



**Date:** May 13, 2014

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Place:** Homer High School

**Members Present:** Sonia Apker, Katie Dwyer, Mary Beth Mathey (7:22), 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 Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments, specific student requests and negotiations.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:00 PM.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

#### **Public Budget Hearing**

- A Public Budget Hearing was held regarding the 2014-15 district budget.

(Ms. Mathey entered the meeting-7:22 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**

- There were seven speakers from Truxton who voiced concerns on the proposed idea of converting Hartnett Elementary to a New Tech High School.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Mathey, that the Clerk's minutes of the April 28, 2014- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

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

- **Remarks:**
  - Superintendent Ruscio discussed Governor Cuomo's recent comments on APPR noting that he seems to be softening his stance on the issue, leaving us hopeful for a positive APPR change.
  - Superintendent Ruscio also congratulated the Intermediate Character Education Committee along with Principal Falls and Director of Transportation Paquette for receiving the Seon's Anti-bullying Grant to improve overall bus behavior and decrease bullying that occurs on buses.

- A reminder was also given to Board members that there will be a Special Board Meeting on May 20, 2014 at 9:00 PM in the Music Building in order to accept the results of the 2014 vote/election.
- **Correspondence:**
  - There was no correspondence.

### **Quarterly Report on Student Progress**

- Director of Instruction & Evaluation Llewellyn, along with Principals Van Etten, Falls and McGory presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly data report. Highlights included attendance, grades and class averages by building.

### **New Business**

#### **Items Requiring Board Action**

#### **Warrants and Claims Auditors Report**

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

Board member Pedrick asked for clarification on a particular warrant. Mr. Falls provided clarification.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

#### **Warrants**

Warrant T and A	\$1,965,912.74
General Fund March #1	\$ 480,207.35
General Fund March #2	\$ 492,756.02
School Lunch	\$ 28,311.49
Federal Fund	\$ 23,722.26

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

Yes	9	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 Dwyer, that the Board accept the Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education: (Board Notes Item F)

Mr. Sweeney congratulated those involved with the successful de-classification of several pre-K students.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Reports from the Committee on Special Education**

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

Mr. Sweeney asked for clarification on students on-track for graduation which was provided by Mr. Moore.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Dwyer)

**Acceptance of Donation**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board accept the donation of golf equipment from Ellen Wright. (Board Notes Item H)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**OCM BOCES Agreement for Regional Information Center Services**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve the Agreement with OCM BOCES for Network Printing Services. (Board Notes Item I)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Village of Homer Agreement for School Resource Officer**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the Agreement with the Village of Homer for a School Resource Officer. (Board Notes Item J)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Fiscal Advisors Agreement**

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sharpe, that the Board approve the Agreement with Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc., authorizing Fiscal Advisors to act as a Financial Advisor to the District. (Board Notes Item K)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

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

Motion by Sharpe, seconded by Mathey, that the Board approve the following policies for 1<sup>st</sup> reading: (Board Notes Item L)

- Policy 1332-Duties of the School District Treasurer
- Policy 3411-Prohibition of Weapons on School Grounds
- Policy 5400-Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering
- Policy 5411-Procurement of Goods and Services
- Policy 5412-Alternative Formats for Instructional Materials
- Policy 5560-Financial Accountability
- Policy 6560-Employment of Retired Persons
- Policy 7200-Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy
- Policy 7480-Weapons in School and the Gun-Free Schools Act
- Policy 8560-Impartial Due Process Hearings/Selection of Impartial Hearing Officers

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

**Personnel**

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

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	1	(Weatherby)
Abstain	1	(Mathey)

**Instructional:**

Approve the Leave of Absence request from **Jonathan Kirkwyland** from his position of Elementary Teacher for the 2014-15 school year.

Approve the appointment of **Jonathan Kirkwyland** to the position of Teacher on Special Assignment for the 2014-15 school year.

Approve the following **Practicum Student:**

**Brooke Karlik** with Katie Totman

**Non-Instructional:**

Accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from **Betty MacKenzie** from her position of Food Service Worker effective June 17, 2014.

