



Date: February 24, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Homer High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Katie Dwyer, Mary Beth Mathey, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan, Martin Sweeney and Randy Weatherby

Members Absent: Kim Sharpe

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 6:34 PM

Executive Session

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Quinlan, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:35 PM to discuss the employment of a particular person(s) and the medical record of a particular student.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 7:03 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks**-President Apker welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence**-None provided.
- **Updates to Agenda**-There were no updates to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that the Clerk's minutes of the February 10, 2015- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio presented display boards of the final designs for the auditorium and gymnasium for the upcoming capital project.
 - The Board was reminded of the upcoming HTA breakfast.
 - The 2014-15 Bowling Team along with Coach Nasiatka were presented with certificates for their outstanding accomplishments during the season.
- **Correspondence:**
 - The 2014 NY FFA and Agricultural Education Annual Report was shared.

High School Highlight

- Mrs. McLaughlin and two of her student performers performed a scene from the upcoming High School production of Bye Bye Birdie.

Budget Presentation-Operations/Maintenance, Transportation and General Support

- Director of Business & Finance Falls along with Director of Facilities Cavellier presented the 2015-16 budgets for Operations/Maintenance, Transportation and General Support.

402-a Compliance Discussion

- Superintendent Ruscio reviewed requirements of complying with 402-a of the education law. A lengthy discussion followed on how best to proceed with the process. The following motions were made:

Advisory Committee

Motion by Dwyer, seconded by Mathey, that the Board proceed with an Advisory Committee for the 402-a process:

Yes	3	Motion Denied
No	5	(Sweeney, Quinlan, Morenus, Pedrick, Weatherby)

Think Tank

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board the Board proceed with a Think Tank option for the 402-a process:

Yes	4	Motion Denied
No	4	(Apker, Mathey, Dwyer, Sweeney)

President Apker requested that the group do further research on both options and a re-vote be considered at the March 10, 2015 Board meeting.

Old Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Policy for 2nd Reading/Final Approval

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the following Policies for 2nd Reading/Final Approval: (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

- Policy 3280- Fundraising
- Policy 7220-Entitlement to Attend
- Policy 7520-Sports and the Athletic Program
- Policy 5511-Maintenance of Fund Balance
- Policy 3211-Employee Grievances

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

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 C)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Tax Levy Percentage

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Dwyer, that the Board accept the Tax Levy Limit in the amount of 1.76%, raising the Tax Levy from \$15,993,460 to \$16,214,266: (Board Notes Item D)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

BOCES Board Member Nominations

Motion by Mathey, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the Nomination of William Pedrick to continue serving as the representative for the District and the Cortland CSD as a BOCES Board Member: (Board Notes Item E)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Pedrick)

High School Field Trip Request

Motion by Dwyer, seconded by Weatherby, that the Board approve Class of 2015 Senior Trip to Hershey Park on June 5, 2015: (Board Notes Item F)

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 request from Amy Sumner following her 6/8 weeks of post partum disability through June 30, 2015. Mrs. Sumner's due date is May 8, 2015.

Approve the attached list of Graduate Hours.

Approve the following as Practicum Students:

Junior High

Jonathan Bogia with Jennifer Greenfield
Ian Donaghue with Casandra Shurleff

High School

Kimberly Vitello with the High School Main Office

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Michele Sovinsky	Elem. Ed.

Non-Instructional:

Accept the letter of resignation from Elizabeth Daniels from her position of Bus Driver effective February 25, 2015.

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided from the High School.
- **Tully-Homer Athletic Facility Agreement**-The Agreement between the Homer CSD and Tully CSD for Facility Use during the upcoming Capital Project was provided.

Community Voices

- There were four community voices.

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*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-Superintendent Ruscio noted that the group recently met where they decided to expand the committee including more community members and to meet on a more regular basis.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Morenus attended the Indoor Track and Field Banquet.
- Mr. Sweeney was a Guest Editor for the Cortland Standard.
- Ms. Mathey and Mr. Quinlan have been continuing their lobby efforts with our elected officials.

Upcoming Events

February

- 24-Board of Education
- 26-IN and HT Science Fair
- 27-28 All-County Band/HS Jazz

March

- 6-EL & HT K-2 Parent Visitation Day
- 6-7 HS Musical
- 6-Teacher Art Show
- 9-10 All-County Instrumental
- 10-Board of Education
- 11-All-District Vocal Concert
- 14-Superintendent’s Forum
- 18-EL 1st Grade Concert
- 20-Staff Development Day (No School)
- 23-27 EL Kindergarten Registration
- 24-Board of Education
- 25-JH 8th Grade Career Day
- 25-All-District Instrumental Concert
- 27-JH St. Mary’s & Hartnett Visitation Day
- 28-NYSSMA Solo Festival
- 28-Cabaret

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Adjournment

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Sweeney, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	