



Date: August 28, 2012

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Linda Battin, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, Kim Sharpe, Nicole Sprouse and Randy Weatherby

Members Absent: David Quinlan and Martin Sweeney

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

President Apker called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

Executive Session

Motion by Battin, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:34 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:04 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks-**Mrs. Apker welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence-**None provided.
- **Update to Agenda-**It was noted that there is an addendum to the agenda.

Community Voices

- None heard.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Clerk's minutes of the June 12, 2012 regular meeting be approved as updated. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Motion by Battin, seconded by Pedrick, that the Clerk's minutes of the August 14, 2012 regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent's Report

- **Student Accomplishments:** Drew and Julia Gustafson presented their 2012 science fair projects. The two were recognized with certificates for being named semi-finalists in the National Science Fair Competition. Congratulations to Drew and Julia!
- **Remarks:** There were no remarks.
- **Correspondence:** None provided.

2012 Summer School

- Mr. Moore updated the Board on the 2012 Summer School curriculum and results.

Grade 3-8 ELA & Math Results

- Mr. Turck, Mrs. Falls and Ms. Llewellyn presented and discussed the results of the ELA and Math State Tests for grades 3-8.

Old Business

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

- Policy 7522-Concussion Management with Addendum
- Policy 5400-Purchasing
- Policy 5611-Accounting of Fixed Assets
- Policy 7440-Searches and Interrogations of Students
- Policy 7550-Dignity for All Students Act

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Warrants

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

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants

T and A	\$3,477,117.99
General June #1	\$ 574,972.90
General June #2 and 3	\$ 175,398.36
Capital Fund June #1	\$ 7,950.70
School Lunch June #1	\$ 48,798.93
Federal June #1	\$ 19,638.13
Federal June #2	\$ 19,941.58

Treasurer’s Report

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

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Treasurers’ Reports

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

Investment Summary: No action required. (Board Notes Item E)

Reports on Special Education

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the Reports from the Committee of Special Education dated March 20, 21 26, May 1, 8, 9, 16, 23, June 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, July 11, August 1, 2, 3 and 5, 2012. (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Tax Levy/Collection Period

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the 2012-13 Tax Levy/Collection Period. (Board Notes Item G)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Tax Certiorari Reserve

Motion by Battin, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the following two Resolutions: (Board Notes Item H)

RESOLUTION ONE

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Homer Central School District created a 2011 Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund which, at that time, the Board of Education deemed might be necessary to anticipated judgments and claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings; and Whereas funds must be returned to the General Fund if they are not used for tax certiorari proceedings for the tax roll in the specific year they were deposited and/or will not reasonably be required to pay a tax certiorari refund related to such proceedings; and Whereas, the remaining balance of the 2011 Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund is Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000); and Whereas One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) in the 2011 Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund were not used for tax certiorari proceedings for the 2011 tax roll, the specific year they were deposited, and/or will not reasonably be required to pay a tax certiorari refund related to such proceedings; Now therefore be it resolved that One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the 2011 Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund shall be returned to the General Fund.

RESOLUTION TWO

Whereas the Homer Central School District Board of Education is authorized to create a tax certiorari reserve fund to pay for judgments and claims resulting from tax certiorari proceedings under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law; and Whereas, the Homer Central School District Board of Education deems that One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) may be necessary to anticipated judgments and claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings; Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Homer Central School District Board of Education authorizes the creation of a 2012 Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars, the amount the Board of Education deems might be necessary to anticipated judgments and claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings.

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Textbook Disposal

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the Disposal of Textbooks as proposed. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Franciska Racker Agreement

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the Agreement with the Franciska Racker Center for rental of classrooms as amended. (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

College Now Credit Course Approval

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the addition of Spanish 201 and Spanish 202 as College Now Credit Courses for the 2012-13 school year. (Board Notes Item K)

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

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

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Accept the letter of resignation from **Jennifer Hull** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective September 1, 2012.

Approve the change in appointment for **Tiffany Tompkins-Solan** from a .25 Foreign Language Teacher to a .40 Foreign Language Teacher effective September 1, 2012.

Approve the appointment of **Carrie Whitney** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Health Tenure area to begin September 1, 2012, to be completed August 31, 2015 at a salary per contract. Ms. Whitney has Initial Certification in Health Education effective September 1, 2010.

