



Date: September 10, 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

New Employee Reception

- A reception was held for all new faculty and staff to the district.

President Apker called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

(Mrs. Sharpe left the meeting-7:00 PM)

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 7:06 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:17 PM.

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 Sweeney, seconded by Mathey, that the Clerk's minutes of the August 27, 2013- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio noted what a great opening we have had to the 2013-14 school year. Both faculty and students have returned energized and are digging right into their school work.
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Opening of the 2013-14 School Year

- Principals and Department Heads updated the Board on the opening of the school year. Each emphasized how great the buildings look and how excited the staff and students are for the start of the new school year.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Warrants and Claims Auditors Report

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants

Warrant T and A	\$835,366.70
General Fund July #1	\$572,796.41
General Fund July #2	\$ 96,072.67
School Lunch July #1	\$ 7,459.09
Federal Fund July #1	\$ 2,303.49
Capital Fund July #1	\$484,579.32

Treasurer’s Report

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Treasurers’ Reports

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

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 Special Education

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Disposal of Textbooks

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the Disposal of Textbooks as outlined by Ms. Llewellyn. (Board Notes Item G)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Disposal of Surplus Items

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the Surplus Items as outlined by Mr. Falls. (Board Notes Item H)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Agreement for Transportation Director

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the Transportation Agreement with the Cortland CSD for shared Director of Transportation Services. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

High School Field Trip Request

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Mathey, that the Board approve the Field Trip Request from Mr. Nasiatka and Mr. Graves to take several Environmental Club Students to Highland Forest from October 26-27, 2013. (Board Notes Item J)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Policy-1st Reading

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the following Policies for 1st Reading. (Board Notes Item K)

- **Policy 8240**-Instructional Programs: Driver Education, Gifted and Talented Education and Physical Education
- **Policy 7416**-Dignity for all Students Act
- **Policy 8110**-Civility, Citizenship and Character Education/Interpersonal Violence Prevention Education

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 with the addendum as corrected:

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Approve the following **Co-Curricular** Positions for the 2013-14 school year:

- Junior High*
- John Melvin-Grade 8 Musical Director
- Justin Brodeur-Grade 8 Assistant Director

Approve the following as **Translator's** for ESL Students for the 2013-14 school year:

- Hongli Fan
- Timothy Gerhard

Approve the following **Mentor** updates for the 2013-14 School Year:

- Remove Tracy Dugan as the Mentor for Erin Podsiedlik
- Remove Suzanne Parmiter as the Mentor to Krystal Poplawski
- Appoint Karen Exelby as the Mentor for Erin Podsiedlik
- Appoint Lisa Higgins as the Mentor for Krystal Poplawski

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

- Athletics*
- Ryan Bilodeau-Varsity Girls Soccer

- Elementary*
- Heidi Effinger
- Lindsey Wethje
- Sarah Bouwens
- Richalle Cicioni
- Jason Cicioni
- Meghan Aagaard
- Stacey Ulrich
- Erin Rodman
- Lindsay Marshall

Chelsea Hammond
Lea Cifranick
Kevin Anrud

Intermediate
Doreen Park

Approve the following **Student Teachers:**

High School
Stephanie Kalan with Lori Andersen

Approve the following **School Social Worker Internship:**

Taylor Foster with Jennifer O'Callaghan

Approve the following **Practicum Students:**

Elementary
Linda Priest: Julia Garcia

John Edelman: Alexandra Felice, Lauren Soskil

Jennifer Berthelot: Jessica DelGiudice, Milena Curra, Matthew Giafone

Pamela Tuttle: Kristen Snelders, Casey Kohler, Michael McLoughlin

Intermediate
Katie Totman: Alysia Guido, Ashley Alexander

Lisa Ryan: Amanda McCarthy

Laurie Leach: Christine Mosich

Colleen Redenback: Amanda LaPera

Jonathan Kirkwyland: Kelly Rambo, Molly Weisblum, Jade MacKney, William Jaacks, Edward McCabe

Stacy Brown: Kayla Stirpe, Courtney Hyndman

Tracy Durkee: Ashley Clark

Karen Exelby: Megan Dennehy, Amanda Maxwell, Jennifer Speicher

Junior High
Erin Podsiedlik: Alyssa Hunt

High School
Gina Kinsella: Very Moraza
Carrie Whitney: Julia Amoroso
Savana Kucerak: Mickaylastar Pangaro

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Rachelle Holl	Social Studies

Non-Instructional:

Approve the correction as follows: Accept the letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, from **John Kaltenbach** from his position of Food Service Worker effective September 6, 2013.

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

Frank Fedele-Cleaner

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates from the Elementary School and the High School were provided.
- **Community Service Letter (Wrestling Team)**-A letter from Ellen Wright, Fundraising Chair for the Cortland Branch AAUW, regarding the efforts of our wrestling team was shared.
- **New High School Course Offerings**-Mr. Van Etten discussed a flyer from Kayla Calkins, the new High School Business Teacher, regarding her proposed course offerings.
- **Capital Project and Other Facility Updates**-Superintendent Ruscio discussed the upcoming Capital Project and updated the group on how smoothly the asbestos project went this summer. Kudos to Mr. Falls, Mr. Updyke and their staff!

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-Next meeting...September 17th at 6:15 PM
- *Budget & Finance*-Next meeting...September 17th at 5:30 PM
- *Policy*-Next meeting...September 17th at 4:00 PM
- *Community Relations*-The Community Relations Committee met on September 10th and have started planning the public meeting schedule for the upcoming capital project.

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*-
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mrs. Dwyer visited all five district buildings on opening day and noted that the buildings looked great and felt very welcoming.
- Mr. Pedrick attended a CNYSBA Director's meeting.
- Mrs. Apker has attended football and field hockey games.

Upcoming Events

- *September*
- 10-Board of Education
- 12-IN Open House
- 16-EL 1st Grade Parent Night
- 18-EL 2nd Grade Parent Night
- 19-JH Open House
- 24-Board of Education
- 27-Early Release Day (1/2 Day)
- 27-Homecoming
- *October*
- 2-HS Open House
- 4-15 Minute Early Release Drill
- 5-Superintendent's Forum
- 8-Board of Education
- 10-EL Open House
- 14-Columbus Day/No School
- 22-Board of Education
- 24-IN 3rd Grade Pumpkin Night
- 25-Staff Development Day/No School

Closing Remarks

There were no closing remarks.

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 7:57 PM to discuss negotiations.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Quinlan, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	