



Date: April 9, 2013

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker (6:31), Linda Battin, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan, Kim Sharpe, Nicole Sprouse and Randy Weatherby

Members Absent: Martin Sweeney

Others Present: Superintendent Ruscio, Director of Instruction & Evaluation Llewellyn, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Guests

Vice President Sharpe called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Executive Session

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

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

(President Apker entered the meeting-6:31PM)

Returned from Executive Session at 7:03 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 March 26, 2013- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio provided a picture of the recently constructed softball dugouts and thanked the Athletic Boosters for making this happen. Superintendent Ruscio also announced the Imagination Celebration at the Center 4 The Arts which will be held from March 26th through May 17th.
- **Correspondence:**
 - A copy of the writing piece from Braeden Sharer where she achieved a Silver Key at the National level for the Scholastic Competition in Art and Writing, was provided.

SchoolTool-Student Management System

- Mr. Finn and Mr. Hidy (CNYRIC) updated the Board on the status of SchoolTool which will be the new student management system.

2013-14 Budget

- Superintendent Ruscio presented the 2013-14 proposed budget. The district began with a 3.2 million dollar budget gap. Although some of the money was restored when the state approved their final budget, it was not nearly enough to close the district’s gap. Therefore, it is proposed that we use \$2,325,000 in reserves, \$400,000 in fund balance and reductions of \$510,396 to close the gap. The budget that will go out to the community for vote will be \$38,739,604 in expenditures, a tax increase of 3%.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Adoption of 2013-14 Budget

Motion by Battin, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the 2013-14 budget as presented and endorsed by the Board Budget and Finance Committee: (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants and Claims Auditors Report

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants

Warrant T and A	\$1,567,245.42
General #1 Feb.	\$ 125,380.94
General #2 Feb.	\$ 513,220.05
School Lunch #1 Feb.	\$ 46,381.32
Federal #1 Feb.	\$ 171.73
Federal #1 Feb.	\$ 429.07

Treasurer’s Report

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Treasurers’ Reports

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

Investment Summary: 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 Pedrick, seconded by Sprouse, that the Board approve the Reports from the Committee of Special Education dated February 7, March 6, 8, 11, 15 and 18, 2013 and amendments dated October 4, 2012, February 6 and March 13, 2013. (Board Notes Item G)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Acceptance of Donation

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board accept the donation in the amount of \$200.00 from the Beef Council to the Junior High Home and Careers program. (Board Notes Item H)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Impartial Hearing Officer

Motion by Sprouse, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve Mr. Martin Kehoe III as an Impartial Hearing Officer for the district effective March 29, 2013. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Impartial Hearing Officer Compensation Rates

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the following resolution. (Board Notes Item J)

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Homer Central School District, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, shall compensate Impartial Hearing Officers who have been certified by the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York to serve as Impartial Hearing Officers in accordance with Education Law Section 4404(1) and 8 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 200.1(x), at the following rates for services and expenses:

1. Certified Impartial Hearing Officers shall be compensated at the rate of one hundred dollars (\$100) per hour for time spent in pre-hearing, hearing, and post-hearing activities of researching and writing a decision. The District does not and will not pay for hearing dates which are adjourned or cancelled, regardless of the reason, when the adjournment or cancellation is on two or more business day’s notice.
2. Certified Impartial Hearing Officers will be reimbursed for reasonable and customary office expensed of photocopying, postage and facsimiles incurred and for travel time to and from the hearing at the rate of forty dollars (\$40) per hour.
3. Automobile travel shall be reimbursed at the IRS mileage reimbursement rate (set at the district’s reorganizational meeting), currently at 55.5 cents per mile, for the 2012-13 year.
4. Airline or train travel shall be reimbursed at the actual reasonable costs incurred by the Impartial Hearing Officer.
5. The District will reimburse Impartial Hearing Officers for the cost of their lodging up to eighty dollars (\$80) per night with receipt submitted or fifty-five dollars (\$55) per night without receipt submitted for hearing dates that fall on consecutive days.

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

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

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Accept the resignation from **Russell Hearton** from his position of Director of Business and Finance effective April 12, 2013 due to new employment.

Accept the resignation for retirement purposes from **Lisa Harris** from her position of Hartnett Elementary Principal/Reading Teacher effective June 30, 2013.

Superintendent Ruscio recommends the appointment of **Mr. Thomas Strain** as the Interim Director of Business and Finance effective April 10, 2013, at the Interim Rate for up to four days per week through June 30, 2013.

