



Date: September 11, 2012

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Linda Battin, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan, Kim Sharpe (7:04), Nicole Sprouse, Martin Sweeney and Randy Weatherby

Members Absent: None

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

New Employee Reception

- A reception was held for all new staff of the District. Superintendent Ruscio introduced staff to the Board indicating where they went to school and/or previously worked.

President Apker called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks-**Mrs. Apker welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence-**There was no correspondence provided however President Apker noted that she had a call from a community member who would like information on *Box Tops* included is one of the District's future mailings.
- **Updates to Agenda-**There were no updates to the agenda.

Community Voices

None heard.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Clerk's minutes of the August 28, 2012 regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Sweeney)

(Mrs. Sharpe entered the meeting-7:04 PM)

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio said that the opening of the 2012-13 school year is off to a great start.
- **Correspondence:**
 - A draft of the first Trojan Messenger paper of the year was passed for Board members to see.

Opening Day Presentations

The following reported on the Opening Day in their building and/or department:

- High School-Mr. Van Etten
- Junior High-Mr. Turck
- Intermediate School-Mrs. Falls
- Elementary School-Mr. Falls
- Hartnett Elementary-Ms. Harris
- Special Education-Mr. Harris
- Athletics-Mr. Carboine

- Transportation-Mr. Paquette
- Buildings & Grounds-Mr. Updyke
- Food Service-Mr. Hearton
- Technology-Mr. Finn

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 B)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Warrants

T and A	\$847,286.54
General Fund A #1 July	\$ 10,311.15
General Fund A #2 July	\$266,091.03
School Lunch C #1 July	\$ 11,539.26
Federal Fund F #1 July	\$ 22,458.03
Federal Fund F #2 July	\$ 10,201.13

Treasurer’s Report

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

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Treasurers’ Reports

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

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

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

Reports on Special Education

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the Reports from the Committee of Special Education dated August 15, 27, 28 and 31, 2012 and amendments dated May 3 and 4, 2012.
(Board Notes Item F)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Disposal of Textbooks

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Sprouse, that the Board approve the list of textbooks at Hartnett Elementary to be disposed of. (Board Notes Item G)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Executive Session

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 7:37 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Returned from Executive Session at 8:22 PM.

Personnel

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

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Accept the resignation from **Lindsay Hauser** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective August 31, 2012.

Approve the appointment of **Jason Moore** 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. Moore has Initial Certification in Physical Education effective February 1, 2012.

Approve the following **Co-curricular/Advisors** appointments:
Tiffany Solan, Carrie Whitney, Nancy McLaughlin-Yearbook
Tracy Durkee and Lauren Rozzoni-THANCS Advisors
Janine Giordano and Chris Buttino-YMCA Youth and Government Advisors

Approve the following **Student Teachers** for the fall term:
Intermediate School
Richard Martini with Lisa Ryan

Approve the following as **Practicum Students** for the fall term:
Intermediate School
Michael McLoughlin with Jon Kirkwyland
Nicole Kellogg with Karen Exelby
Adrienne Falco with Laurie Leach
Tricia Silliman with Stacy Brown

Approve the following as **Volunteers** for the 2012-13 school year:
Athletics
Dustin Morris-Football
David Podsiedlik-Football
Ryan Bilodeau-Girl's Soccer

Hartnett Elementary
Naomi Burda
Carrie & John Ryan
Lydia Aris-Brown
Meghan Gilbert
Jennifer Gilfilian
Murial Hurd
Stephanie Baldwin
Julie West
Kari St. John
Claire Smith
Karlie Songer
Tracey & Neal O'Donnell
Judy Stoddard
Katie Dwyer
Suzanne Case
Crystal Lyman
Jennifer & Trent McCall
Bethany Herman

Kara Hapgood
Nadene Thomas
Janette Vogel
Renea McNeil
Angie White

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
John A. Natoli, Jr.	Math
Ashley Gilbert	Spec. Ed.

Non-Instructional:

Accept the resignation from **Elizabeth Daniels** from her position of Bus Aide effective August 29, 2012.

Approve the appointment of **Ashley Johnson** to the position of Cleaner effective September 12, 2012.

Approve the following as **Fitness Center Supervisors** for the 2012-13 school year:

Kate Lewis
Michael Carboine, Jr.

Informational Items

- **Board of Education 2012-13 Presentation Schedule**-A list of Board presentations for the 2012-13 school year was provided.
- **High School Fundraising Events**-Fundraising activities in the High School were shared.
- **NYSSBA Membership**-A discussion was held on becoming a member of NYSSBA. The group reviewed the new information provided by Superintendent Ruscio and decided not to pursue membership.
- **Turf Field Impact Testing Results**-Mr. Hearton updated the Board on the results of the tests recently performed on the turf field. The testing is referred to as GMAX testing, which rates the hardness of the turf. It was determined that the turf is aging at a slow pace and that it is considered in good shape.
- **Strategic Planning Task Forces**-Superintendent Ruscio discussed the various task forces that Board members, staff and community members can join. Board members indicated which groups they would like to join.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report. The next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for September 18th at 6:00 PM.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-No report.
- *Community Relations*-Mrs. Sprouse said she would like to see one or more Board members at the Superintendent Forums. ***The Forums are all in room 58 of the High School on the following dates: October 6, 2012 at 9:30 AM, January 16, 2013 at 6:30 PM and March 9, 2013 at 9:00 AM.***

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)*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Quinlan attended a conference in Albany regarding the Governor's history initiative called "Path through History." Mr. Sweeney also attended the District's Opening Day presentations.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the OCM BOCES New Staff Orientation Day as well as Homer's Opening Day program and a CNYSBA President's Roundtable meeting.

- Mrs. Apker said the feedback she is hearing regarding Opening Day is very positive. Mrs. Apker attended the In-coming 9th Graders meeting as well as several JV and Varsity Football games. She also noted that several Varsity Football Players along with Coach Podsiedlik once again this year took the time to assist the Coaches at a football practice for the Homer Youth Football Program.
- Mrs. Sprouse attended the Opening Day Program and said the speakers were excellent.
- Mrs. Sharpe was a speaker for the Opening Day presentations.

Upcoming Events

- *September*
- 13-Int./JH Grade 6-8 Open House
- 14-Athletic Hall of Fame Induction
- 17-Elem. Grade 1 Parent Night
- 19-Elem. Grade 2 Parent Night
- 20-Int. Grade 3-5 Open House
- 26-Early Release Day
- 28-Homecoming Parade and Football Game
- *October*
- 2-Grade 3-8 Science IOWA Testing
- 3-Grade 3-8 Social Studies IOWA Testing
- 3-HS Open House
- 4-Hartnett Open House
- 5-15 Minute Early Release Drill
- 6-Superintendent’s Forum
- 8-Columbus Day/No School
- 9-Staff Development Day/No School for Students
- 11-Elem. Open House
- 25-Int.-Parent visitation Day
- 31-Early Release Day

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Adjournment

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Battin, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:49PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	