



Date: February 26, 2013

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School

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

Members Absent: David Quinlan

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 Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments and negotiations.

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Returned from Executive Session at 7:01 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 Morenus, seconded by Sweeney, that the Clerk's minutes of the February 12, 2013 regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio announced that the last round of interviews for the Director of Special Education will be held on March 6, 2013.
- **Correspondence:**
 - A copy of the OCM BOCES initial budget was passed for Board members to review.

Blue Pride

- Each principal highlighted activities and events happening within their buildings.

Grade Configuration Presentation

- Principal Turck, Principal S. Falls and Community Member Kevin Thompson, along with several members of the Grade Configuration Committee, presented their recommendations after several months of researching various possibilities for the district. Recommendation *one* includes putting the Intermediate 6th grade onto the Junior High time schedule. Recommendation *two* includes adjusting the K-12 transportation schedule allowing for more instructional time throughout the day.
- The Board determined that a Public Hearing will be held on March 12, 2013 during its regularly scheduled Board meeting regarding this topic. This will give the community an opportunity to learn more about the Grade Configuration options as well as provide input to the Board for consideration.

Budget Presentation (Transportation and Operations & Maintenance)

- Mr. Hearnton, Mr. Paquette and Mr. Updyke presented their proposed budgets for the 2013-14 school year.

Old Business

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

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the following policies for 2nd Reading/Final approval *except* for Policy 5400-Purchasing which will be modified and brought to the Board on March 12, 2013 for final approval:

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

- Policy 5100-Budget Planning & Development
- Policy 5110-School District Budget Hearing
- Policy 5120-Budget Adoption
- Policy 5140-Contingency Budget
- *Policy 5400-Purchasing (removing for further review)*
- Policy 5500-Accounting of Funds
- Policy 5650-Smoking/Tobacco Use
- Policy 7440-Searches & Interrogations of Students
- Policy 8590-Credential Options for Students with Disabilities

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

2013-14 District Calendar

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the 2013-14 District Calendar. (Board Notes Item B)

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

High School Field Trip Request

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the request from Mr. Nasiatka and Mr. Graves to take several students to Highland Forest from June 1-2, 2013 for an outdoor event. (Board Notes Item C)

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Personnel

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

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Instructional:

Approve the appointment of **Erica Sherman** to the position Long-term Substitute Elementary Teacher effective October 23, 2012 through June 21, 2013 or upon the return of Martine McNerney.

Approve the following **Practicum Students**:

Elementary School

Danielle Fenner with Jennifer Berthelot
Anthony Johnston with Bethann Fischer (CAPCO)

Intermediate School

Ashley Green with Karen Shirley
Casondra Hagin with Jeanne Stevens
Molly Shepherd with Joy Barrett

Junior High

Victoria Guaragno with Lori Anderson
Chelsea Backus with Chris DiFulvio
Timothy Morris with Justin Brodeur
Molly Kauders with Tim Biernacki

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

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Certification/Degree Area</u> |
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| Regina Montez | Elem. Ed. |
| Julie Partigianoni | Teaching Assistant |
| Dustin Taylor | Biology |

Non-Instructional:

Accept the letter of resignation from **Audrey Glezen** from her position of Cleaner/Night Supervisor effective February 28, 2013.

Approve the appointment of **Michelle Hernandez** to the position of Night Supervisor effective February 28, 2013.

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

Julie Partigianoni-Aide
Deborah Talley-Food Service Worker
Audrey Glezen-Cleaner

Informational Items

- **High School Fundraising Activity**-Updates information was provided by Mr. Van Etten.
- **Kindergarten Visitation Proposal**-A proposal was provided by Mr. Falls regarding Kindergarten Visitation. It will be further discussed at the March 12, 2013 Board meeting.
- **Class List Creation**-A discussion took place on not announcing student placement until the beginning of August for students in grades 4-6. The principals requested this change in order to allow them more time to prepare class lists after receiving state test scores.
- **2013-14 OCM BOCES Calendar**-A copy of the final 2013-14 OCM BOCES calendar was provided.
- **2013-14 OCM BOCES Initial Budget**-This was passed for informational purposes. It will be voted on at a later date.
- **SSFC Analysis of GEA Proposal**-The analysis of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) Proposal made by 18 State Senators was provided.
- **Rachel's Challenge**-Superintendent Ruscio announced that the district will be hosting a community event on March 14, 2013 at 6:30 PM. The event is called Rachel's Challenge and it is an inspiring true story of one girl's dream being fulfilled over a decade after her death. Rachel was killed during the Columbine High School shooting in April 1999.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-No report.
- *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)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-Ms. Llewellyn noted that the Curriculum Procedures Manual will be ready to be presented to the Board in April.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mrs. Apker noted that many Board members have been actively involved in the Board and District Committees as well as Interview Committees. She thanked the group for their endless efforts.
- Mr. Pedrick attended a Grade Configuration Committee meeting and the College Orientation/Visitation sponsored by the Guidance Department for the Juniors and their parents.

Upcoming Events

February

- 26-Board of Education
- 27-HT Science Fair
- 28-Int. Science Fair
- 28-HS Musical

March

- 1-2-HS Musical
- 9-Superintendent Forum
- 11-12-JH/HS All-County Instrumental
- 13-All District Vocal Concert
- 18-22-EL Kindergarten Registration
- 19-HT Kindergarten Registration
- 19-Budget Work Session
- 26-Board of Education
- 27-All district Instrumental Concert
- 29-Good Friday (No School)

Closing Remarks

- Superintendent Ruscio noted that the staff is back from vacation refreshed and working hard on their instruction.

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:38 PM to discuss personnel and student discipline matter.

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Returned from Executive Session at 9:50 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 PM.

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| Yes | 8 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |