



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Homer-Center School Board  
Homer City, PA 15748  
Central Office Board Room  
November 15, 2018

Members Present

Mr. Gerald Bertig  
Mr. Michael Bertig  
Mr. Logan Dellafiora  
Mr. Daniel Fabin  
Mr. Fred Hayes

Mr. James McLoughlin  
Mrs. Vicki Smith  
Mr. Justin Smyers  
Mr. Robert Valyo

Members Absent

School Administrators Present

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

Homer-Center Staff Present

Kurt Krejocic  
Pamela Michael

Media Present

Jesse VanHorn, 1160 WCCS  
Chauncy Ross, Indiana Gazette

Visitors

Ted Predko  
David Janusek

The Board held an executive session from 7:00-7:29 p.m. for personnel matters.

President Michael Bertig called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Homer-Center Mission Statement opened the meeting. Nine members were present at roll call to comprise a quorum.

Visitor Comments

Mr. Ted Predko presented information to the Board regarding the naming of the refurbished bridge in Center Township. The Historical Society has sent a request to Senator Don White's Office for the refurbished bridge to be named after Patricia Hilliard-Robertson, M.D.

She is a former Homer-Center graduate, doctor and astronaut. Dr. Koren noted that letters from the District were also sent in support of this effort.

#### Presentation

Mr. David Janusek presented information to the Board regarding the name change of Evergreen Boys and Girls Club to Evergreen After School Club. He also presented statistics regarding enrollment and activities the students participate in during the school year.

#### IV. STUDENT RECOGNITION

Due to the cancellation of school and weather conditions, student recognitions for November will be held at the December 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

#### V. REPORTS

##### Homer-Center School Board Committees

Academic Committee – Mr. Michael Bertig reported; (1) Rachel’s Promise – preliminary discussions have begun. Mr. Krejocic is familiar with the program so they will be leaning on him for his input; (2) regarding the public comment on the book ‘The Hate You Give’ the committee asked Dr. Koren to work on policy to clarify textbooks; (3) By Laws for NHS are being restructured. A draft was supplied to the Board Members for review by Mr. Rainey.

Buildings and Grounds Committee- Mr. J. Bertig reported Board Members could refer to the minutes presented that evening. It gave an accurate account of the business conducted.

##### Homer-Center School Board Representatives to Outside Boards

Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit #28-Mr. Hayes had no report. The meeting is next week.

Homer-Center Parks and Recreation-Mr. Smyers and Mr. M. Bertig said there was no meeting and no report.

Indiana County Technology Center-Mrs. Smith reported the land lease was to go to vote after next week’s meeting. She is looking forward to getting this in place so the project can commence.

##### Administration

Mr. Stofa reported on the following; (1) First quarter report cards were distributed Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>; (2) Coral-Graceton Fire Department came to visit Kindergarten classrooms on November 7<sup>th</sup>. He thanked them for coming. The students always enjoy their visit; (3) Veteran’s Day Assembly was November 9<sup>th</sup> in the high school gym. He noted it was very well done this year; (4) CogAT tests will be administered to second grade on November 19-

20, 2018; (5) IUP Educational Day will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Rainey reported on the following: (1) Suessical the Musical is scheduled for Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm; and December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm; (2) He commended Mrs. Yurky and the student organizers for the Veteran's Day assembly. He noted it was exceptional and several students stayed back to speak to a veteran about their service and their life today; (3) the Marching Band placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the ACC Championships; (4) PennDOT's Paint the Plow contest has been completed. He is waiting to hear what Homer-Center placed; (5) He congratulated the volleyball and football teams for outstanding seasons; (6) He noted that he researched the National Honor Society web site for the changes to the by-laws that were drafted for the Board. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Genchur reported on the following; (1) Comprehensive Plan – ready for submission; (2) Elementary SWPBS held their first quarter assembly on November 2<sup>nd</sup>; (3) This year was the Third Annual Thanksgiving Dinner prepared by students in Mr. Misko's classroom; (4) CogATs will be administered to second grade students on November 19-20, 2018. She also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Sutter reported on the following; (1) Maintenance has been very busy, especially with the snow/ice conditions; (2) noted the stairwell repair in the Jr. High wing has been completed and will be inspected by the County on Friday; (3) IPS will be in the district tomorrow at 2:00 pm. They will remove and repair the pump; (4) new hires are on the agenda for Board approval; (5) noted the plows and spreader are ready for winter weather. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

HCEA- No Report

HCESP – No Report

## VI. OLD BUSINESS FROM THE NOVEMBER 1, 2018 PLANNING MEETING-CONSENT ITEMS

On a Smyers/Dellafiora motion approved these consent items. Poll vote: motion carried 9-0.