Resolved: that Thomas Strain be appointed to the positions named below:

- Deputy District Clerk
- Superintendent’s Designee-Health Consortium
- Attendance Officer

Certificate of Payrolls/Authorized
Signature for District Checks

Resolved: that Thomas Strain be empowered to act as purchasing agent for the Board of Education, and that he/she be authorized to request bids on supplies and equipment, except for items requiring special actions, and, be it further resolved that the Superintendent act as purchasing agent in the absence of the Director of Business and Finance.

Resolved: that, according to the Commissioner of Education Regulation, the Board authorizes the investments of extra classroom activity funds in accordance with Board policy and over seen by Thomas Strain.

Accept the resignation from **Christopher Moore** from his position of Special Education Teacher effective June 30, 2013. Mr. Moore has accepted the position of Director of Special Education with the district.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Alyssa Ressler	P.E.

Non-Instructional:

Approve the appointment of **Marjorie Tuckey** to the position of Food Service Worker effective April 10, 2013.

Approve the appointment of **Grant Tuttle** to the position of Food Service Worker effective April 10, 2013.

Approve the appointment of **Natasha Fox** to the position of Cleaner effective April 10, 2013.

Accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from **Jacky Fahey** from her position of Aide effective June 30, 2013.

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

Amy Creeden-Cleaner
Heather Gorman-Cleaner

Informational Items

- **Attendance Zone Discussion**-A discussion took place on changing attendance zones for the district to allow grades K-6 students who live along Rte 13 to be allowed to have the option to attend Hartnett Elementary School.
- **Head Start Employee**-Heather Arnold will be a new employee for Head Start working out of the Elementary School.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-Mrs. Battin noted that the group worked on the budget last week and support what is being proposed this evening.
- *Policy*-Next meeting...April 15th at 4:00 PM.
- *Community Relations*-No report.

District Committee Reports

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-No report.
- *Health Advisory*-No report.
- *Safety*-Next meeting...April 17th at 3:30 PM.
- *APPR*-Next meeting...April 11th at 3:45 PM.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-Next meeting...April 16th at 3:45 PM.
- *Instructional Leadership*-Next meeting...April 10 at 3:30 PM.
- *Facilities*-Next meeting...April 15th at 6:00 PM.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Pedrick attended the OCM BOCES Spring Show as well as the All-District Instrumental Concert.
- Mrs. Apker attended the All-District Instrumental Concert along with several JV and Varsity Baseball games. Mrs. Apker also noted what wonderful role models the Varsity Baseball players are when they volunteer with the Homer Little League Athletes.

Upcoming Events

April

- 9-JH Orientation for 6th Grade Parents
- 9-Board of Education
- 12-All-County Jazz
- 16-18-Grades 3-8 ELA Testing
- 20-HS Cabaret
- 22-Board of Education
- 24-26-Grades 3-8 Math Testing
- 29-EL Kindergarten Screening
- 30-HT Kindergarten Screening

May

- 1-2-EL & HT Kindergarten Screening
- 2-EL 2nd Grade Play
- 3-JH Class Night
- 6-National Honor Society Induction
- 7-9-IOWA Testing
- 10-IN 5th Grade Play
- 10-11-NYSSMA
- 11-Prom
- 14-JH Concert
- 14-16-IOWA Testing
- 14-Board of Education/Public Hearing
- 17-18-HS Shakespearian Society Play
- 21-Budget Vote
- 22-IN Grade 5 & 6 Concert
- 23-HS Instrumental Concert
- 23-Grade 4 Science Performance Test
- 27-Memorial Day/Marching Band in Homer Parade
- 28-Board of Education
- 28-29-Grade 8 Science Performance Test
- 29-HS Senior Banquet
- 30-HS Vocal Concert
- 31-EL & HT Kindergarten Visitation
- 31-Jr./Sr. Class Picnics

Closing Remarks

- President Apker reminded folks that there are 3 Board seats available to be voted on at the May 21st election. Petitions can be picked up from Kelli Yacavone at the District Office and must be returned by April 22nd.
- Superintendent Ruscio reminded the group that the OCM BOCES Annual Meeting is Thursday at 6:00 PM.

Executive Session

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sprouse, that the Board enter into an executive session at 7:53 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 9:11 PM.

Reports on Special Education

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Morenus, that the Board amend the previously adopted October 4, 2012 Special Education Report. The date should have been reported as March 27, 2013. This was due to a clerical error.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Adjournment

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sharpe, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	