



**Date:** May 22, 2012

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Place:** Homer High School

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

**Members Absent:** Bill Pedrick and Kim Sharpe

**Others Present:** Superintendent Ruscio, Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn, Director of Business and Finance Hearton, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Newly Elected Board Member Randy Weatherby and Guests

Vice President Apker 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.

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

Returned from Executive Session at 7:01PM.

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

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

- **Remarks-**Mrs. Apker welcomed the group and congratulated Randy Weatherby on winning a Board seat and noted that he will be a guest at Board meetings until he takes his *Oath of Allegiance* in July.
- **Correspondence-**Vice President Apker did not have any correspondence. Mr. Ochs noted that he received a parent letter that he forwarded to President Sharpe.
- **Update to Agenda-**There were no updates to the agenda.

#### **Community Voices**

- None heard.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Battin, that the Clerk's minutes of the May 8, 2012 regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

#### **Superintendent's Report**

- **Remarks:**
  - Superintendent Ruscio thanked the community for their support on the budget and bus propositions. Dave Quinlan, Kim Sharpe and Randy Weatherby were also congratulated on winning Board seats.
  - Ms. Ruscio also announced Tracy Durkee as being the Cortland Rotary Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Durkee exemplifies the Rotary motto of "Service above self." Congratulations Tracy!
- **Correspondence-**None provided.

#### **Building Use Process Presentation**

- Director of Business and Finance Hearton updated the group on a new electronic system for building use requests.

**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 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

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**New Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

**Acceptance of 2012 Budget/Election Results**

Motion by Battin, seconded by Sprouse, that the Board accept the 2012 Budget/Election results: (Board Notes Item C)

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**Reports on Special Education**

Motion by Ochs, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the Reports from the Committee of Special Education dated February 9, 2012, April 2, 3, 2012, May 2, 3, 7, 9, and 10, 2012. (Board Notes Item D)

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**Summer Bus Use Requests**

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the Summer Bus Use requests from the Preble children’s Center, the YWCA of Cortland and the Town of Scott Recreation Department. (Board Notes Item E)

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| Yes | 7 | 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 F)

- Policy 7211-Diagnostic Screening of Students
- Policy 7220-Entitlement to Attend-Age & Residency
- Policy 7270-Education of Homeless Children & Youth
- Policy 7330-Graduation Requirements
- Policy 7360-Student Records: Access & Challenge

- Policy 7413-Bullying in the Schools
- Policy 7420-Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs & Other Substances
- Policy 7440-Searches & Interrogations of Students
- Policy 7471-Students Presumed to have a Disability for Discipline Purposes
- Policy 7520-Sports & the Athletic Program
- Policy 7601-Immunization of Students
- Policy 7602-Student Physicals
- Policy 7603-Administration of Medication
- Policy 7621-Sexual Harassment (Students)
- Policy 7640-Student Health Records
- Policy 7670-Notification of Sex Offenders

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**Personnel**

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

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

**Instructional:**

Accept the resignation for retirement purposes from **Patricia O’Hara**, Teaching Assistant effective July 1, 2012.

Approve the change in date for **Audrey Fairchild**, Guidance Counselor, allowing her to return from her unpaid leave of absence on June 11, 2012.

Approve the attached **2012 Summer School** appointments.

Approve the following **Coaching** appointments for the Fall 2012 Season:

**Football**

- Varsity-Gary Podsiedlik
- Assistant Varsity-Thomas Cottrell
- Assistant Varsity-James Whidden and Michael DiMattei
- Head Junior Varsity-George Schneider
- Assistant Junior Varsity-Geoffrey Sorenson
- Head Junior High-Mark Ferrito
- Assistant Junior High-John McGrath

**Cheerleading**

- Head Coach-Heather Rogers

**Field Hockey**

- Varsity-Ellen Garrett
- Junior Varsity-Kori Buhr
- Junior High-Jessica Benz

**Tennis**

- Varsity-Nancy Cavellier

**Boy’s Soccer**

- Varsity-David Shiffman
- Junior Varsity-Chad Totman
- Junior High-Kevin Douglass

**Girl’s Soccer**

- Varsity-James Baranello
- Junior Varsity-Gina Herzbrun
- Junior High-Christine Colasurdo

**Cross Country**  
Varsity-James Baldwin  
Junior High-Paula Jones and Tammy Stokoe

**Golf**  
Varsity-Sean Malone

Approve the appointment of the following as **Psychology Interns** for the 2012-13 school year:  
**Jamison Drab**, M. Ed.  
**Laura Ann Miller**, M.S.

Approve the following **Student Teachers** for the fall 2012 term:

*High School*  
Katie Bickford with Cara McLaughlin

*Elementary School*  
Lindsey Grey with John Edleman  
Beth Hulslander with Jenn Berthelot  
Morgan Osborne with Sue Urban

*Intermediate School*  
Samantha Katz with Jon Kirkwyland

**Non-Instructional:**

Approve the termination of **Mary Kelly** from her position of Cleaner effective May 23, 2012.

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

**Bonnie Felix**-Food Service Worker  
**Michelle Fox**-Food Service Worker  
**Tamara Roberson**-Bus Driver

**Informational Items**

- **2012-13 Board Meeting Schedule**-A draft meeting schedule for the 2012-13 school year was reviewed. It will be brought to the Board on June 12, 2012 for approval.
- **What's Trending? Flyer**-The Cortland Prevention Resources agency is hosting a Town Meeting on What's Trending? The flyer for the event was provided.
- **Chaperone Guidelines**-Proposed Chaperone Guidelines were discussed.
- **Softball Dugouts**-Superintendent Ruscio updated the Board on a proposal for Softball Dugouts.
- **Financial Risk Assessment**-The Financial Risk Assessment of the district was provided.

**Board Committee Reports**

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2012 at 5:30 PM.
- *Policy*-The Policy Committee hopes to finish their review/audit in June.
- *Community Relations*-No report.

**District Committee Reports**

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-No report.
- *Health Advisory*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2012.

**Board Member Activities**

- Mrs. Sprouse provided a copy of the magazine Seattle Getaways and noted that Homer graduate Rebecca Chernow was highlighted for her art work in the article *Glass Now Art*.
- Mrs. Apker has attended several JH, JV and Varsity baseball games and noted what a big-hit the Varsity players made on the younger players when they stopped at the Little League field and engaged with the baseball players. The demonstration of being role models for our younger students was very much appreciated. Mrs. Apker also attended the HS Instrumental Concert.

- Mr. Sweeney attended a recent Homer Business Association meeting that was hosted by the district. He noted that there was a nice exchange between business leaders and district administrators in regards to challenges schools and businesses are facing.
- Mr. Ochs mentioned that he has heard nothing but positive feedback on the location of this year's budget vote and hoped that the location is the same in the future.

**Upcoming Events**

*May*

- 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 Cincinnati
- 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-JH Awards
- 19-Last Day of Classes for Students
- 22-HS-Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
- 23-Graduation
- 26-HS Board of Education Meeting

**Closing Remarks**

- Superintendent Ruscio noted what a busy time of year it is and thanked staff for all their efforts with the numerous end of year activities.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:02 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

Returned from Executive Session at 8:55 PM.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sprouse, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:56 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |

Returned from Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Battin, seconded by Sprouse, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:01 PM.

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No  | 0 |                |