



Date: April 22, 2013

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School

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

Members Absent: Nicole Sprouse

Others Present: Superintendent Ruscio, Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn, Interim Director of Business & Finance Strain, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Guests

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

Executive Session

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

Yes	8	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-**There were no updates to the agenda.

Community Voices

- None heard.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Clerk's minutes of the April 9, 2013 regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Sweeney)

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio highlighted the following items:
 - *Grade 3-8 State Tests-*We have experienced four families "opting-out" of their child taking the state tests. It was noted that some parents believe there is too much testing, however, if a student is present, a public school cannot allow a child to opt-out of taking the test.
 - *DOT Project-*This fall the DOT is planning a Route 281 closure as a result of repairs to a bridge in Preble. The closure will be for approximately 2 weeks and will impact traffic on Route 281.
 - *Grade Configuration-*The district will not hear of approval of our proposed grade re-configuration until June 1st. Planning and parent notification will proceed with the caveat that it is contingent on SED approval.

- *Common Core*-Congratulations to Stacy Brown, Caitlin Mack, Tracy Durkee and Chris DiFulvio for being invited to Albany to share their experience implementing the Common Core!
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Blue Pride

- Each principal highlighted events and activities throughout the district.

Instructional Leadership Council Curriculum Procedures Manual

- Ms. Llewellyn and Mrs. Jacobi presented the Instructional Leadership Council’s newly created Curriculum Procedures Manual. The manual will serve as a great resource to staff on how to procedurally create a vertical and horizontal curriculum.

Old Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Policies for 2nd/Final Reading

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

- Policy 5400-Purchasing

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Attendance Zone Resolution

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the Attendance Zone Resolution, authorizing the district to expand the Hartnett Attendance Zone to include grades K-6 students living between East Homer Baltimore Road to Locust Hill with a Route 13 address only. Grades K-6 Homer District resident students in this zone would have the option of attending Hartnett, Homer Intermediate or Homer Junior High. (Board Notes Item C)

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	2	(Battin, Morenus)

Reports on Special Education

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the summary of the Committee on Special Education, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education’s recommendations. The recommendations were created at C.S.E. and C.P.S.E. meetings on the following dates March 8, 20, 22, 25, 26 and 27, 2013. Also recommended are the following amendments to the IEP of students who have already had an annual review meeting and now require changes to their current program, dated April 9, 11 and 15, 2013: (Board Notes Item D)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Energy Performance RFP

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Battin, that the Board authorize the District to issue an RFP to Energy Services Companies for an Energy Project. (Board Notes Item E)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

OCM BOCES Board of Education Election/Budget Vote

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the election of four members to the OCM BOCES annual election (four seats available) and approve the OCM BOCES 2013-14 administrative budget in the amount of \$5,932,000. (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

OCM BOCES Final Request for Services

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the 2013-14 BOCES Final Request for Services. (Board Notes Item G)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Assistant Clerks/Election Inspectors

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Battin, that the Board approve the annual list of Assistant Clerks/Election Inspectors for the May 21, 2013 Budget Vote. (Board Notes Item H)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

High School Field Trip Request

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Battin, that the Board approve the request from Mr. Nasiatka and Mr. Graves to take several Environmental Outdoor Education students to Key West, FL from February 20-24, 2014 to conduct a biological and ecological study. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

HEF Mini-Grants

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Battin, that the Board accept the check in the amount of \$1,678.00 from the Homer Education Foundation for the 2012-13 mini-grants. (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Approval of Course Addition

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Battin, that the Board approve the Virtual AP High School Course Proposals (AP Statistics and AP Art History) for the 2013-14 school year. (Board Notes Item K)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Acceptance of Donation

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Battin, that the Board accept the donation in the amount of \$81.00 from Homer Chiropractic (Dr. Michelle Herczeg). (Board Notes Item L)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Policies for 1st Reading

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the following policies for 1st Reading. (Board Notes Item M)

- 5682-Information Security Breach and Notification
- 6110-Evaluation of Personnel
- 7300-Student Evaluation
- 8560-Impartial Due Process Hearings/Selection of Impartial Hearing Officers

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

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

Yes 7 Motion Carried
No 1 (Weatherby)

Instructional:

Approve the appointment of **Michael Falls** to a 3 year probationary appointment as the Director of Business and Finance to begin July 1, 2013, to be completed June 30, 2016, at a

salary per the employment agreement. Mr. Falls has Permanent Certification as a *School District Administrator* effective September 1, 2003.

