



Date: October 25, 2016

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Junior High School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Keith Fagerheim (6:40 PM), Mike Kilmer, Joaquin Lira, Luke Morenus, Bill Pedrick, Dave Quinlan, Levi Sutton and Martin Sweeney

Members Absent: None

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

President Apker called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Executive Session

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:33 PM to discuss the Employment History of a Particular Person(s):

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

(Mr. Fagerheim entered the meeting-6:40 PM)

Returned from Executive Session at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President's Comments

- **Remarks**-President Apker welcomed the group.
- **Correspondence**-There was no correspondence.
- **Updates to Agenda**-There were no updates to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pedrick, seconded by Sutton, that the Clerk's minutes of the October 11, 2016- regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks/Highlights:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio announced that it is School Board Recognition week and presented Board members with a Proclamation from Governor Cuomo along with tokens of appreciation for their outstanding dedication and service to the Homer Central School District. Building Principals presented Board members with several books to be donated to each of the district's libraries in honor of our nine Board members.
 - Superintendent Ruscio congratulated Principal Stephanie Falls for being invited by SUNY Cortland to co-present at the National Association of Professional Development Schools in Washington, DC in March. The title of their presentation is "How to Have a PDS Partnership Made in Heaven: Creating the Homer-SUNY Cortland Residency Program."
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Intermediate School Highlight

- Principal Falls and Mrs. Withers along with a three students and a parent volunteer presented “Research in the Classroom.”

Building Condition Survey

- Jeff Robbins, Hunt Engineers, presented the District’s 5-year Building Condition Survey, which will serve as the foundation of the District’s Facilities Committee work.

Quarterly Report

- Director of Instruction and Evaluation Llewellyn, along with Principals presented and discussed K-12 student data for the first five weeks of the 2016-17 school year.

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Reports from the Committee on Pre-school Special Education

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Reports from the Committee on Special Education

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Field Trip Request

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the Field Trip Request from Mrs. McLaughlin to take the All-State Singers to Rochester from December 1-4, 2016 to perform and work with an internationally acclaimed conductor: (Board Notes Item D)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Field Trip Request

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Kilmer, that the Board approve the Field Trip Request from Mrs. McLaughlin and Mr. DiGennaro to take the High School Band and Choir students to NYC from April 7-9, 2017 to perform at the NYC Festival of Music: (Board Notes Item E)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Field Trip Request

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Kilmer, that the Board approve the Field Trip Request from Mrs. Spalding to take the Winterguard students to Dayton, Ohio from April 5-9, 2017 to compete in the National Finals: (Board Notes Item F)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Community Voices

- There were no community voices.

Personnel

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Instructional:

Approve the **Ratification of the Contract** between the District and the Homer Teachers’ Association effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Approve the following **Co-Curricular** appointments/changes:

Junior High

- Remove Amy Porcaro-Taylor as Musical Assistant Director
- Appoint Sam Herwood as Musical Assistant Director
- Appoint Alison Mastroe as Musical Technical Director (Split with Lauren Flood)

Winterguard

- Shannon Spalding-Director
- Jessica Palmer-Assistant Director
- Jessica Shirley-Guard Assistant

Approve the following as **Practicum Students:**

Emily Cottrell with Melissa Brown and Seth Aldrich

Approve the following people as **Volunteers:**

Elementary School

Brenda Nobles

High School

Karen Halstead
Julie Kilmer

Appoint the following people as **Instructional Substitutes** for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
Kelsey Bennett	Elem. Ed.
Douglas LaFlamme	Elem. Ed.
Jonelle Sturdevant	Teaching Assistant
Torrie VanDerzee	Elem. Ed.

Non-Instructional:

Accept the letter of resignation from **Carl Campbell** from his position of Bus Driver effective November 5, 2016.

Approve the appointment of **Michael Gerber** to the position of Bus Driver effective October 31, 2016.

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided for the High School and Intermediate School.
- **Staff Updates**-A staff change in the Head Start Program was noted.
- **2016 Summer School Report**-Reports on the 2016 BOCES and Homer (K-6) Summer School Programs were discussed.
- **Auditorium Seat Sponsorship**-Superintendent Ruscio discussed the Music Boosters idea of auditorium seat sponsors. After researching this proposal, the district has been advised not to participate in seat sponsors, however, will pursue other similar options like purchasing stars for the auditorium walls.
- **October Report**-The annual October Report, a snap shot of activity K-12 was discussed. It will serve as the basis of the 2017-18 district budget.

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*-Minutes provided and highlighted by Director Llewellyn.
- *APPR*-No report.
- *Classroom-Technology Advisory Group (C-Tag)*-No report.
- *Character Education*-No report.
- *Instructional Leadership*-No report.
- *Facilities*-No report.
- *Safety*-No report.

Board Member Activities

- Mr. Kilmer attended the High School Financial Aid Night.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the Truxton Academy Public Hearing, an OCM BOCES Board meeting as well as an OCM BOCES Naming Sub-committee meeting.
- Mr. Fagerheim attended the ceremony in Albany honoring his son for winning the NYS Archives Award.

Upcoming Events

October

- 25-Board of Education
- 27-IN 3rd Grade Pumpkin Night
- 28-JH Activity Night
- 28-HS International Fall Ball

November

- 4-IN Movie Night
- 4-JH Area All-State
- 8-Board of Education
- 11-Veteran’s Day (No School)
- 14-Parent-Teacher Conference Day (K-12) (No School)
- 18-19-HS Shakespearean Play @ Bonne
- 22-Board of Education
- 23-25-Thanksgiving Recess (No School)

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Adjournment

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Morenus, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	