Approve the appointment of **Carrie Whitney** to the position of Health Coordinator for the 2012-13 school year.

Approve the appointment of **Michael Gimblette** to the position of Graduate Assistant for the 2012-13 school year.

Accept the resignation from **David Magin** from his position of Teaching Assistant effective August 15, 2012.

Approve the appointment of **Janel Burhans** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 1, 2012, to be completed August 31, 2015 at a salary per contract. Ms. Burhans has Level 1 Certification as a Teaching Assistant effective February 1, 2011.

Approve the appointment of **Jenny Clark** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 1, 2012, to be completed August 31, 2015 at a salary per contract. Ms. Clark has Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2009.

Approve the appointment of **Carla Hickey** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 1, 2012, to be completed August 31, 2015 at a salary per contract. Ms. Hickey has Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2012.

Approve the appointment of **Kurt Kleefeld** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 1, 2012, to be completed August 31, 2015 at a salary per contract. Mr. Kleefeld has Initial Certification in School Building Leader effective February 1, 2009.

Approve the following **Co-Curricular** positions for the 2012-13 school year:

Hartnett

Christina Hartnett-Student Council

Alison Maestro and Karen Keefe-Hartnett Play

Junior High

Colleen Crisell and Deborah Kutz-Student Council

Approve the attached list of **Ithaca College Volunteers** for the 2012-13 school year.

Approve the attached list of people as **Returning Instructional Substitutes** for the 2012-13 school year.

Appoint the following people as **Instructional Substitutes** for the 2012-13 school year:

Name

Kirstin Barnoski

Certification/Degree Area

Special Education

Non-Instructional:

Approve the creation of a **Bus Aide** position.

Approve the appointment of **Angela Blake** to the position of Bus Aide effective September 4, 2012.

Approve the appointment of **Elizabeth Daniels** to the position of Bus Driver effective September 4, 2012.

Approve the appointment of **Heidi Adams** to the position of Bus Driver effective September 4, 2012.

Accept the letter of resignation from **Miguel Campos** from his position of cleaner effective September 7, 2012.

Approve the following people as **Returning Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2012-13 school year:

Food Service Workers

Mary Caughey
Barbara Chace
Kathleen O'Connell
Kelly Randolph
Bonnie Felix
Michelle Fox

Cleaners

Billi Brush
Natasha Fox
Ricky Horne
Billi Jo Robbins
Sally Ripley
Carrie Metcalf
Julie Fuerherm
Zach Randolph
Roger Rawson
Wendy Mead
Tammy Vancise
Erin Vieou
Carolyn Riley
Brycen Dunn
Ashley Johnson

Tradesman

James Wainman
Stewart Contento

Approve the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2012-13 school year:

Nancy Barrows-Food Service Worker
Duane Little-Bus Driver
Steven Ray-Cleaner

Informational Items

- **APPR Update**-Superintendent Ruscio updated the Board on the recent changes to the District's APPR Plan.
- **DOT Recognition**-A letter from the Department of Transportation regarding recognition of our mechanics was shared.
- **NYSSBA Membership**-Superintendent Ruscio discussed a "Special Offer" for membership from the NYS School Boards Association.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-Ms. Battin thanked Mr. Hearton for his presentation at the "Budget Boot Camp."
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-The Policy Committee met on August 24th and continues to review district policies.
- *Community Relations*-No report.

District Committee Reports

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-No report.
- *Health Advisory*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *APPR*-Superintendent Ruscio advised the group that she has been actively working on the APPR Plan tweaking it per the State Education Department.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Pedrick attended an OCM BOCES Board meeting and Retreat as well as the “Budget Boot Camp.”

Upcoming Events

- August*
- 30-Opening Varsity Football Game vs. Cortland
- September*
- 4-Staff Development Day
- 5-First Day of School
- 10-Elem. Kindergarten Parent Night
- 13-Int./JH Grade 6-8 Open House
- 17-Elem. Grade 1 Open House
- 19-Elem. Grade 2 Parent Night
- 20-Int. Grade 3-5 Open House
- 28-Homecoming Parade & Football Game

Closing Remarks

- Superintendent Ruscio thanked the entire Administrative Team as well as all the Staff for their preparation for the upcoming school year. She noted that the busses and buildings are ready thanks to the very dedicated staff who work so hard during the summer to prepare.

Executive Session

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:26 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Battin, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	