



Date: March 28, 2017

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Place: Elementary School

Members Present: Sonia Apker, Keith Fagerheim, Mike Kilmer, Joaquin Lira, Luke Morenus, Dave Quinlan, Levi Sutton and Martin Sweeney

Members Present via Video Conference Call: Bill Pedrick

Members Absent: None

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 6:35 PM.

Executive Session

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Morenus, that the Board enter into an executive session at 6:36 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

(Mr. Pedrick entered the meeting at 6:38 PM via Phone Conferencing and exited at 6:59 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 Sweeney, seconded by Kilmer, that the Clerk's minutes of the March 16, 2017 regular meeting be approved as presented. (Board Notes Item A)

Yes	8	Motion Carried
No	0	

(Mr. Pedrick entered the meeting at 7:05 PM via Video Conferencing)

Superintendent's Report

- **Remarks/Highlights:**
 - Superintendent Ruscio emphasized the importance of contacting Assembly members and Senators regarding the need for additional school aid in Governor Cuomo's budget.
- **Correspondence:**
 - There was no correspondence.

Elementary Highlight

- Principal McGory, along with several elementary and high school students, highlighted the Character Education Program with an emphasis on the partnership between the Elementary School and the High School Art Department. The art students are in the process of painting murals on the Elementary School walls, with each mural connecting Character through Art.

Budget Presentation

- The budget presentation highlighted the process of balancing the budget in regards to expenses and revenues.

Old Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Policy for 2nd Reading/Final Adoption

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

- Policy 1540 – Executive Session (revisiting was 1510)
- Policy 4210 – Administrative Organization and Operation (was 4200)
- Policy 4220 – Administrative Authority During the Absence of the Superintendent
- Policy 4230 – District Committees (was 4240)
- Policy 4310 – Superintendent of Schools (was 4300)
- Policy 6213 – Registration and Professional Development (New)
- Policy 5140 – Administration of the Budget (was 5130)
- Policy 5220 – District Investments (was 5210)
- Policy 5240 – School Tax Assessment and Collection/Property Tax Exemptions (was 5220)
- Policy 5411 – Procurement of Goods and Services
- Policy 5530 – Petty Cash Funds and Cash in School Buildings (was 5520)
- Policy 5620 – Fixed Asset Inventories, Accounting and Tracking (was 5610)
- Policy 5630 – Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance
- Policy 5631 – Hazardous Communications and the Handling of Toxic Substances by Employees (was 5632)
- Policy 5650 – Energy/Water Conservation and Recycling of Solid Waste (was 5660)
- Policy 5660 – School Food Service Program (Lunch & Breakfast) (was 5670)
- Policy 1510 – Regular Board Meeting and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedures) (was 1500 just changing the #)
- Policy 1530 – Minutes (was 1540 just changing the #)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

New Business

Items Requiring Board Action

Reports from the Committee on Special Education

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

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

2017-18 District Calendar

Motion by Morenus, seconded by Kilmer, that the Board approve the 2017-18 District Calendar: (Board Notes Item D)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Smart Schools Bond Act Resolution

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Sweeney, that the Board approve the Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan: (Board Notes Item E)

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Internal/External Audit Resolution

Motion by Quinlan, seconded by Sutton, that the Board approve the Internal and External Auditors as recommended by Mr. Falls: (Board Notes Item F)

Yes 9 Motion Carried
No 0

Community Voices

- There was one community voice.

Personnel

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

Yes 9 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, 2017. Their resignation should be accepted with an appropriate letter of appreciation for their many years of service to the district.

High School

Gary Podsiedlik-Math Teacher

Junior High School

Russ Pedersen-Technology Teacher
Terry Pedersen-Special Education Teacher

Intermediate School

Elizabeth Ludwig-Special Education Teacher
Kathi Williams-Elementary Teacher

Elementary School

Carol Alexander-Elementary Teacher
Nancy McLaughlin-Reading Teacher

Approve the appointment of **Brookley Spanbauer** to a 3 year probationary appointment in the Art Tenure area to begin May 1, 2017, to be completed April 31, 2020** at a salary per contract. Mrs. Spanbauer has Permanent Certification in Visual Arts K-12.

Approve the un-paid Administrative Internship request from **Tracy Durkee** effective July 10, 2017-December 22, 2017.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Area</u>
William Lutcha	Social Studies
Sara Tolson	Special Education
Ethan Forster	Business & Economics

***This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012-3 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) out of four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher/administrator receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher/administrator shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.*

Non-Instructional:

Create the position of Network Administrator.

Approve the appointment of **Christopher Slobodian** to the position of Network Administrator effective July 1, 2017.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Kimberly Carmichael	Registered Nurse
Renee Butler	Registered Nurse
Brenda West	Cleaner

Motion by Sutton, seconded by Morenus, that the Board approve the Board *table* the following personnel item:

Approve the **Memorandum of Understanding** between the Homer Teachers Association and the District to create an additional Modified Cross Country Coach.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	

Informational Items

- **Fundraising Updates**-Fundraising updates were provided for the Junior High and High School.
- **Plan for Hearing Assistive Technology**-The high school has assistive hearing devices now available for use at the auditorium and gymnasium. Information on how to borrow the devices was provided and is also on the district website.
- **Insurance Payout for Flooding**-Insurance payout information from the flood of the Choral Suite was provided.
- **Co-curricular Report**-A list of co-curricular activities and participants by building was shared.

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.
- *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. Quinlan and Mr. Kilmer attended the Imagination Celebration.
- Mr. Kilmer and Mrs. Apker attended both the All-District Instrumental and Vocal Concerts.
- Mr. Pedrick attended the Instrumental Concert.

Upcoming Events

March

28-Board of Education
28-30 Grades 3-8 NYS Exams
31-8th Grade Career Day

April

1-Cabaret Concert
7-IN 5th Grade Play
10-JH Orientation
11-Board of Education
12-EL Kindergarten Grandparents Concert
14-Good Friday (No School)
16-Easter
17-21-Spring Recess (No School)
24-Board of Education
24-Music Department Demo Concert
27-EL 2nd Grade Play

Closing Remarks

- There were no closing remarks.

Adjournment

Motion by Kilmer, seconded by Morenus, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Yes	9	Motion Carried
No	0	