



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748
Central Office Board Room
February 19, 2019

Members Present

Mr. Gerald Bertig
Mr. Michael Bertig
Mr. Logan Dellafiora
Mr. Daniel Fabin
Mr. Fred Hayes
Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Robert Valyo

Members Absent

Mr. James McLoughlin
Mr. Justin Smyers

School Administrators Present

Dr. Charles J. Koren, Superintendent
Mr. Gregory Cessna, Business Manager
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elementary Principal
Mrs. Bethany Genchur, Director of Special Ed.
Mr. Edward Sutter, Facilities Supervisor
Mrs. Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

Homer-Center Staff Present

Ruth Yatzanie
Tina Bruno
Suzanne Mateer
Lisa Adams
Erin Collins
Cheryl Turk
Scott Bauer

Media Present

Chauncy Ross, Indiana Gazette
Greg Reinbold, The Dispatch

Visitors

Max Voyda and Family
Sophia Eastman and Family

The Board held an executive session from 7:01-7:34 p.m. for personnel matters.

President Michael Bertig called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Homer-Center Mission Statement opened the meeting. Seven members were present at roll call to comprise a quorum.

III. Visitor Comments-None

IV. STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. Genchur introduced Max Voyda as the Wildcat Recognition Award Recipient for February. Mr. Bauer presented Max his certificates and HC lapel pin. Mrs. Adams and Miss Bruno introduced Sophia Eastman as the Wildcat Recognition Award Recipient for February.

They presented her certificates and HC lapel pin. Miss Abigayle Hart, Kiwanis Senior of the Month for February did not attend.

V. REPORTS

Homer-Center School Board Committees

Academic Committee – Mr. Michael Bertig reported: (1) school calendar for 2019-2020 announced that a survey was placed on the District web site for parents, teachers and community members input; (2) discussion on replacement of upcoming teacher retirement; (3) Mr. Stofa presented a preliminary sample of the Standards Based K-2 report cards; (4) science kits currently rented from ASSET will be selling for half price; (5) Mrs. Genchur gave a review of the recent Special Ed Audit. One error was noted out of 50 student files, but the audit went well. Mr. Bertig thanked Mrs. Genchur and her team for their hard work; (6) discussed either separate cell phones or a monthly stipend to all personal cell phones for Safe2Say Program since they are on call 24/7.

Buildings and Grounds Committee- Mr. Jerry Bertig reported: (1) TEN is devising plans and developing specs and design for Kindergarten wall; (2) will be soliciting bids for asphalt repairs; (3) transformer fire-noted it was an electric company issue, not a building issue. Penelec quickly repaired it.

Homer-Center School Board Representatives to Outside Boards

Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit #28-Mr. Hayes noted there is no meeting in February, however, the RWAN Wide Area Network they will be voting on tonight the IU Board will vote on at the March meeting.

Homer-Center Parks and Recreation-Mr. M. Bertig noted that they will be hiring personnel to redo their web site. They will be making the pool passes available on-line and a calendar of events at the area parks available on line to rent.

Indiana County Technology Center-Mrs. Smith reported there was a meeting next week and they will begin the budget process in February.

Administration

Mr. Stofa reported that Kindergarten Registration will be held on March 7, 2019 in the Elementary LGI Room for all incoming Kindergarteners. All grade level reports were made available for the Board's review. Discussion ensued on Kindergarten readiness.

Mr. Rainey was absent. His written report was in the packets.

Mrs. Genchur reported on the following: (1) World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2019. Mr. Misko's class is selling t-shirts to support Life Skills Classroom

programming; (2) Early Intervention Transition meetings were held. Thirteen students are reported transitioning to Kindergarten with IEP's; (3) Special Ed monitors were on site February 4-6, 2019. They reviewed over 60 files. A formal conclusion from the State will follow.

Mr. Sutter reported on the following: (1) reported and handed out pictures and burnt cables for the Board to see following the electrical event at the elementary school on February 8, 2019. 150' of cable on the district's side will need to be replaced. Submitting information to the insurance company. Discussion with the Board followed: (2) elevators at the high school were inspected and passed; (3) ESCO-maintenance recounted all the faucets in the elementary building for the new gas water heater; (4) a contractor was contacted regarding repairs to doors at the high school.

HCEA- Mrs. Adams noted that the February Wildcat Tale had been emailed and placed on the District web site.

HCESP – Mrs. Collins had no report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS FROM THE FEBRUARY 5, 2019 PLANNING MEETING-CONSENT ITEMS

On a Dellafiora/J. Bertig motion approved the following consent items. Poll vote: motion carried 7-0.

- A. Approval of Minutes for January 22, 2019 Regular Meeting– Appendix A
- B. Treasurer's Report and Cafeteria Cash Statements for January 31, 2019 – Appendix B
- C. Approval of Bills – Appendix C
- D. Business Manager's Items
 1. Interest earned during January 2019 amounted to \$10,752.51.
 2. Consider approval to authorize the District's Administration to notify Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. of Homer-Center School District's intent to terminate the current contract with Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. and to approve solicitation of bids for the Homer-Center School District's garbage collection services for the school years July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Once bid specifications are issued, the Board encourages Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. to submit a bid for the collection services.
- E. Superintendent's Items
 1. Personnel
 - a. Consider approving the following as substitutes: Mrs. Robyn Cochran, Instructional Aide; Mr. Harold Repic, ARIN Guest Teacher
 - b. Consider employing Mr. Matthew Rodkey as the Assistant Boys' Track Coach for the 2018-2019 season at the supplemental salary of \$2,438.00.
 - c. Consider approving combining the business office aide and payroll clerk positions with Mrs. Dana Zenisek working both positions effective immediately with benefits equivalent to confidential secretaries.