Accept the letter of resignation from **Joseph O'Mara** from his position of Bus Driver effective May 16, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Timothy Kemp** to the position of Bus Driver effective May 14, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Theresa Little** to the position of 11-month Keyboard Specialist effective June 2, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Ahren Morse** to the position of 12-month Keyboard Specialist effective May 29, 2014.

Approve the leave of absence from **Mary Kabat** from her position of Keyboard Specialist effective June 1, 2014, pending results of civil service exam on June 21, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Mary Kabat** to the position of Account Clerk effective June 2, 2014, pending results of civil service exam on June 21, 2014.

Approve the **Creation** of Account Clerk.

Approve the appointment of **Melissa Meriwether** to the position of Account Clerk effective June 2, 2014, pending results of civil service exam on June 21, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Tanner Nelson** to the position of Cleaner effective May 14, 2014.

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

**Dustin Golden**-Bus Driver

**Ahren Morse**-Aide

**Informational Items**

- **Albany Update**-Superintendent Ruscio provided an Albany Update from the May 1, 2014 presentation from The Council of School Superintendent's.
- **2012-13 School Accountability**-Homer School's 2012-13 Accountability Results were reviewed.
- **RtI State Project Award**-The District has been selected to participate in the first cohort group in the Response to Intervention (RtI) Personnel Development Project.
- **Hartnett Update**-Superintendent Ruscio did a presentation on information recently requested regarding Hartnett Elementary transitioning into a New Tech High School.

**Board Committee Reports**

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-Policies recommended for 1<sup>st</sup> reading were reviewed by the Policy Committee at their meeting on May 6, 2014. Mr. Sweeney thanked Connie Becker for her numerous years of dedicated and outstanding service. Mr. Sweeney noted that Mrs. Becker will be dearly missed by all.
- *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*-No report.

## **Board Member Activities**

- Mrs. Dwyer attended Junior High Class Night and noted that everyone in attendance had a great time. She also has attended several Junior High softball games.
- Mr. Sweeney mentioned what a nice occasion that Staff Appreciation Day was. All Board members were able to visit staff in each of the buildings along with the building principal.
- Mr. Pedrick attended a CNYSBA Director's meeting, the Top 10% Graduates of 2014 ceremony, Staff Appreciation Visits, the Hartnett budget presentation and Meet the Candidates Night.
- Ms. Mathey attended the Junior High concert.
- Mr. Morenus has attended several Junior High lacrosse games.
- Mr. Quinlan thanked Mr. Sweeney for "standing in for him" at Imagination Celebration.
- Mrs. Apker noted that at her visits at the Junior High, students applauded teachers' which was very unexpected and great to see. She also attended the Little League Opening Day Parade where once again the varsity baseball players participated and did an outstanding job serving as role models to the younger baseball players.

## **Upcoming Events**

### ***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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Play
- 9-10 Tompkins County NYSSMA
- 13-Board of Education
- 13-JH Concert
- 15-HS Instrumental Concert
- 16-IN 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Play
- 20-School Budget Vote/Special BOE Meeting (9:00 PM)
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus & Beginning Band
- 30-EL & HT Kindergarten Visitation/Screening

### ***June***

- 2-JH Grade 8 State Science Test
- 2-IN Grade 4 State Science Test
- 2-HS Award Ceremony
- 3-Marching Band at Dairy Parade
- 4-IN/JH Adventure in Arts
- 4-HS-Senior Banquet
- 5-All County Elementary chorus
- 6-HS Jr./Sr. Class Trips
- 10-Board of Education (Retiring Staff Reception)
- 13-EL Grandparent's Day
- 17-25 HS Regents
- 24-Board of Education
- 27-HS Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
- 28-Graduation

**Closing Remarks**

- President Apker thanked the Board members for their continued commitment to the students and staff of our district noting that each Board member clearly has a vested interest in what is best for our district and community.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 9:36 PM to discuss personnel and negotiations.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 10:25 PM.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:26 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	