Accept the resignation from **Michael Falls** from his position of Principal at the Elementary School effective June 30, 2013.

Approve the following staff for **Tenure:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Linda Llewellyn	Administrative	June 30, 2013
Barbara Bachmann	Home Economics	August 31, 2013
Sean Malone	Physical Education	September 28, 2013
Kimberly McPartland	Elementary Education	August 31, 2013
Kathryn Silliman	ESL	August 31, 2013
Jessica Tarry	Art	June 30, 2013
Micala Barber	Teaching Assistant	August 31, 2013
Danie'l Fish	Teaching Assistant	August 31, 2013
Marjorie Larkin	Teaching Assistant	August 31, 2013

Approve an Administrative Internship for **Jacquelyn Lingurovski** for the 2013-14 school year.

Approve the **Reduction in Force** as a result of funding and reduction in enrollments for the following positions:

K-6 Teachers-Reduced by 3

ESL Teacher-Reduced by .5

Art-Reduced by .5

Teaching Assistant-Reduced by 1

Teacher Aide-Reduced by 1

Administrative Position-Reduced by .6

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

Andrea Sutherland

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Morgan Osborne	Elem. Ed.
Michelle Tussalo	Health/Spec. Ed.
Eleanore Vollweiler	Spec. Ed./Math

Non-Instructional:

Approve the appointment of **Julie Feuerherm** to the position of Cleaner effective April 23, 2013.

Informational Items

- **High School Fundraising Activity**- Mr. Van Etten provided details of current fundraising activities within the High School.
- **NYS Report Card-Fiscal Accountability**-The NYS School Report Card Fiscal Accountability Supplement for the district was provided.
- **CNYSBA Annual Meeting**- The CNYSBA's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 6:00 PM.
- **Board/Administrative Retreat**-Board members were asked for availability on July 16 and/or July 17, 2013. The final retreat dates will be determined after members check their calendars.
- **2012-13 Calendar**-Provided there are no snow days between now and the end of May, May 24, 2013, will be a district closure. This will allow staff and students to enjoy a long Memorial Day weekend.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-Ms. Battin noted that they are still waiting for the report from the Internal Auditors.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-The Policy Committee recently met and brought forth the policies reviewed earlier for 1st and 2nd readings.
- *Community Relations*-No report.

District Committee Reports

- *Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC)*-No report.
- *Health Advisory*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *APPR*-The APPR Committee recently met and reviewed the new law for APPR. The group agreed not to make any changes to our current plan until after we experience a full year of our plan.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-Mr. Sweeney said the group met on April 16th and did a debriefing of Rachel’s Challenge by building.
- *Instructional Leadership*-Ms. Llewellyn discussed the Accelerated Science proposal for the 2014-15 school year, along with Regents 9-11 and the new AP Courses approved this evening.
- *Facilities*-Mr. Morenus noted that the Facilities Committee is in the process of reviewing drawings for a capital project. District priorities are being looked at as well as a potential for an energy project.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Pedrick attended an APPR meeting, an OCM BOCES Annual meeting, a Policy meeting, a CNYSBA Director’s meeting and an OCM BOCES meeting.
- Mrs. Apker attended Cabaret and noted that the performances were outstanding. Mrs. Apker also congratulated Mr. Turck for his excellent job as the MC for the evening.

Upcoming Events

April

- 22-Board of Education
- 24-26-Grades 3-8 Math Testing

May

- 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

- Superintendent Ruscio noted that she recently served as a member of the External Review Team for the Automotive Technology and Automotive Collision programs, which was an enlightening experience.

Executive Session

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:18 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments and litigation.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 8:46 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sweeney, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:47PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	