2. Education-No Report
3. Student Activities
 - a. Fourth Grade teachers and students to attend the IUP Planetarium Show at Weyandt Hall on March 22, 2019. There is no cost to the district.
 - b. Mr. Brad Adams and students to attend the 2019 Stem Design Challenge at Elderton High School on March 19, 2019. Cost to the district is one substitute for one day.
4. Building and Grounds
 - a. Consider approving Mrs. Carrie George and the Homer-Center Band Boosters to hold a Basket Bash to benefit the Indoor Percussion and Color Guard on Sunday, March 31, 2019 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the elementary gym and cafeteria. With Board approval, all fees will be waived.
 - b. Consider approving Mr. Nick Arone and the Homer City Boosters to use the high school gym and cafeteria for a sixth grade boys and girls basketball tournament on March 8 (4-9 pm), 9 (8:00 am-9:00 pm) and 10 (1:00-6:30 pm), 2019. With Board approval, the boosters will be charged \$635 for security and custodial fees.
5. Cafeteria-No Report
6. Policies
 - a. Second reading and adoption of the following policy revisions: 100 Programs- #103 Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment-School and Classroom Practices; #103.1 Nondiscrimination-Qualified Students with Disabilities; #104 Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment-Employment Practices; 200 Pupils-#222 Tobacco/Nicotine; #251 Homeless Students; #247 Hazing; #249 Bullying/Cyberbullying; 300 Employees-#317.1 Educator Misconduct; #323 Tobacco/Nicotine; 600 Finances-#626 Procurement Procedure Attachment for Policy #626; 700 Property-#707 Use of School Facilities; 900 Community-#904 Public Attendance at School Events
7. Transportation-No Report
8. Board of Directors
 - a. Consider approving the disposal of the van and truck with Shimko's. The district will receive \$450 for both vehicles.
 - b. Consider reappointing Mr. Gregory Cessna to the Indiana County Tax Collection Committee. Mr. James McLoughlin will be 1st Alternate and Mrs. Vicki Smith will be 2nd Alternate.
 - c. Revised school calendar for 2018-19 with snow make-up dates set for April 18 and April 23, 2019 as noted in Appendix D.
 - d. Consider authorizing the Homer-Center School District to enter into the Service Order and sign an E-rate Letter of Agency with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 at a cost of \$1,695.00 per month for RWAN services and \$200 per month for 200 Mbps of Internet services (prior to the reflection of E-rate discounts) effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

VII. OLD BUSINESS FROM THE FEBRUARY 5, 2019 PLANNING MEETING-NON-CONSENT ITEM:

On a Smith/Hayes motion, with regret,

- A. Accepted the resignation, due to retirement, of Dr. Ruth Yatzkanic effective with the last teacher day of the 2018-2019 school year.

Poll vote; motion carried 7-0. Dr. Yatzkanic thanked the Board for granting her retirement.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

On a Dellafiora/Fabin motion, approved the following items in new business. Poll vote; motion carried 7-0.

- A. Consider approving the following as an ARIN IU guest teacher substitute:
Samantha Nicholson, Nicole Smith
- B. Consider approving a personal day for Mr. Scott Bauer on Friday, May 24, 2019.
- C. Consider approving a replacement for Mr. Len Black's position in the district.
- D. Consider approving the Agreement to Participate in an Innovative Teacher and/or Principal Residency Partnership with Indiana University of Pennsylvania for one full year of clinical practice.
- E. Consider approving Mrs. Erin Hildebrand and Mrs. Carolyn Sacco to conduct a Scholastic Book Fair in the elementary library on March 20, 2019 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. With Board approval, all fees will be waived.
- F. Consider approving Mrs. Rebecca Boring as a substitute instructional aide.
- G. Consider approving Mrs. Nicole Neal and Mrs. Deanne Magolis to attend ARIN IU 28 Professional Learning Communities seminars on February 20, March 27 and April 17, 2019. All costs are covered by an IUP Grant.
- H. Consider approving Mrs. Lisa Weaver to use the Elementary LGI and Room 701 for Title I Reading Author Visit/Parent Involvement Program on May 3, 2019 from 7:00 am-4:30 p.m. With Board approval, all fees will be waived.

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION-None

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Fabin congratulated Dr. Yatzkanic on her retirement and wished her well. Mr. Dellafiora wished Dr. Yatzkanic a happy, healthy retirement. Mrs. Smith thanked Dr. Yatzkanic for her years of service and enjoy retirement. She also wished both teams good luck in basketball. Mr. Valyo thanked Mrs. Genchur for her hard work on the Special Ed Audit. He also congratulated Dr. Yatzkanic and wished her the best. Mr. Hayes wished Dr. Yatzkanic a happy retirement. Mr. J. Bertig echoed the same sentiments to Dr. Yatzkanic and noted she will

be missed. Mr. M. Bertig congratulated Dr. Yatzkanic on her retirement. He also remembered her as his teacher here in the district.

On a Hayes/Dellaflora motion the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. Voice vote: unanimous.

Submitted for board approval.


Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

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Michael Bertig, President