



Date: December 11, 2012

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer Intermediate School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Linda Battin, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan, Kim Sharpe, 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

President Apker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Executive Session

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

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Returned from Executive Session at 6:57 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

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

Community Voices

- A group of students and parents addressed the Board on their desire to have Calculus 2 offered for the 2013-14 school year.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Clerk's minutes of the November 27, 2012 regular meeting and the December 4, 2012-special meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio noted that is a wonderful time of year and that she hopes folks can attend one or more of the holiday concerts.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio provided copies of the Special Holiday Trojan Messenger Edition.

Intermediate Highlight

- Ms. Mack along with several of her 5th grade students presented the use of iPads in the classroom. Students did an interactive presentation which highlighted their clear understanding and showed how iPads are an excellent tool for the classroom.

Old Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Policies for 2nd/Final Reading

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

- Policy 5671-Health and Wellness

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

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

- Policy 7232-Attendance Zones for K-6

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| Yes | 9 | 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)

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Warrants

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| Warrant T and A | \$2,038,090.29 |
| General Oct #1 | \$ 96,237.11 |
| General Oct #2 | \$ 640,349.67 |
| School Lunch Oct #1 | \$ 34,510.53 |
| Federal Fund Oct #1 | \$ 525.90 |
| Federal Fund Oct #2 | \$ 20,022.09 |
| Capital Fund Oct #1 | \$ 2,600.00 |

Treasurer’s Report

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

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Treasurers’ Reports

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

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 Sweeney, seconded by Sprouse, that the Board approve the Reports from the Committee of Special Education dated October 29, November 20, 26, 28, 29, December 3 and 4, 2012 and amendments dated November 14 and December 4, 2012. (Board Notes Item G)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Post Issuance Compliance Resolution

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

WHEREAS, the Homer Central School District (the "District") periodically issues its tax-exempt bonds and notes to finance, in part, the cost of its activities; and

WHEREAS, upon the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, the District has certain post-issuance responsibilities under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill such responsibilities, the District intends hereby to undertake certain practices and procedures to create and maintain a comprehensive record retention system that will cause compliance with all applicable post-issuance responsibilities under the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and.

WHEREAS, the District is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"), and

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Education as follows:

Section 1. The District hereby determines that the adoption of this Resolution constitutes a Type II Action pursuant to subsections (8), (20) and (27) of Part 617.5(c) of the Regulations and as such is not subject to review under SEQRA.

Section 2. The form and substance of the Post Issuance Compliance Manual presented at this meeting, including the practices and procedures set forth therein, are hereby approved.

Section 3. The officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the District to do all acts and things required or provided for by any of the provisions of the Post Issuance Compliance Manual, and to execute and deliver all additional certificates, instruments and documents identified in the Post Issuance Compliance Manual, and to do all other acts as may be necessary, or in the opinion of the officer or employee, desirable or proper to effectuate the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Post Issuance Compliance Manual. None of the officers, employees or agents of the District, however, shall have any personal liability under the Post Issuance Compliance Manual.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

403b Plan Resolution

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the resolution to amend the 403b retirement plan modifying its current plan language to be in compliance with the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Tax Relief Act of 2008 and the Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2008. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

FFA Field Trip Requests

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Sprouse, that the Board approve the two field trip requests from Kathy Pratt to take her FFA students to Syracuse from January 26-27, 2013 to attend an FFA event and to Long Pond, NY from March 8-10, 2013 to attend a District 7 Winter Weekend Event. (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Surplus Items

Motion by Battin, seconded by Sprouse, that the Board approve the items declared excess as outlined by Mr. Hearton. (Board Notes Item K)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Acceptance of Donation-Bread for Schools Run

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board accept the donation in the amount of \$165.00 from the Bread for Schools Run Corp. (Board Notes Item L)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Acceptance of Donation-Mac Grant

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board accept the donation in the amount of \$372 as a result of the Mac Grant obtained by Jeanne Stevens. (Board Notes Item M)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Rental Agreement-Cortland Sports Complex

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the Rental Agreement between the District and the Cortland Sports Complex Inc. for the Cortland Homer Golden Eagles use during the 2012-13 school year. (Board Notes Item N)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

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

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 1 (Weatherby)

Instructional:

Approve the appointment of **Kate Buttino** to the position Long Term Substitute as a High School English Teacher effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 or until Mrs. Drakes's return. Mrs. Buttino has her Initial Certification in ELA 7-12 effective September 1, 2008. Mrs. Buttino is filling in for Ms. Drake during her extended leave.

Approve the Creation of an **Assistant Coach for Indoor Track**.

Approve the appointment of **Jeremy Cook** to the position of Varsity Assistant Indoor Track Coach.

Approve the following as **Volunteers** for the 2012-13 school year:

Athletic
Ashley Wirges-Indoor Track

Elementary
Brenda Brown
Doreen Fagerheim
Doreen Park

Hartnett Elementary
Patrick (PJ) Dwyer

Approve the following as **Fitness Center Supervisors:**
Kimberly Carboine

Non-Instructional:

Accept the resignation from **Rosemary Phillips** from her position of Bus Driver effective December 15, 2012.

Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2012-13 school year:
Rosemary Phillips-Bus Driver
Natalie Castor-Cleaner

Informational Items

- **High School Fundraising Activity**-Information was provided by Mr. Van Etten of various High School fundraising activities.
- **School Tax Collection Proposal**-Superintendent Ruscio discussed an alternate way for the community to pay their school taxes.
- **Regional Summer School Report**-BOCES provided a summary report of the 2012 summer school session.
- **Strategic Plan Updates**-Summaries from the various task forces within the District were shared.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-The group met on December 4th and discussed the Post Issuance Compliance service along with tax collection payment possibilities for the community and district expenses to date.
- *Policy*-Mr. Sweeney noted that the policy is on-line and it is functioning great.
- *Community Relations*-No report.

District Committee Reports

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-Ms. Llewellyn said the group met on November 29th and are currently working on an electronic survey to staff for topics of interest to assist in planning for the February 15 and March 13 staff development days.
- *Health Advisory*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-A sub-committee met to begin putting together a curriculum writing and review cycle for the next 5 years.
- *Facilities*-Mr. Hearton said the next meeting is on December 17th.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Morenus attended the High School Instrumental Concert and noted that the students did a wonderful job.
- Mrs. Sharpe attended the Hartnett Concert and said the band did an excellent job and also attended a Hartnett basketball game where there are 18 kids on the 6th grade team.
- Mrs. Apker attended the Intermediate School Math Night and said the SUNY Cortland students did a fantastic job with their presentations that were all interactive with students.
- Mr. Pedrick attended a CNYSBA roundtable meeting, Director's meeting and a School Financing Symposium, two Grade Configuration Task Force meetings, a Strategic Planning Team meeting, and the High School Instrumental Concert.

Upcoming Events

December

4-IN Grade 3 Holiday Concert

5-HT Winter Concert

6-HS Instrumental Concert

7-Christmas on the Green

11-Board of Education

12-IN Grade 5 & 6 Holiday Concert

13-HS Vocal Concert
18-JH Holiday Concert
24-31 Holiday Recess/No School

January

1-New Year's Day-No School
2-Classes Resume
8-Board of Education
16-Superintendent's Forum
21-Martin Luther King Day-No School
22-Board of Education/Public Budget Hearing
23-JH 8th Grade Parent Night
28-Early Release-Half Day of School

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Adjournment

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sprouse, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 PM.

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| Yes | 9 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |