



Date: April 28, 2014

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Katie Dwyer, Mary Beth Mathey, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan (left 8:04), Kim Sharpe (entered 6:45), 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 Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments and negotiations.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

(Mrs. Sharpe entered the meeting-6:45 PM)

Returned from Executive Session at 7:01PM.

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

- Several Homer and Truxton community members, parents, tax payers and business owners spoke both in favor of the transformation of Hartnett Elementary to a New Tech High School as well as opposed. Individuals offered various reasons why to change or not to change and left Board members with insight to consider in making their determination.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Morenus, that the Clerk's minutes of the April 8, 2014- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Mathey, that the Clerk's minutes of the April 12, 2014-special meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent’s Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio asked Board members to be present in buildings on May 7, 2014 in order to recognize staff for *Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week*.
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Blue Pride

- Principals highlighted several exciting activities and achievements that have and are happening within their buildings. Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn also highlighted the use of Chromebooks in the classroom.

(Mr. Quinlan left the meeting-8:04 PM)

Facilities Improvement Update

- Jeff Robbins of Hunt updated the Board on additions and alterations to the current capital project, as well as the status of the capital outlay project.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Reports from the Committee on Special Education

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

OCM BOCES Board of Education Election/Budget Vote

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the OCM BOCES Board of Education Election/Budget Vote. (Board Notes Item E)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

OCM BOCES Final Request for Services

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the OCM BOCES Final Request for Services. (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Assistant Clerks/Election Inspectors

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the list of Assistant Clerks/Election Inspectors for the May 20, 2014 Board of Education Vote/Election. (Board Notes Item G)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Budget Transfers

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the Budget Transfers as requested by Mr. Falls. (Board Notes Item H)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Approval of Business CTE Pathways

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the Business CTE Pathways. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

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

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Approve the leave of absence without pay request from **Stacy Porter** from her position of Teacher for the 2014-15 school year, following her post-partum disability period.

Approve the Resignation, for **Retirement** purposes of those participating per the Homer Teachers’ Association Contract for the following Teachers, effective June 30, 2014. Their resignation should be accepted with an appropriate letter of appreciation for their many years of service to the district.

Junior High

Cynthia Moreland-.4 FTE Home and Career Skills

Approve the extension of appointment for **Ashley Gilbert** to the position of Long-term Special Education Teacher at Hartnett Elementary from March 8, 2014 through May 22, 2014. Ms. Gilbert was previously appointed in this position from October 1, 2013 through March 7, 2014. Ms. Gilbert is filling in for Renee Homer.

Approve the following **Co-curricular** Change for the 2013-14 school year:

Appoint **Aaron Scoccia** as Marching Band Assistant (Filling in for C. McLaughlin)

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Matthew Hayes	English
Nicole LeFever	Speech Pathology

Non-Instructional:

Accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from **Connie Becker** from her position of Account Clerk/Typist effective May 31, 2014.

Accept the letter of resignation from **Michael Myers** from his position of Bus Driver effective April 11, 2014.

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

James Conrad-Cleaner

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Updates were provided from the High School, Intermediate and Hartnett regarding various fundraising activities.
- **Rental Agreement with McGraw CSD**-A rental agreement between the District and the McGraw Central School District for a Wheel Chair Bus was provided.
- **Hartnett Information Update**-Superintendent Ruscio provided information recently requested in regards to questions on converting Hartnett Elementary to a New Tech High School.

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*-Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn noted that the Health Advisory Committee recently met and discussed Curriculum Crosswalk, the recent success of Stride for Blue Pride as well as having the hot water fixed in bathrooms throughout the High School.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn also updated the group on the April 16, 2014 Instructional Leadership meeting. Highlights included a discussion on Cursive Writing. Mr. Turck and Mr. McGory will discuss the need for a district-wide plan with their faculties and will form a work group to articulate the plan. Other topics discussed at the meeting included weighting of grades in the High School for the purpose of computing class rank, Summer Project/Assignment Guidelines, an update on CTE approval and last, an update on parent resources.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Sweeney participated in the Observance of National Library Week as well as attended the FFA Banquet.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the STEM Career Days with Dr. Ken Wagner SED, an OCM BOCES meeting, the Hartnett Public Forum, the Spring Show, Special Programs at BOCES McEvoy, a Parent's Meeting at the Truxton Town Hall as well as an OCM BOCES Special Board Meeting.
- Mrs. Sharpe has attended several Varsity Softball Games and added to Mr. Pedrick's comments on STEM, a new program being offered at TC3.

Upcoming Events

April

28-Board of Education
30-Grades 3-8 State Math Exams

May

1-2 Grades 3-8 State Math Exams
2-3 Onondaga County NYSSMA
2-JH Class Night
5-HS National Honor Society Induction
8-EL 2nd Grade Play
9-10 Tompkins County NYSSMA
13-Board of Education
13-JH Concert
15-HS Instrumental Concert
16-IN 5th Grade Play
20-School Budget Vote
21-22 Grade 4 & 8 State Science Exams
23-26 Memorial Day Weekend/No School
27-Board of Education
27-Music Boosters Awards Ceremony
28-IN 4th Grade Chorus & Beginning Band
30-EL & HT Kindergarten Visitation/Screening

Closing Remarks

There were no closing remarks.

Executive Session

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 9:01 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 9:35 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	