- A. Approval of Minutes for October 17, 2018 Regular Meeting, as amended– Appendix A
- B. Treasurer's Report and Cafeteria Cash Statement for October 31, 2018 – Appendix B
- C. Approval of Bills – Appendix C
- D. Business Manager's Items
  1. Interest earned during October 2018 amounted to \$13,080.12.
  2. Approved a "Planned Equipment Maintenance Agreement" with Cummins Sales and Service for three years for the high school Cummins Generator. 2019, \$744.52; 2020, \$744.52; and 2021, \$772.98 – Appendix D

E. Superintendent's Items

1. Personnel

- a. Employed Mr. Keith Peterson as an 8 hour, 12 month custodian at 90% of the starting salary of \$10.81/hr. with a 60 day probationary period and as per the CBA between the Homer-Center School District and the HCESP retroactive to November 12, 2018.
- b. Approved the following as musicians for the high school musical at the supplemental salary of \$175 each, pending receipt of clearances: Mike Conrad, Kenton Scott, Nate Mack, Sandy Scott, Louise Vranesevic, Abby Novak, Ed D'Aurelio, Kristina Riddle and Luke Parise.
- c. Approved Mr. Joe Scheiber, student teacher, as a volunteer musician for the high school musical.
- d. Approved Mrs. Chellise Stolarz as the Musical Piano Accompanist at the supplemental salary of \$300.
- e. Approved the following as substitutes: Jeanette Marcus, Guest Teacher

2. Education

Approved the following teacher conferences:

- a. Mrs. Vicki Olinger and Mr. Charles Kirkland to attend the Google Educator Level I Certification Boot Camp at ARIN IU 28 on November 29 and December 4, 2018. Cost to the district is \$250 and two substitutes for two days.
- b. Mrs. Vicki Olinger to attend the PETE & C (PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference) in Hershey, PA on February 11-12, 2019. Cost to the district is \$755.86 and one substitute for two days.
- c. Mrs. Karen Woods to attend the Marine Educator Workshop in Parris Island, South Carolina on February 4-8, 2019. Cost to the district is one substitute for five days.

3. Student Activities

Approved the following student field trips:

- a. Mr. Jon Stolarz and six drumline members to attend the BC Taylor Teddy Bear Fund Drive Kick-Off at IRMC retroactively to October 30, 2018. There was no cost to the district.

4. Building and Grounds

Approved the following use of building and grounds permits:

- a. Mrs. Amy Filipovich and Mrs. Bethany Genchur to use Rooms 703 and 705 at the Elementary School and Room 20 at the High School for the Extended School Year Program on July 1-August 9, 2019 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. With Board approval, all fees will be waived.
- b. Mrs. Tammy Housholder and Boys Basketball Boosters to use the high school gym, lobby and cafeteria for the Boys/Girls Tip Off Tournament on December 7, 2018 from 4:00-10:00 pm. With Board approval, all fees will be waived.

5. Cafeteria-No Report

6. Policies

- a. Second reading and adoption of Policy 113.4, 100 Programs, Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information – Appendix E

- b. First reading of revisions to Policy 806, 800 Operations. Child Abuse.  
Adopted August 22, 2013 – Appendix F
- 7. Transportation
  - a. Approved the following as spare bus drivers for the 2018-2019 school year:  
Kristen Johns, Christopher Elliott
- 8. Board of Directors
  - a. Approved the Superintendent’s Evaluation for 2018.

