



Date: March 24, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Elementary School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Katie Dwyer, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, David Quinlan and Martin Sweeney

Members Absent: Mary Beth Mathey, Kim Sharpe and Randy Weatherby

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 Quinlan, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s).

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| Yes | 6 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Returned from Executive Session at 7:00 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 Dwyer, seconded by Morenus, that the Clerk's minutes of the March 10, 2015- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

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| Yes | 6 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio recognized Ms. Giordano along with her Youth & Government students for their outstanding accomplishments at their statewide conference.
 - Superintendent Ruscio also let the Board know that Assemblyman Finch will be visiting the District on April 17th.
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Elementary Highlight

- Mrs. Little and Mrs. Mann along with several of their students presented a partnership between the high school and the elementary school where Mr. Andre's Digital Photography students welcomed first and second graders to the High School Library for a half day event where the photography students shared re-illustrated picture books that they had created.

Budget Presentation-Tax Freeze

- Mr. Falls presented examples of how a homeowner would qualify for a tax freeze credit.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education

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

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| Yes | 6 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Reports from the Committee on Special Education

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

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| Yes | 6 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release: (Board Notes Item D)

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| Yes | 6 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Disposal of Surplus Items

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the Disposal of Items as outlined by Mr. Cavellier: (Board Notes Item E)

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| Yes | 6 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Personnel

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

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| Yes | 6 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |

Instructional:

Approve the Resignation, for **Retirement** purposes of those participating per the Homer Teachers' Association Contract for the following Teachers, effective June 30, 2015. Their resignation should be accepted with an appropriate letter of appreciation for their many years of service to the district.

High School
Kay Drake-English Teacher

Intermediate
Laurie Snyder-3rd Grade Teacher

Elementary School
Barbara Barnes-Social Worker

Approve the change of appointment for **Lancy Collins** from a 3 year probationary appointment to a 2 year probationary appointment in the Reading Tenure area to begin September 1, 2014 to be completed August 31, 2016. Ms. Collins previously received Tenure in another District.

Approve the change in appointment of **Thomas Chrysler** from a .5 to .7 FTE.

Approve the following as **Driver Education Teachers** for the 2015 summer session:

Lynne Renner
Randi Patterson

Appoint the following as **Volunteers** for the 2014-15 school year:

Elementary
Sarah Bouwens

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

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Certification/Degree Area</u> |
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| Terisa O’Gorman | Elem. Ed. |

Non-Instructional:

Accept the letter of resignation from **Joshua Morgan** from his position of Bus Driver effective March 24, 2015.

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

Marc Mauzy-Food Service Worker
Joshua Morgan-Bus Driver

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided from the High School.

Community Voices

- There were no community voices.

Board Committee Reports

- *Audit*-Mr. Morenus noted that the Audit Committee met this evening prior to the Board meeting where they met with a representative from Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C. who outlined the current internal audit.
- *Budget & Finance*-Mr. Morenus said the group recently met and prepared three potential budget scenarios as well as reviewed the tax freeze protocol.
- *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)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-Mr. Sweeney congratulated all the district buildings on the many wonderful character education activities being planned and happening throughout the district. Mr. Sweeney also highlighted the Blake Fly presentation along with a video put together by Mrs. Lang who was also thanked for coordinating the program.
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Sweeney attended the Blake Fly character education presentations along with the Community Forum.
- Mrs. Dwyer noted that she did not attend the Blake Fly presentation however she is hearing nothing but positive feedback from students.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the Community Forum, the Superintendent’s Forum, a Bus Driver Negotiations meeting, a Audit Committee meeting and an OCM BOCES Board of Education meeting.
- Mrs. Apker attended the Community Forum along with the All-district Vocal Concert.

Upcoming Events

March
24-Board of Education
25-All-District Instrumental Concert
26-JH 8th Grade Career Day
27-JH St. Mary’s & Hartnett Visitation Day
28-NYSSMA Solo Festival
28-Cabaret

April

3-10 Good Friday/Spring Recess (No School)

14- Board of Education

14-24 Grades 3-8 State Exams

15-JH Orientation

20-Special Board of Education

27-Board of Education

27-Music Dept. Demo Concert

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Adjournment

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Dwyer, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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| Yes | 6 | Motion Carried |
| No | 0 | |