



**Date:** November 19, 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 6:30 PM

#### **Executive Session**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments, real property and a specific student request.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:01 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**

- Margaret Little presented Superintendent Ruscio and Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn with mugs filled with chocolates, thanking them for their continued support of our school libraries.
- Mary Ellen Ensign of Cortland Community Cares, thanked the Board for their recent testing resolution and also expressed concerns that the group has with the Common Core.
- Karen Dudgeon spoke to the Board regarding her concern with the NYS Data Portal called inBloom, which collects and stores student data.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Mathey, that the Clerk's minutes of the November 5, 2013- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Apker)

#### **Superintendent's Report**

- **Remarks:**
  - Superintendent Ruscio discussed the recent Education Forum she attended as a result of the overwhelming reactions and feedback regarding Common Core. Superintendent Ruscio was invited to the forum by Assemblyman Finch in response to the recent testing resolution the Board adopted.

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

**Blue Pride**

- Principals highlighted events and activities happening within their buildings.

**inBloom Presentation**

- Mr. John DeJohn from the BOCES Regional Information Center presented on the data security and privacy in place for the storage of student information.

**Local Assistance Plan (LAP) Presentation**

- Mr. Turck, Mrs. Falls, Mr. McGory and Ms. Llewellyn all presented on the Local Assistance Plans for the Junior High, Intermediate and Elementary Schools. These plans have been created as a result of the buildings being identified for one of their subgroup populations not making Adequate Yearly Progress. The LAP plans can be found on the district website.

**New Business**

**Items Requiring Board Action**

**Local Assistance Plans (LAP)**

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the Local Assistance Plans for the Elementary, Intermediate and Junior High Schools: (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education**

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

Yes	9	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 D)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Chemical Hygiene Plan**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the Chemical Hygiene Plan as presented. (Board Notes Item E)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Election Clerks/Inspectors**

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the Election Clerks/Inspectors for the capital project vote on December 12, 2013. (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**2014-15 Budget Development Calendar**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the 2014-15 Budget Development Calendar. (Board Notes Item G)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**External Audit Corrective Action Plan**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the External Audit Corrective Action Plan submitted by Mr. Falls. (Board Notes Item H)

Yes 9 Motion Carried  
No 0

**2013-14 Tax Collection Report**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the 2013-14 Tax Collection Report. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 9 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Policy for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the following Policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: (Board Notes Item J)

- Policy 3201-Use of Service Animals
- Policy 7301-Response to Intervention (RTI) Process
- Policy 7520-Sports and the Athletic Program
- Policy 7602-Student Physicals
- Policy 7603-Administration of Medication
- Policy 7670-Notification of Sex Offenders
- Policy 8212-Fire Drills, Bomb Threats and Bus Emergency Drills
- Policy 8264-Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy
- Policy 8520-Appointment and Training of Committee on Special Education (CSE)/Subcommittee on Special Education Members
- Policy 8530-Student Individualized Education Program (IEP): Development and Provision

Yes 9 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Personnel**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Sharpe, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Ruscio, the following personnel items be approved including the addendum:

Yes 9 Motion Carried  
No 0

**Instructional:**

Approve the appointment of Sara Hermansky to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin November 20, 2013, to be completed November 19, 2016 at a salary per contract.

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

- Elementary*
- Tamara Stockwin
- Cassandra Cotterill
- Deanna Pace

Approve the following as Instructional Substitutes for the 2013-14 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Nicholas Fiorentino	P.E.

**Non-Instructional:**

Accept the letter of resignation from Elizabeth Steedle from her position of Keyboard Specialist effective November 30, 2013.

Approve the change in stipend for Douglas Jennings from \$14/day to \$25/day from November 19, 2013 to the appointment of a new Facilities Director.

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

- Nhia Clarke**-Nurse, Aide

## Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Updates from the High School and the Intermediate School were shared.
- **PEACE, Inc. Letter**-A letter from PEACE, Inc. regarding school supply expenses was discussed. Principals will work with faculty to review lists of items requested for purchase.
- **Strengthening Teacher Leader Effectiveness Grant**-Superintendent Ruscio discussed a grant that the district is applying for that would allow for specialty teachers to push into classrooms in an effort to assist faculty with new curriculum.

## Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-The policy committee is actively reviewing district policies to be updated.
- *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*-Mr. Sweeney updated the group on the last Character Education meeting.
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.

## Board Member Activities

- Mrs. Sharpe attended the Powder Puff Game and thanked staff for their participation.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the Scott and Preble facilities presentations, a Statewide School Finance Consortium meeting as well as a Finance Conference.
- Ms. Mathey attended the State Assembly Forum with Superintendent Ruscio.
- Mrs. Apker attended a parent teacher conference and noted how much she appreciated the walk-through of the new modules. She also noted how fantastic it was that a staff member initiated contact with her regarding one of her children with whom she did not have a scheduled conference. "It was a very pleasant surprise!"

## Upcoming Events

### *November*

19-Board of Education  
22-23-HS Shakespearean Play  
26-Red Cross Blood Drive  
27-29-Thanksgiving Recess/No School

### *December*

3-IN 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert  
5-HS Instrumental Concert  
6-Christmas on the Green  
10-Board of Education  
11-IN Holiday Concert  
12-Capital Project Vote  
12-HS Vocal Concert  
13-IN Parent Visitation Day  
17-JH Holiday Concert  
18-HT Winter Concert  
23-31-Holiday Recess/No School

### *Capital Project Presentations*

### *Community Presentations*

Town of Truxton  
@ Truxton Municipal Office Building  
Nov. 20-7:00 PM

Homer Elementary Cafe  
Dec. 4-6:30 PM

High School Auditorium  
Dec. 9-6:30 PM

***Presentations at Specific Organizations/Municipalities Meetings***

Breakfast Rotary  
@ Briggs Hall  
Nov. 20-7:00 AM

Town of Homer  
@ Town Hall  
Dec. 4-7:45 PM

**Closing Remarks**

- Superintendent Ruscio provided Board members with a “Board’s Self Evaluation.”
- January 27, 2014 has been set for a Board/Superintendent re-treat.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:53 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 9:25 PM.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	