jacobs-Ziobro</b>	Arts

### **Non-Instructional:**

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

**Katrina Allen-Nurse**  
**Ricky Horne-Cleaner**  
**Ashley Johnson-Cleaner**

### **Informational Items**

- **Statement from Senator Seward**-A statement from Senator Seward regarding Governor Cuomo's establishment of the New NY Education Reform Commission was provided.
- **APPR Review Process Memo from Commissioner King**-A memo from Commissioner King regarding the APPR process was discussed.
- **CollegeNow Credits Earned**-A list of our students who have received numerous college credits was highlighted.
- **PRIDE Youth Development Survey**-Information regarding the PRIDE Youth Development Survey was discussed. The Board agreed to implement the survey starting in the fall of 2012.
- **OCM BOCES Memo**-A meeting has been scheduled by the BOCES Board of Education to discuss the Election Procedures that have guided the election process of BOCES Board members for the past 27 years.
- **June End of Year Schedule**-As a result of meeting the 180 student day rule, the last full day of school for students in grades K-8 will now be on Tuesday, June 19, 2012.

### **Board Committee Reports**

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-The Policy Committee is continuing their audit of all the district policies and plan to have the audit completed in June.
- *Community Relations*-No report.

### **District Committee Reports**

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-No report.
- *Health Advisory*-Mr. Van Etten noted that the group is eager to participate in future youth drug and alcohol surveys. He also noted that the group has been updating the Wellness Policy.
- *Safety*-The next meeting is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- *APPR*-The Committee is finalizing the APPR Plan and will be bringing the revised Plan to the Board of Education for approval at the May 22, 2012 meeting.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.

### **Board Member Activities**

- Mr. Quinlan attended the Imagination Celebration.
- Mrs. Sharpe thanked those involved with the Prom planning and noted what a positive experience it was for all the kids.
- Mrs. Sprouse provided kudos for the innovative programs in the High School, including the health class where students provide care for a baby.

- Mr. Sweeney attended the K-6 and the 7-12 Imagination Celebrations and noted what an impressive “feeder” program the art program has. He also attended the celebration for the Top 10% students and said that it is “amazing what the district is turning out.” Mr. Sweeney also said he had a very pleasant experience meeting with the bus drivers during staff appreciation day.
- Ms. Battin provided kudos to Mr. Van Etten for multi-tasking numerous situations at once during his amazingly busy day. She noted what a pleasure it was to meet with the High School Staff for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day.

**Upcoming Events**

*May*

- 8-Public Budget Hearing
- 11-12-HS Shakespearian Society Play
- 15-Budget Vote (Music Building)
- 15-JH Concert
- 17-HS Instrumental Concert
- 18-HES-Grandparent’s Day
- 18- Grade 5 & 6 Musical
- 23-Grade 5 & 6 Concert
- 24-HS Vocal Concert
- 28-No School (Memorial Day)
- 29-Music Boosters Award Ceremony
- 30-HIS 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert
- 30-Senior Banquet
- 31-HS Honors/Awards Ceremony

*June*

- 1-HS Jr./Sr. Picnics
- 1-HES and HT-Kindergarten Visitation Day
- 4-HIS-Adventure in Arts
- 5-All-County Elementary Chorus at Cincinnatus
- 5-Parade Band at Dairy Parade
- 6-HIS 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert
- 8-HT School Play
- 8-HES Grandparent’s Day
- 9-Parade Band at Fireman’s Parade
- 11 & 12-HS-Art & Design Expo
- 12-HS-Board of Education Retirement Reception
- 13-21-HS Regents
- 18-HIS Grade 6 Recognition Night
- 19-HT-Grade 6 Recognition Night
- 19-Last Day of Classes for Students
- 22-HS-Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
- 23-Graduation
- 26-HS Board of Education Meeting

**Closing Remarks**

- There were no closing remarks.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Battin, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments and negotiations.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 9:00PM.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Ochs, seconded by Morenus, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:01PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	