



**Date:** January 22, 2013

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Place:** Homer High 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 6:00 PM

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

### **President's Comments**

- **Remarks-**Mrs. Apker welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence-**None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda-**There were no updates to the agenda.

### **Community Voices**

- None heard.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Battin, that the Clerk's minutes of the January 8, 2013 regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

### **Superintendent's Report**

- **Remarks:**
  - The Art Department and Students were recognized for their accomplishments in the Scholastic Art Competition.
  - Kudos were offered to the Elementary SCA for bringing the famous Harlem Wizards to Homer as a fundraiser as well as a wonderful community event.
  - Superintendent Ruscio updated the group on her recent Commissioner's Advisory Council meeting in Albany.
  - Superintendent Ruscio also highlighted the recent Superintendent's Forum along with a discussion on the Governor's budget proposal.
- **Correspondence:**
  - There was no correspondence.

### **Raptorware Presentation**

- Mr. Finn presented Raptorware, a security system that several neighboring schools are currently using or considering using. Superintendent Ruscio said she is going to initiate the installation.

### **Budget Presentation (Gap, Debt Service, Salary, Tax Cap)**

- Superintendent Ruscio and Mr. Hearton reviewed the budget to date, inclusive of salary, benefits, debt service and the tax cap predictions.

**New Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

**Reports on Special Education**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the Reports from the Committee of Special Education dated January 8, 2013. (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Environmental Outdoor Education Club Field Trip Request**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the request from Mr. Nasiatka and Mr. Graves to take several students to New York City on April 22, 2013 to visit various sites throughout the city. (Board Notes Item C)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Winterguard Field Trip Requests**

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the two field trip requests from Mr. Spalding to take the Winterguard students to Kingston , RI from March 22-24, 2013 and to Dayton, OH from April 10-14, 2013 to perform/compete. (Board Notes Item D)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Personnel**

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Instructional:**

Approve the leave of absence request from **Jennifer Greenfield** following her post partum disability period through June 21, 2013. Mrs. Greenfield has a due date of April 2013.

Approve the following **Co-curricular Positions** for the 2012-13 school year:

Justin Brodeur-Grade 8 Musical Assistant Director  
Val Cleland-High School Drama, House Manager/Box Office

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

*Athletics*  
Kevin Ayer-Varsity Ice Hockey

*Elementary School*  
Lisa Hage  
Barb Leonard

Approve the following **Practicum Students:**

*Elementary School*  
Rachel Kolod with Julie Burhans  
Carrie Blanchard with Julie Burhans  
Caitlin Sweeney with Jennifer Berthelot  
Erica Lee with Jennifer Berthelot  
Meagan Taylor with Pamela Tuttle  
Megan LaMantia with Pamela Tuttle  
Jessica Vennard with Pamela Tuttle  
Jaclyn Yonta with John Edelman  
Tyler Engels with John Edelman  
Chelsie Becker with John Edelman

*Intermediate School*  
Ashley Ingrassia with Katie Totman  
Allison Campos with Katie Totman  
Siobhan Brady with Laurie Leach  
Krysta Gillespie with Lisa Ryan

Rachel Orrico with Lisa Ryan  
Kristin Barrett with Colleen Redenback  
Shannon McKinney with Jonathan Kirkwyland  
Nathaniel Miller with Jonathan Kirkwyland  
Nicole Krause with Jonathan Kirkwyland  
Christopher Nazario with Jonathan Kirkwyland  
Kayla Gross with Jonathan Kirkwyland  
Marilyn Scribner with Jonathan Kirkwyland  
Lauren Hecht with Tracy Durkee  
Megan Regueiro with Tracy Durkee  
Amanda Kratz with Jacquelyn Lingurovski  
Kelly Rathbun with Karen Exelby  
Brittany Stallwood with Karen Exelby  
Chelsea Gelman with Karen Exelby

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

**Michael Trendowski**

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Certification/Degree Area</u></b>
<b>Andrew Dionne</b>	Elem. Ed.
<b>Renee Keane</b>	English
<b>Mary Jo Mashlykin</b>	Social Studies
<b>Allyssa Platts</b>	Math
<b>Andrew Stein</b>	Social Studies
<b>Emily Wethje</b>	Elem. Ed.

**Non-Instructional:**

Accept the letter of resignation from **Edward Graves** from his position of Bus Driver effective January 30, 2013.

Accept the letter of resignation from **Tammy VanCise** from her position of Food Service Worker effective January 18, 2013.

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

**Heather Howell-Nurse**

**Informational Items**

- **High School Fundraising Activity**-Updated information provided by Mr. Van Etten was shared.
- **2012-13 BOCES Services**-The "Snapshot" of BOCES services for Homer was discussed.
- **NY Post Article**-An article was provided for information purposes regarding potentially lower test scores as a result of the tougher standards.

**Board Committee Reports**

- *Audit*-Next meeting: February 7, 2013 at 6:00 PM in room 59 of the High School.
- *Budget & Finance*-Next meeting: February 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM in room 59 of the High School.
- *Policy*-Next meeting: February 4, 2013 at 4:00 PM in room 59 of the High School.
- *Community Relations*-No report.

**District Committee Reports**

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-No report.
- *Health Advisory*-Ms. Llewellyn updated the Board on the recent Health Advisory meeting. One project the group is working on is a Health and Wellness Day for staff.
- *Safety*-The installation of Raptorware will proceed.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-Ms. Llewellyn mentioned highlights from the recent Instructional Leadership meeting.

- *Facilities*-No report.

**Board Member Activities**

- Mr. Sweeney attended the Superintendent Forum and noted that there was ample time for the community to speak.
- Mr. Pedrick attended a CNYSBA Director’s Meeting, the Superintendent’s Forum and an OCM BOCES Board meeting.
- Mrs. Apker attended the All-County Vocal Concert where Homer was once again very well represented.

**Upcoming Events**

*January*

- 22-Board of Education/Public Budget Hearing
- 23-JH 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night
- 26-CNYSBA Advocacy Workshop
- 28-Early Release-Half Day of School

*February*

- 1-2-HS Area All-State
- 1-2-Winterfest
- 2-HEF Volleyball Tournament
- 8-9-JH Musical
- 12-Board of Education
- 13-Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 15- Early Release-Half Day of School
- 18-22-President’s Day/Winter Recess
- 26-Board of Education
- 28-Int. Science Fair

**Closing Remarks**

- There were no closing remarks.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Public Budget Input**

- The Board received public input on the 2013-14 district budget.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 7:38 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 9:32 PM.