



Date: October 27, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Intermediate School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Katie Dwyer, Mike Kilmer, Joaquin Lira, Mary Beth Mathey, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick and Martin Sweeney

Members Absent: Levi Sutton

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 Morenus, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss TA & Nurse Negotiations

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Returned from Executive Session at 6:40 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 Pedrick, seconded by Morenus, that the Clerk's minutes of the October 13, 2015- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Dwyer, that the Clerk's minutes of the October 20, 2015- special meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item B)

Yes	7	Motion Carried
No	0	
Abstain	1	(Kilmer)

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks/Highlights:**

Superintendent Ruscio discussed the following:

- *Forum with the Commissioner of Education*-Several members representing the Homer CSD attended the recent forum where Superintendent's, School Board Members, Administrators and Parents were able to listen to and provide feedback to MaryEllen Elia, Commissioner of the State Education Department.

- *Innovative Readiness Training (IRT)*-Superintendent Ruscio attended a Cortland County meeting where a Military led Innovative Readiness Training was discussed. This is a National Military Clinic which provides free services to communities. Superintendent Ruscio will offer the Intermediate/Junior High Building as a location for this effort.
- *Homer CSD Volunteers*-Superintendent Ruscio noted the volunteer form has been updated and is on our district website. New volunteers will be presented to the Board for approval after references have been checked by an administrator. If approved, volunteer names will be entered into a database and will not need to be approved yearly. All volunteers will be put through the Raptorware screening system and removed/updated should their status change.
- *Girls Tennis Team*-The tennis team was recognized for their achievements this season with an 11-1 record.
- *Playoffs*-Good luck was extended to the Varsity Girls Soccer and Football teams for their upcoming playoff games.
- *Special Board of Education Meeting*-November 5, 2015 at 5:30 PM to discuss the auction results for the sale of the Hartnett Building.
- *School Board Recognition Week*-Superintendent Ruscio recognized Board members for their dedication to the Homer Central School District. Each member was presented with a custom ID Tag made by Mr. DiMattei, Blue Pride stationary as well as books to be placed in our libraries in honor of their volunteer service. Superintendent Ruscio also read a Proclamation on behalf of Governor Cuomo recognizing School Board Recognition Week.
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Lunar Rock Presentation

- Mr. Nasiatka discussed the Master Teacher Program in which he has been formally trained to be in possession of a NASA Lunar Rock collection. Mr. Nasiatka shared the rocks with Board members and discussed how he will be presenting them to students throughout the district.

Blue Pride

- Principals presented many of the outstanding activities happening with their students and staff.

Intermediate Highlight-Common Core Fellowship Work

- Colleen Redenback and Tracy Durkee discussed the work they did on the Common Core Fellowship in which Mrs. Durkee participated in ELA and Mrs. Redenback in Math. They worked closely with the state on revising modules which are now included in Engage NY.

Old Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Policy for 2nd Reading/Final Approval

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

- Policy 7620: Child Abuse and Maltreatment
- Policy 5671: Wellness
- Policy 7611: Students with Life-Threatening Health Condition
- Policy 7603: Administration of Medication
- Policy 3110: School Sponsored Media

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education

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

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

Reports from the Committee on Special Education

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

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Proposal for 2015 Building Condition Surveys & Five-Year Facilities Plan

Motion by Morenus, seconded Dwyer, that the Board accept the Proposal for 2015 Building Condition Surveys & Five-Year Facilities Plan: (Board Notes Item F)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Tax Refund(S)

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Pedrick, that the Board approve the Tax Refunds in the amount of \$580.00 and \$1,870.01: (Board Notes Item G)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Disposal of Surplus Items

Motion by Mathey, seconded Morenus, that the Board approve the Disposal of Surplus items as noted by Mr. Cavellier: (Board Notes Item H)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Junior High Science Club Field Trip Request

Motion by Sweeney, seconded Kilmer, that the Board approve the Junior High Science Club Field Trip Request to Philadelphia, PA from May 27-28, 2016: (Board Notes Item I)

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Personnel

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

Yes 8 Motion Carried
No 0

Instructional:

Approve the leave of absence without pay request from Amanda Dembowski following her post partum disability period through June 30, 2016. Mrs. Dembowski has an anticipated due date of January 15, 2016.

Appoint the following as **Volunteers** for the 2015-16 school year:

- Elementary School*
- Patricia Dawson
- Sidney Freshwater
- Paige Freshwater
- Laura Norris

- High School*
- Wanda Padula
- Mika Pizzola

Approve the following **Co-Curricular** appointment for the 2015-16 school year:

Amy Porcaro-Taylor-JH Musical Assistant Director

Approve the following **Coaching Updates** for the 2015-16 school year:

- Remove Jeremy Cook as the Assistant Indoor Track Coach
- Appoint Ashley Miller as the Assistant Indoor Track Coach

Appoint the following as **Student Teachers** for the 2015-16 school year:

Junior High School

Heidi Chamberlan with Aaron Gross

Appoint the following people as **Instructional Substitutes** for the 2015-16 school year:

Name

Julianna Bertoni

Certification/Degree Area

Childhood Ed.

Non-Instructional:

Accept the letter of resignation from **Laura Corpora** from her position of Food Service Worker effective October 23, 2015.

Accept the letter of resignation from **Edward Wilcox** from his position of Bus Driver effective October 16, 2015.

Accept the letter of resignation from **Christina Giles** from her position of Bus Aide effective November 4, 2015.

Appoint the following people as **Non-Instructional Substitutes** for the 2015-16 school year:

Laura Corpora-Food Service Worker

Edward Wilcox-Bus Driver

Amy Porcaro-Taylor-Aide

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided from the High School.
- **Staff Updates (BOCES)**-Mr. Turck updated the Board on the Grade 6 Home and Careers position at the Junior High School. This position is filled with a Teacher from OCM BOCES.
- **Building Character Education Plans**-Each Principal provided Character Education Plans for their building.
- **Letter from Senator Seward**-Senator Seward sent a letter of congratulations to the district in honor of two of Homer's teachers being selected to join the Master Teacher Program. Congratulations were extended to Kevin Douglass and Thomas George.
- **Regional Summer School 2015 Summary Report**-The 2015 Regional Summer School Report was discussed.
- **November 3, 2015 Staff Development Agenda**-The agenda for the November 3, 2015 Staff Development Day was provided.
- **October Report**- The annual October Report, a summary of the K-12 enrollment for the District, was reviewed.
- **Capital Project Progress Report**-A report updating the Board on the status of the Capital Project was shared.

Community Voices

- There were no 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*-The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2015.
- *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

- Mr. Kilmer attended a recent concert at the Center for the Arts where Local Music Teachers perform. Mr. Kilmer also attended the College Fair at TC3.
- Mr. Sweeney attended the forum to meet the new Commissioner of Education.
- Mrs. Apker has attended both Modified and Varsity Football games.
- Mr. Morenus congratulated the JV Football team on their undefeated 8-0 season.
- Mr. Pedrick attended an OCM BOCES Board meeting.

Upcoming Events

October

27-Board of Education

30-HS International Fall Ball

November

3-Staff Development Day (No School)

6-JH Area All-State

6-IN SCA Movie Night

7-JH Area All-State

10-Board of Education

11-Veteran’s Day (No School)

16-K-12 Parent/Teacher Conference Day (No School)

20-21 HS Shakespearean Play

24-Board of Education

25-Early Release Day (1/2 Day for Students)

26-27 Thanksgiving Recess (No School)

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Adjournment

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Kilmer, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	