



Date: August 26, 2014

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School-Auditorium

Members Present: Katie Dwyer (6:32), Mary Beth Mathey, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan, Kim Sharpe (7:25), Martin Sweeney and Randy Weatherby

Members Absent: Sonia Apker

Others Present: Superintendent Ruscio, Director of Business & Finance Falls, Director of Instruction & Evaluation Llewellyn, District Clerk Yacavone, Administrators, Guests

Vice President Morenus called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Executive Session

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss personnel/potential staff assignments and a confidential student record.

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	0	

(Mrs. Dwyer entered the meeting-6:32 PM)

Returned from Executive Session at 6:55 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks-**Vice President Morenus welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence-**None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda-**The agenda was updated to include a late executive session.

Community Voices

- There were 3 speakers from Truxton.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Dwyer, that the Clerk's minutes of the August 12, 2014- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Sweeney)

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Dwyer, seconded by Weatherby, that the Clerk's minutes of the August 19, 2014- special meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	

Approval of Amended Minutes

Motion by Dwyer, seconded by Pedrick, that the Clerk's minutes be amended in the community voices section as presented. (Board Notes Item C)

Yes	6	Motion Carried
No	1	(Mathey)

Superintendent’s Report

- **Remarks:**
 - There were no remarks.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio passed an invitation from the J.M. McDonald Sports Complex for their 10th anniversary event.

(Mrs. Sharpe entered the meeting-7:25 PM)

Spring Grade 3-8 Achievement Results

- Superintendent Ruscio reviewed the results of the Grade 3-8 state tests from the spring of 2014.

New District Web Site

- Mr. Finn presented the district’s new updated web site that will be in use as of September 2, 2014.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Warrants and Claims Auditors Report

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Warrants

Warrant T and A	\$3,451,770.39
Warrant Federal #1	\$ 8,599.86
Warrant Federal #2	\$ 1,432.00
Warrant General #1	\$ 215,167.45
Warrant General #2	\$ 232,423.42
Warrant School Lunch #1	\$ 45,703.89
Warrant Capital Fund #1	\$ 44,700.00

Treasurer’s Report

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Treasurers’ Reports

General Fund	June
Capital Fund	June
School Lunch	June
Trust & Agency	June
Federal Fund	June
Workers’ Compensation	June
Payroll	June

Investment Summary: No action required. (Board Notes Item F)

Budget Status Report/Revenue Status Report: No action required. (Board Notes Item G)

Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education

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

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 I)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Mathey)

Tax Certiorari Reserve

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board approve the Tax Certiorari Reserve: (Board Notes Item J)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Disposal of Surplus Items

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the Disposal of Surplus Items as noted by Mr. Cavellier and Ms. Llewellyn. (Board Notes Item K)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Resolution Designating Homer CSD intent to act as the Lead Agency for Renovations to Hartnett Elementary

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Mathey, that the Board approve the Resolution Designating the District’s intent to act as the Lead Agency for Renovations to Hartnett Elementary. (Board Notes Item L)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Dwyer)

Policy-1st Reading

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

- **Policy 7300-Student Evaluation, Promotion and Placement**

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Policy-1st and 2nd Reading

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the following Policies for 1st and 2nd Reading. (Board Notes Item N)

- **Policy 7670-Sex Offenders**

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Personnel

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

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Sharpe)

Instructional:

Approve the **Memorandum of Agreement** between the District and the Homer Teachers’ Association as presented.

Accept the resignation from **Morgan Osborne** from her position of Teaching Assistant effective August 31, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Morgan Osborne** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Elementary Tenure area to begin September 1, 2014, to be completed August 31, 2017 at a salary per contract. Ms. Osborne has Initial Certifications Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).

Approve the appointment of **Brittany Burchill** as a .5 Special Education/.5 Reading Long-term Substitute Teacher for the 2014-15 school year. Ms. Burchill has Initial Certifications in Students with Disabilities-Grades 1-6, Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and Literacy (Birth-Grade 6).

Approve the appointment of **Emily Shepard** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 1, 2014, to be completed August 31, 2017 at a salary per contract.

