



Date: June 11, 2013

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School

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

Members Absent: Kim Sharpe, Nicole Albro Sprouse and Randy Weatherby

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

Retiree Reception

A reception was held honoring the following Faculty, Staff and Board Members for their years of dedicated service. Superintendent Ruscio and Board President Apker presented the following with plaques:

Thomas Roughton, Teacher-18 years
Lisa Eves, Guidance Counselor-17 years
Terry Perkins, Teacher-16 years
Marvin Zimmerman, Teacher-13 years
Robert Harris, Director of Special Education-2 years
Lisa Harris, Principal-1 year
Patricia Fahey, Aide-25 years
Bonita Knout, Food Service Worker-15 years
Audrey Glezen, Cleaner-34 years
Konrad Rueb, Bus Driver-20 years
Nicole Albro Sprouse, Board Member-10 years
Linda Battin, Board Member-3 years

President Apker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks**-President Apker welcomed the group and expressed her gratitude for all the years of dedicated service to our students from all those retiring.
- **Correspondence**-None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda**-There were no updates to the agenda.

Community Voices

- Board Member Battin thanked the Board and Superintendent for the experience of working together noting that the current Board's dedication to the district is outstanding.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Clerk's minutes of the May 28, 2013- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent’s Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio recognized Chris DiFulvio (ELA Teacher) for being named the “Rotary Teacher of the Year.” Superintendent Ruscio also thanked Tom Strain for assisting the District Office in the role of Interim Director of Business and Finance.
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Strategic Planning-End of Year Update

- Superintendent Ruscio presented the 2012-13 Strategic Planning End of Year Management Plan.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Warrants and Claims Auditors Report

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

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants

Warrant T and A	\$2,425,281.97
General Fund #1	\$ 487,688.62
General Fund #2	\$ 97,576.75
School Lunch #1	\$ 52,860.69
Federal Fund #1	\$ 41,410.82
Capital Fund #1	\$ 45,987.39

Treasurer’s Report

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

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	0	

Treasurers’ Reports

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

Investment Summary: No action required. (Board Notes Item D)

Budget Status Report/Revenue Status Report: No action required. (Board Notes Item E)

Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board accept the Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education: (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	0	

Reports from the Committee on Special Education

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board accept the Reports from the Committee on Special Education: (Board Notes Item G)

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	0	

Board Meeting Schedule

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the 2013-14 Board Meeting Schedule. (Board Notes Item H)

Yes 6 Motion Carried
No 0

Bus Bond Resolution

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Battin, that the Board approve Bus Bond Resolution in the amount of \$590,000. (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 6 Motion Carried
No 0

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 7:20 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments and student discipline.

Yes 6 Motion Carried
No 0

Returned from Executive Session at 7:33 PM.

Personnel

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

Yes 6 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Appoint the following **Curriculum Area Lead Teachers and Directors** for the 2013-14 school year:

Directors

- K-6 Health-Carrie Whitney
- K-12 Music-Dave DiGennaro
- Nurse Coordinator-Tracey Randolph

Curriculum Area Lead Teachers

- K-6 ELA-Tracy Durkee
- K-6 Math-Tracey Dugan
- 7-12 ELA-Chris DiFulvio
- 7-12 Math-Craig Allen
- 7-12 Science-Robert Nasiatka
- 7-12 Social Studies-Melanie George

Approve the appointment of **James McGory** to a 3 year probationary appointment as the Hartnett and Homer Elementary Principal in the Administrative Tenure area to begin July 15, 2013, to be completed July 14, 2016 at a salary per contract. Mr. McGory has Initial Certification as a School Building Leader effective September 1, 2013.

Approve the appointment of **Marra Piazza Brass** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Guidance Counselor Tenure area to begin July 15, 2013, to be completed July 14, 2016 at a salary per contract. Mrs. Brass has Professional Certification in School Counseling (K-12) effective September 2009.

Approve the appointment of **Brittany Bogan** to the position of Long-term Substitute Teaching Assistant effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Appoint the following as **Volunteers** for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year:

- Theresa Dafoe
- Joyce Brown
- Mike Geaslin
- Amy O'Donnell

Non-Instructional:

Approve the following as **2013 Summer Transportation Staff:**

Billi Brush
Lisa Conger
Elizabeth Daniels
Rebecca Forbes
Dean Jenney
David Jones
Susan Kilmer
Virginia Lyon
Joseph Malchak
James Olley
Joseph O'Mara
Carolyn Riley
Sally Ripley
Kevin Robbins
Robert VanMarter
Erin Vieou
Patricia Yapple

Approve the following as **Buildings and Grounds Summer 2013 Employees:**

Adults

Audrey Glezen
Billi Jo Robbins
Matt Compton
Jackie Creeden
Ashley Barnard
Chance Russell
Kira Hyde
Roger Rawson
Heather Gorman
Zach Randolph
Jacob Randolph

Students

Nick Barnard
Brandon Clink
Jeremiah Bush
Hiland Bush
Alex Djafari
Janae Withey
Brianna Hughes
LeeAnne Pedrick
Brooke Ryan
McKayla Crawford
Hannah Jennings
Lucia Helgren
Allison Wright
Jasmine Morgan

IT Department

Jason Crawford

Accept the letter of resignation from **Susan Rosato** from her position of School Nurse effective June 30, 2013.

Informational Items

- **Family Counseling Services**-Mr. Turck introduced Lisa Hoeschle of Family Counseling Services of Cortland. Ms. Hoeschle provided the Board with a history of her agency and noted that she is very excited to be working with the district to provide school based services at the Junior High starting in September 2013.
- **NYS Department of Transportation Bus Inspection Report**-Superintendent Ruscio noted that once again our mechanics have done an outstanding job and that the results of the vehicle inspections performed by the NYSDOT were excellent. Kudos to the transportation department!

- **Internal Audit Testing**-The agreed-upon procedures from the recent internal audit were discussed.
- **High School Fundraising Update**-Mr. Van Etten provided an update on an upcoming Winterguard fundraising event.

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*-No report.
- *Facilities*-Mr. Morenus explained that the committee is still working with architects on drawings prior to a final recommendation being made on a future capital project.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Sweeney attended the “museum” at the High School where student art work was on display. He noted the unbelievable quantity of art work as well as what fine quality the art work has. Mr. Sweeney also attended the Rotary luncheon where Chris DiFulvio was named Rotary Teacher of the Year.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the High School Vocal Concert, participated in the Elementary/Hartnett Principal interviews and attended the OCM BOCES awards and graduations ceremonies.
- Mrs. Apker attended the High School Vocal Concert along with several senior activities including the Senior Banquet and the Honors and Music Awards as well as the CRT Pavilion Awards.
- Superintendent Ruscio noted that she attended the Hartnett Play and that it was phenomenal!

Upcoming Events

June

- 11-Board of Education (Retiree Reception)
- 17-IN-Grade 6 Recognition Night
- 17-HT-Grade 6 Recognition Night
- 18-Last Day of School (K-8 Grade)
- 21-HS Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
- 22-HS-Graduation
- 25-Board of Education

July

- 9-Board of Education Re-organizational Meeting
- 17-Board Retreat

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 7:48 PM to discuss Negotiations and the Superintendent’s Evaluation.

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 9:07 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Battin, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	0	