



Date: August 27, 2013

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Katie Dwyer, Mary Beth Mathey, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan, Kim Sharpe, Martin Sweeney and Randy Weatherby

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent Ruscio, Director of Business & Finance Falls, Director of Instruction & 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, a student issue and negotiations.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

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-**It was noted that there is an addendum to the agenda for personnel.

Community Voices

- None heard.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Clerk's minutes of the August 13, 2013- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Sharpe)

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio highlighted the following items:
 - Superintendent Ruscio noted that there were 7 August graduates. Congratulations to them and their families!
 - Jeannine Roe was honored with a *Certificate of Excellence* for going above and beyond last fall while on an afternoon bus run where she protected children in a difficult situation.
 - Margaret Little highlighted the Summer Book Program where her and Linda Llewellyn delivered door to door bags of books to students who were not able to attend summer school. Ms. Llewellyn noted that this was an excellent example of good will with an academic benefit.
 - Superintendent Ruscio announced that the APPR Plan was approved. This is a huge accomplishment and thank you to all who assisted.

- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Homer CSD Management Plan

- A presentation was done where Superintendent Ruscio updated the group on the *2013-14 Management Plan* for the District.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Reports from the Committee on Special Education

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Bus Bond Transfer

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the Bus Bond Transfer in the amount of \$61,533. (Board Notes Item D)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

ERS Reserve Resolution

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Mathey, that the Board approve the ERS Reserve Resolution. (Board Notes Item E)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Transfer of Fund Balance

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve Transfer of Fund Balance in the amount of \$690,000. (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Budget Code Adjustments

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the 2013-14 Budget Code Adjustments. (Board Notes Item G)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Tax Certiorari Reserve

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the two Resolutions for the Tax Certiorari Reserve. (Board Notes Item H)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Tax Levy/Collection Period

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the 2013-14 Tax Levy/Collection Period. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Rental Agreement-Cortland Sports Complex

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the Rental Agreement between the District and the Cortland Sports Complex for use of facilities for our Hockey Program. (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Transportation Request-YWCA

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the Transportation Request from the YWCA for use of a bus September 21, 2013. (Board Notes Item K)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Disposal of Textbooks

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the Disposal of Textbooks as outlined by Ms. Llewellyn. It was noted that these books were not salvageable. (Board Notes Item L)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Mathey, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Ruscio, the following personnel items be approved with the addendum as corrected:

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Approve the attached list of **Co-Curricular Assignments** for the 2013-14 school year.

Accept the letter of resignation from **Stephanie Speilberger** from her position of Psychology Intern that was originally appointed effective September 1, 2013.

Accept the letter of resignation from **Brittany Bogan** from her position of Long-term Substitute Teaching Assistant that was originally appointed effective September 1, 2013.

Accept the letter of resignation from **Mary Kate Haumesser** from her position of Special Education Teacher effective September 26, 2013, unless released earlier by the district.

Approve the change in appointment for **Sara Bailey** from .5 Art Teacher to .6 Art Teacher effective September 1, 2013.

Approve the appointment of **Kayla Calkins** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Business Education Tenure area to begin September 1, 2013, to be completed August 31, 2016 at a salary per contract. Ms. Calkins has Initial Certification in Business and Marketing.

Approve the appointment of **Carissa Rockwell** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Elementary Education Tenure area to begin September 1, 2013, to be completed August 31, 2016 at a salary per contract. Ms. Rockwell has Initial Certification in Childhood Education Grades 1-6.

Approve the appointment of **Karen Seibert** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 1, 2013, to be completed August 31, 2016 at a salary per contract.

Approve the appointment of **Ashley Gilbert** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 1, 2013, to be completed August 31, 2016 at a salary per contract.

Approve the appointment of **Deanna Gallagher** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 1, 2013, to be completed August 31, 2016 at a salary per contract.

Approve the appointment of **Julie Partigianoni** to a Long-term Teaching Assistant Substitute position for the 2013-14 school year, pending certification requirements.

Appoint the following **Parent Representatives** for CSE/CPSE meetings:

Gregory Costa
Rebecca Costa

Approve the following as **Volunteers** for the 2013-14 school year:

Elementary
Katie Fageland
Anna Marlow
Natali Bell
Sarah Libertini
Nicole Lefever
Natali Bell
Jacklyn Cleaver
Kevin Anrud
Casey Alexander

Approve the following **Practicum Students** for the Fall 2013 Term:

Elementary
Very Moraza with Shari Powers

Approve the following **Student Teachers** for the Fall 2013 Term:

Junior High
Erica Guja with Tim Biernacki

High School
Alexandra Merriman with Amy Potter

Non-Instructional:

Accept the resignation from **John Kaltenbach** from his position of Food Service Worker effective August 26, 2013.

Appoint the following people as **Returning Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2013-14 school year:

Cleaners
Billi Brush
Billi Jo Robbins
Sally Ripley
Zach Randolph
Roger Rawson
Wendy Mead
Carolyn Riley
Heather Gorman
Mike Riley
Steve Ray
Kira Hyde
Jenae Withey
Carl Griswold
Angela Blake
Audrey Glezen

Tradesman
Zach Randolph
Jim Wainman
Stewart Contento

Informational Items

- **Official Approval of Grade Configuration**-The District finally received, in writing, the official approval of our new grade configuration.
- **Opening Day Agenda**-The Opening Day Agenda that is sent to all staff was shared with the Board.
- **Basic STAR Registration Program**-STAR Registration Program information was provided.

- **Teacher Evaluation and Collective Bargaining Program**-Information from CNY SBA regarding a Teacher Evaluation and Collective Bargaining Program was shared.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-Next meeting...August 28, 2013.
- *Community Relations*-Next meeting...September 10, 2013.

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*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Sweeney noted that he had the honor to present Penny Fairchild with her retirement plaque on behalf of the Board, recognizing her 30 years of dedicated service. Mr. Sweeney also shared a thank you note from Mrs. Fairchild. Mr. Sweeney said he also had the pleasure to meet the new Rotary Foreign Exchange Student from India who will be an 11th grade student at the High School.
- Mrs. Dwyer said her daughter attended the SOAR Program at the Junior High and she said it was an outstanding program for her daughter as well as the other in-coming students transitioning from Hartnett Elementary. Mrs. Dwyer also attended the High School Orientation and said it was a great program.
- Mr. Pedrick attended an OCM BOCES Board Meeting as well as the OCM BOCES LPN Graduation.

Upcoming Events

August

27-Board of Education

September

2-Labor Day

3-Staff Development Day

4-First Day of Classes

9-EL Kindergarten Parent Night

12-IN Open House

16-EL 1st Grade Parent Night

18-EL 2nd Grade Parent Night

19-JH Open House

27-Early Release Day (1/2 Day)

Closing Remarks

- Superintendent Ruscio noted that the buildings have been bustling with activity and the maintenance staff once again has all areas looking beautiful and ready for staff and students.

Adjournment

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	