VII. PULLED AGENDA ITEM FROM OLD BUSINESS FROM THE NOVEMBER 1, 2018 PLANNING MEETING-NON-CONSENT ITEM: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

On a Dellafiora/Fabin motion, approved items A-J inclusive. Discussion was held on Item C for clarification. Poll vote: motion carried 9-0.

- A. Mrs. Wendy Gallo, Ms. Courtney Henry and Mrs. Deanne Magolis to attend TDA Cadre of Experts training at ARIN IU 28 on November 19, December 17, 2018 and January 30, 2019. Cost to the district is three substitutes for three days.
- B. Employed Mr. Francis Hoff as a four hour custodian at 90% of the starting salary of \$10.81/hr. for the 60 day probationary period, and as per the CBA between the Homer-Center School District and the HCESP effective retroactive to November 12, 2018.
- C. Approved the Oklahoma Correctional Industries yearbook project, which would digitize yearbooks from 1950-1989 for free, with 1990-current at \$5-\$20 each, depending on page count.
- D. Approved homebound instruction for a secondary student (Tracking #18-19-02) for eight weeks.
- E. Approved Ms. Louise Vranesevic and Fourth Grade Chorus to sing at the Indiana Senior Center in Indiana, PA on December 20, 2018. Cost to the district is one substitute for ½ day and transportation.
- F. Approved Mrs. Lynnette Elliott as a substitute cafeteria worker for the 2018-2019 school year.
- G. Approved the following use of building and grounds:
  - 1. Mr. Jon Stolarz and Indoor Percussion to use the elementary gym retroactive to November 10, 2018 from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 pm for intro camp.
  - 2. Mr. Nick Arone and Mrs. Kristie Voyda and the Homer City Boosters to use the elementary gym for basketball league every Monday-Thursday from November 27, 2018 to February 21, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 pm, when available, and every Saturday in January 2019 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. With Board approval, all fees will be waived.

3. Mrs. Kristie Voyda and the Homer City Boosters to use the elementary gym on November 17, 24, 2018 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm: and December 1.8.15.22.29. 2018: and January 5. 12.19.26. 2019 for basketball practice skills and open gym for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. With Board approval. all fees will be waived.
- H.** Approved Mr. Gary Wyant and six art students to do holiday painting on windows at IRMC in Indiana, PA on a date TBD. Cost to the district would be one substitute for one day. (This trip was cancelled by IRMC due to the nursing strike).
- I.** Approved the following as substitute instructional aides for the 2018-2019 school year: Mr. Harry Repic and Mrs. Susan Plowcha
- J.** Approved Mr. Kermit P. Kurek as a 4 hr./12 mo. cleaner at 90% of the starting salary of \$9.84/hr. with a 60 day probationary period, and as per the CBA between the Homer-Center School District and the HCESP effective November 19. 2018.

On a Hayes/Dellafiora motion approved the following item. Poll vote: motion carried 9-0.

- K.** Approved the Senior Class Trip to Cape Canaveral, Florida on May 22-27. 2019. All costs will be borne by the students/parents.

On a McLoughlin/Smyers motion, approved the following items. Poll vote: motion carried 9-0.

- L.** Approved the annual renewal of the Professional Services Agreement between the Homer-Center School District and Catapult Learning, LLC from August 20. 2018- June 30, 2019.
- M.** Approved the revised 2018-2019 School Calendar with a snow make-up date of February 18, 2019 for the cancellation on November 15, 2018 (Appendix G).

#### IX. OPEN DISCUSSION-None

#### X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Fabin said Happy Thanksgiving to all. Mrs. Smith said Happy Thanksgiving and congratulations to the football and volleyball teams. Mr. McLoughlin said Happy Thanksgiving and to all the sports teams congratulations. Mr. Valyo congratulated the football and volleyball teams and coaches. Mr. Hayes said Happy Thanksgiving. He also noted that he was involved in mock job interviews with the senior ICTC students. He said they are amazing students and our future looks bright. Mr. J. Bertig echoed the same sentiments as the others. Mr. Smyers and Mr. Dellafiora had no reports. Mr. M. Bertig said Happy Thanksgiving to all.

On a Hayes/Dellaflora motion the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Voice vote:  
unanimous.

Submitted for board approval.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhonda Clifford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

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Michael Bertig, President