



Date: March 12, 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, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Guests

President Apker called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Executive Session

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:01 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Public Hearing-Grade Configuration

- A presentation took place regarding the Grade Configuration Committee’s research and recommendations.
- The Board listened to community and staff comments regarding reconfiguring the grade structure of the Intermediate and Junior High School. The proposal is to move the Intermediate Grade 6 to the Junior High schedule.

President’s Comments

- **Remarks-**Mrs. Apker welcomed the group and thanked all who participated in the public hearing as well as the Grade Configuration Committee for all their hard work.
- **Correspondence-**None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda-**There were no updates to the agenda.

Community Voices

- Dr. Richard Passigli announced that he will be running for the Board of Education. Dr. Passigli also inquired about Policy 6160-Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel. Board President Apker said she would research Dr. Passigli’s questions and will be in touch with him.
- Mrs. Haynes inquired about a particular curriculum being offered in Texas and asked if Homer was teaching it or had plans to teach it. This district does not teach the curriculum she inquired about.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sprouse, that the Clerk’s minutes of the February 26, 2013- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent’s Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio announced that the OCM BOCES Annual Meeting is on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the McEvoy Campus.
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Strategic Planning (Mid-year Update)

- Superintendent Ruscio presented an update on the District’s Management Plan (Strategic Plan). Each committee/task force was highlighted and it was noted that each group is on task. Congratulations to all involved!

Budget Update

- Superintendent Ruscio provided information on changes in future building aid payments to the District. Because the state is recalculating the amortization rates that it will use for payments, the amount of building aid the District receives is expected to be reduced by \$159,000 for 2013-14.

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

Warrant T and A	\$1,967,680.21
General Fund #1 Jan.	\$ 439,913.32
General Fund #2 Jan.	\$ 467,024.05
School Lunch #1 Jan.	\$ 28,268.31
Federal Fund #1 Jan.	\$ 10,834.34
Federal Fund #2 Jan.	\$ 2,678.00
Capital Fund #1 Jan.	\$ 336,969.50

Treasurer’s Report

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Treasurers’ Reports

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

Investment Summary/Attendance Report: 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 Sweeney, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the Reports from the Committee of Special Education dated January 30, February 6, 11, 12, 14, 15, 25, 26 and 28, 2013 and amendments dated February 11, 15 and 25, 2013. (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Apker)

Tax Refund

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Battin, that the Board approve the tax refund in the amount of \$1,119.00 for Tax Map 36.00-04-02.000, as a result of the Star exemption being omitted. (Board Notes Item G)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

High School Field Trip Request

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the field trip request from Mrs. Pratt to take several FFA students to the NYS FFA Convention in Albion, NY from May 3-5, 2013. (Board Notes Item H)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Grade Configuration Resolution

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the reconfiguration of Grade 6 (currently in the Intermediate School) to move to the Junior High schedule, including all classes, specials, transportation and supervision. This change will take effect as of the 2013-14 school year. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Hartnett Grade 6 Resolution

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the option to allow Hartnett Elementary Grade 6 students to attend the Homer Junior High, along with the Intermediate School Grade 6 students. (Board Notes Item J)

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board *Table* the option to allow Hartnett Elementary Grade 6 students to attend the Homer Junior High, along with the Intermediate School Grade 6 students.

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	2	(Apker, Sprouse)

Personnel

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Ruscio, the following personnel items be approved including the addendum to personnel:

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Sharpe)

Instructional:

Accept the resignation from **Robert Harris** from his position of Interim Director of Special Education effective June 30, 2013.

Approve the appointment of **Christopher Moore** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the School Administration Tenure area as a Director of Special Education to begin July 1, 2013, to be completed June 30, 2016 at a salary per contract, pending completion of certification requirements.

Approve the attached list of **Graduate Credits** as per contract.

Approve the following as obtaining their **Master's Degree** as per contract:

Erica Stark-Master of Science in Education

Approve the following **Coaching** appointments for the spring 2013 season:

Track

Junior High-Ashley Wirges

Approve the following **Practicum Students**:

Athletics

Kendra Skinner with Brenda Nobles and Lynne Renner

Mark Balkwill with Jeremy Cook and Sean Malone

Approve the following as **Parent Representatives** at CSE/CPSE meetings for the 2012-13 school year:

Gregory and Rebecca Costa

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Alyssa Alexander	ELA
Elizabeth Dana	Social Studies/Elem. Ed.
Joanne Guewa	Elem. Ed./Spec. Ed.
Ulyana Kostiv	Social Studies
Michelle Lee	Speech and Language Disabilities
Deborah Miller	Recreation
Margaret Stevens	Social Studies
Emily Thomas	Library Media Specialist
Amy Lynn Trendowski	Science

Non-Instructional:

Approve the appointment of **Joshua Morgan** to the position of Bus Driver effective March 13, 2013.

Accept the letter of resignation from **Bonita Knout** from her position of Food Service Worker effective June 30, 2013.

Informational Items

- **High School Fundraising Update**-Mr. Van Etten updated the Board on the current fundraising activity within the High School.
- **Kindergarten Visitation Proposal**-Mr. Falls discussed the Kindergarten Visitation Proposal.
- **Visitor Management Software Letter**-A copy of a letter sent home to parents/guardians regarding the new software, Raptorware, was provided. The new system will start on March 18, 2013.
- **OCM BOCES Annual Meeting**-The BOCES annual meeting is Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the McEvoy Campus.
- **Implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards**-A memo from Ken Slentz, Deputy Commission, Office of P-12 Education regarding the Common Core Standards was shared.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-Ms. Battin highlighted the last Budget & Finance meeting including Building Aid Calculations, Scenarios on how to handle any additional state aid received and fund balance.
- *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*-The next meeting has been moved to March 20, 2013 at 3:30 PM.
- *Facilities*-Superintendent Ruscio reported that the committee is now prioritizing the needs of the district.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Pedrick attended a BOCES Board meeting, the CNYSBA Director’s meeting and Legislative Breakfast, the High School Musical and participated in the Special Education Director Search Committee.

Upcoming Events

March

- 11-12-JH/HS All-County Instrumental
- 13-All District Vocal Concert
- 16-Rachel’s Challenge/Community Event
- 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)

April

- 1-5-Spring Recess
- 9-JH Orientation for 6th Grade Parents
- 9-Board of Education
- 10-IN 5th Grade Play
- 12-All-County Jazz
- 20-HS Cabaret
- 22-Board of Education
- 29-El Kindergarten Screening
- 30-EL & HT Kindergarten Screening

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Executive Session

Motion by Battin, seconded by Sprouse, that the Board enter into an executive session at 7:51 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 8:47 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Battin, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	