Approve the appointment of **Chad Newton** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 1, 2014, to be completed August 31, 2017 at a salary per contract.

Approve the appointment of **Casey Horton** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area to begin September 16, 2014, to be completed September 15, 2017 at a salary per contract.

Approve the attached list of **Mentors** for the 2014-15 school year.

Approve the following **Volunteers** for the 2014-15 school year:

Athletic

David Podsiedlik-Football
Richard O'Sheah-Boys Soccer

Elementary

Casey Horton

Intermediate

Merrily Heyer

Appoint the following people as **Athletic Supervisors** for the 2014-15 school year:

John Baden
Ross Halpern
Kim Carboine
Mike Carboine, Jr.
Joan Robinson
Barb Wood
Bill Kulikowski
Penny Fairchild
Jackey Fahey

Approve the following as **Grade Level Chairs** for the 2014-15 school year:

Deb Nelson-Grade 2

Approve the following as **Student Interns** for the fall semester:

Elementary

Renae Hesse
Rachel Vein
Elizabeth Ryan
Maria Schanz Freeman
Cara Scheidel

Appoint the following people as **Instructional Substitutes** for the 2014-15 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Meghan Aagaard	Teaching Assistant
Liselotte Hammond	Spanish
Caren Newton	Teaching Assistant
Rebecca Wallis	Political Science

Non-Instructional:

Accept the resignation from **Mary Kabat** from her position of Keyboard Specialist effective June 1, 2014. Mrs. Kabat has completed all the civil service requirements of Account Clerk.

Approve the appointment of **Karin Casolare** to the position of Aide effective September 1, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Cheri Zapata** to the position of Cleaner effective August 27, 2014.

Approve the appointment of **Gregory Field** to the position of Cleaner effective August 27, 2014.

Approve the following people as **Returning Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2014-15 school year:

Maintenance

Frank Fedele

Janice Myers

Mike Riley

Carolyn Riley

Sally Ripley

Steve Ray

Dennis Redfield

Wendy Mead

Billi Brush

Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2014-15 school year:

Meghan Aagaard-Aide

Caren Newton-Aide

Laurie Shutt-Bus Driver

Christopher McChesney-Bus Driver

Marilyn Wheatley-Bus Driver

Informational Items

- **Field Hockey Update**-Mr. Carboine provided the Board with information on field hockey. As there is a shortage of girls playing the sport this year, there will only be a varsity team.
- **2014-15 Management Plan**-The 2014-15 Management Plan was reviewed.
- **Financial Risk Assessment Report/Agreed Upon Procedures**-Mr. Falls provided the Risk Assessment Report and the Agreed Upon Procedures as prepared by Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C.
- **2014-15 Head Start Staff Update**-As staff continues to change, an updated list of the current Head Start Staff was shared.
- **Opening Day Agenda**-The opening day agenda was provided to Board members.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-No report.
- *Budget & Finance*-No report.
- *Policy*-The Policy Committee met on September 21, 2014 where they reviewed two policies that were recommended this evening.
- *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. Sharpe attended the recent calling hours of a former student where she noted the incredible attendance by students and staff. It was noted that the entire Varsity Football Team attended the calling hours. Mrs. Sharpe said the family was very appreciative.
- Mr. Pedrick attended an OCM BOCES Administrative Board Retreat, a OCM BOCES Board meeting and the LPN Nursing Graduation Ceremony.

Upcoming Events

September

- 1-Labor Day
- 2-Staff Development Day
- 3-First Day of Classes
- 8-EL Kindergarten Parent Night
- 9-Board of Education (New Employee Reception)
- 11-IN Open House
- 15-EL 1st Grade Parent Night
- 17-EL 2nd Grade Parent Night
- 18-JH Open House and Book Fair
- 23-Board of Education
- 25-IN Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- 25-Bill Daggett Presentation for OCM BOCES Component Boards of Education
- 26-Early Release Day

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Executive Session

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 8:13 PM to discuss the performance and evaluation of a particular employee.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 8:49 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Sharpe, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	