



Date: March 26, 2013

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer Elementary 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, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Guests

President Apker called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:32 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

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

Returned from Executive Session at 7:02 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks-**Mrs. Apker welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence-**None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda-**President Apker noted that the Elementary School Highlight will be moved up in order of the agenda.

Elementary School Highlight

- Mr. Edelman, Mrs. Little and Ms. Tarry along with several of their second grade students presented a Bug Project in which the use of iPads, writing and art work all were used.

Community Voices

None heard.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Battin, that the Clerk's minutes of the March 12, 2013 regular 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 announced that Braeden Sharer achieved a silver key at the National level for scholastics. Congratulations Braeden!
 - A parent letter was read commending Ms. Giordano and the work she does with the Youth and Government Club.
- **Correspondence:**
 - The OCM BOCES National Technical Honor Society Brochure from their Induction Ceremony was shared.

Budget Presentation

- Superintendent Ruscio presented a Fund Balance Projection.

Strategic Planning Process Review

- Superintendent Ruscio reviewed the timeline of the Strategic Planning Process as a result of a question raised at a previous Board meeting.

Old Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Grade 6 Hartnett Resolution #1

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve Resolution 1, allowing Hartnett Elementary Grade 6 students to attend the Homer Junior High along with the Intermediate School Grade 6 students starting with the 2013-14 school year : (Board Notes Item B)

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| Yes | 6 | Motion Carried |
| No | 3 | (Battin, Quinlan, Weatherby) |

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Grade 6 Hartnett Resolution #2

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Battin, that the Board approve Resolution 2 to move Hartnett Elementary Grade 6 students to the Homer Junior High, along with the Intermediate School Grade 6 students. (Board Notes Item C)

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| Yes | 1 | (Battin) |
| No | 8 | Motion Denied |

Grade 6 Hartnett Resolution #3

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve Resolution 3, allowing the District to expand the Hartnett Attendance Zone to include Grade 6 students living between East Homer along Route 13 South, up to Route 81. Grade 6 students in this zone would have the option of attending Hartnett or Homer Junior High (Board Notes Item D)

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| Yes | 7 | Motion Carried |
| No | 2 | (Battin, Sweeney) |

Reports on Special Education

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the Reports from the Committee of Special Education dated March 12, 2013. (Board Notes Item E)

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

Personnel

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

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

Instructional:

Approve the Resignation, for **Retirement** purposes of those participating per the Homer Teachers’ Association Contract for the following Teachers, effective June 30, 2013. Their resignation should be accepted with an appropriate letter of appreciation for their many years of service to the district.

High School

Lisa Eves-Guidance Counselor

Junior High

Thomas Roughton-Reading Teacher

Intermediate

Terry Perkins-Art Teacher

Marvin Zimmerman-4th Grade Teacher

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

Athletics

Ross Halpern-Baseball
Daniel Miller-Baseball
Brittany Bogan-Softball
Danielle Swarm-Softball
Michael Carboine, Jr.-Boys Lacrosse

Approve the following **Student Teacher:**

Junior High

Lindsay Kenney 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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| Alice Bauder | Teaching Assistant |
| Megan Collins | Teaching Assistant |
| Louise Felker | Hotel Management |
| Brooke Filer | Biology |
| Gina Heller | Psychology |

Non-Instructional:

Accept the resignation from **Steven Dennison** from his position of Building Maintenance Mechanic effective March 29, 2013.

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

Alice Bauder-Aide
Megan Collins-Aide
Louise Felker-Aide
Kira Hyde-Cleaner
Chance Russell-Cleaner
Janae Withey-Cleaner
Jason Crawford-Cleaner
Joseph Malchak-Bus Driver

Informational Items

- **High School Fundraising Activity-** Mr. Van Etten provided details of current fundraising activities within the High School.
- **2011-12 Budget Brochure-**The Board reviewed last year's budget brochure and noted any changes they would like.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-The group is waiting on the state aid runs. The next meeting will be April 4, 2013 at 6:00 PM in room 59 of the High School.
- *Policy*-The next meeting is on April 15, 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*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-Ms. Llewellyn reported on the recent Science Department presentation of offering Earth Science to 8th grade students.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Pedrick attended the National Technical Honor Society Ceremony as well as an OCM BOCES Board meeting.
- Mrs. Apker attended the Vocal/Jazz Showcase at LeMoyne College as well as a Site-based Committee meeting at the Elementary which included a link with the Intermediate School. Mrs. Apker also reminded folks of the All-District Vocal Concert on Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

March

- 26-Board of Education
- 27-All district Instrumental Concert
- 29-Good Friday (No School)

April

- 1-5-Spring Recess (No School)
- 9-JH Orientation for 6th Grade Parents
- 9-Board of Education
- 12-All-County Jazz
- 16-18 Grade 3-8 NYS ELA Testing
- 20-HS Cabaret
- 22-Board of Education
- 24-26 Grade 3-8 NYS Math Testing

Closing Remarks

- President Apker reminded the group that there are 3 open Board seats and those interested in running for the Board of Education should pick up a Board petition from District Clerk Yacavone by April 22, 2013.
- Superintendent Ruscio noted that the school year is flying by and she urged folks to enjoy the upcoming break and hopefully some sunshine!

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 7:58 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

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

Returned from Executive Session at 8:59 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Quinlan, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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