



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Homer-Center School Board  
Homer City, PA 15748  
Central Office Board Room  
September 20, 2018

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. Justin Smyers

School Administrators Present

Dr. Charles J. Koren, Superintendent  
Mr. Matthew Rodkey, Assistant Principal K-12  
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

Pamela Michael	Vicki Olinger
David King	Suzanne Parfitt
Suzanne Mateer	Steven Hall
Cheryl Turk	Courtney Henry
Jon Stolarz	Christina Bruno

Media Present

Jesse VanHorn, 1160 WCCS  
Greg Reinbold, The Dispatch  
Chauncy Ross, Indiana Gazette

Visitors

Ryan Sardone and Family  
Oshen Maratita and Family  
Kristina Andrei and Family

The Board held an executive session from 7:03-7:40 p.m. for personnel matters.

President Michael Bertig called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Homer-Center Mission Statement opened the meeting. Eight members were present at roll call to comprise a quorum.

Visitor Comments-None

#### IV. STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. Rodkey introduced Oshen Maratita as the September Wildcat Recognition Award recipient to the Board then asked Mr. David King to present him with his certificate and bowling and ice skating passes. Mr. Rainey introduced Ryan Sardone as the September Wildcat Recognition Award recipient and Mr. Rodkey also spoke regarding Ryan. He was presented with his certificate and bowling and ice skating passes. Mr. Dan Fabin presented Miss Kristina Andrei as the Kiwanis Senior of the Month and presented her with her certificate and ice skating pass. All students received an HC Lapel Pin from the Board.

#### V. REPORTS

##### Homer-Center School Board Committees

Academic Committee – Mr. Michael Bertig reported (1); Future Ready PA Index focusing on attendance, growth and 339 Plan; (2) K-2 report card changes on hold for now.

Buildings and Grounds Committee- Mr. J. Bertig missed the last meeting. Mr. McLoughlin reported work continues on the Jr. High Wing stairs. Mr. Fabin noted work continues on the ESCO Projects; and working on the sound system at Memorial Field.

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

Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit #28-Mr. Hayes reported they moved a part time teacher to a full time teacher for the hearing impaired and a part time physical therapist to a full time position. They approved funding for the parent child homecare additional funds for the coming year. Grant funds are used to facilitate early literacy programs in Armstrong and Indiana Counties.

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Homer-Center Parks and Recreation-Mr. M. Bertig reported there was not a quorum at this past meeting, so he had not report.

Indiana County Technology Center-Mrs. Smith reported on the following: (1) the WCC proposed building is on-going; (2) JOC submitted concerns/questions pertaining to the development of the eventual land lease between ICTC and ICDC. Movement is moving toward having the center. ICTC hired a new principal who was from United School District.

##### Administration

Mr. Rodkey, reporting for Mr. Stofa, noted the Sixth Grade Field Trip is the next day going to Gettysburg. He his getting to know the staff and families in the elementary school.

Mr. Rainey reported the HCEA Wildcat Tale was sent to Board Members and placed on the web site; Homecoming Parade starts at 6:00 pm. United's Band take the field at 6:40 pm, followed by the HC band. The high school is collecting items for the food bank at the gates at the football game. All week has been school spirit week with many fun activities. Guidance had financial aid and post-secondary night. United sponsored a recruiting seminar for athlete

Seniors. Parent workshops have also been held. Mr. Hall and Interact hold these workshops. They are continuing meetings on the 339 Plan at Indiana Country Club. Work continues on the Act 44 Grant through PCCD. Deadline is October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Genchur reported on the following: (1) Paw Patrol; (2) Sixth Grade Student Council; (3) Reading Program; (4) School Wide Team will be going to 1160 on Wednesday at 9:45 am and on the fourth Wednesday of every month a group will go to the radio station with school updates.

Mr. Sutter reported Pro Sound will be on campus Monday to set the sound system at Memorial Field. Siemans has been in working on temperature control and completed a software download. Work continues on the ESCO Project. Mr. Buzzard started working and is doing well. He noted there are still three open positions. Mr. Hayes noted that the HC logo on the field looks great.

HCEA- Ms. Bruno

Ms. Bruno noted it is warm in the building, but working out well. Clubs are up and running. She noted they like having the securing guards on campus. She thanked the Board for the full-time guidance counselor recently hired.

HCESP – Mrs. Collins

Not in attendance.

VI. OLD BUSINESS FROM THE AUGUST 6, 2018 PLANNING MEETING-CONSENT ITEMS

On a J. Bertig/Hayes motion approved these consent items. Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

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- A. Approval of Minutes for August 16, 2018 Regular Meeting– Appendix A
  - B. Treasurer’s Report and Cafeteria Cash Statement for August 31, 2018 – Appendix B
  - C. Approval of Bills – Appendix C
  - D. Business Manager’s Items
    - 1. Interest earned during August 2018 amounted to \$5,577.07
    - 2. Approved contracting The Reschini Agency to prepare year end Internal Revenue Service forms required under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for “large employers” with more than 50 full-time employees who also sponsor self-insured health plans (Appendix D).
    - 3. Exonerated the District’s tax collectors of 2018 Real Estate Taxes resulting from the Senior Tax Exemption Program participation in 2017/2018 in the amount of \$860.75 (2016/2017 total was \$1,727.00; 2015/2016 total was \$1,705.02; and 2014/2015 total was \$1,696.75).

E. Superintendent's Items

1. Personnel

- a. Approved additions to the supplemental contract list for approval: Kristin Curci, Mentor for Kurt Krejocic, \$303; Scott Bauer, Mentor for Jennifer Lieb, \$303; Christine Yurky, Jr. Class Advisor/Prom Coordinator, \$1,418; Kye-Won Kopko, Musical Assistant 2, \$1,477; Erin Hildebrand, Elementary Gifted Coordinator, \$1,008.
- b. Approved volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach Mr. Robert Ross.
- c. Approved substitute teachers: Suzanne Andrews, Daniel Gennaro, Lisa Rend, Loralie Wheeler, Eric Helm, Kenneth Riley, Stephanie Myer, Susan Morris, Tyler Strini, Cody Stewart, Janis Howard, Daniel DeFloria, Nicholas Strittmatter.
- d. Employed Mr. Timothy Buzzard as an 8 hour, 12 month custodian retroactive to September 10, 2018, 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.
- e. Accepted sick and personal days from Forest Hills School District for Jennifer Lieb.

2. Education

- a. Heather Lowry, Deanne Magolis and Vicki Olinger to attend PIIC Monthly Meetings at ARIN IU 28 on the following dates; 9/13; 10/18; 11/15; 12/18; 2/14; 5/9. Cost to the district is three substitutes for five days.
- b. Karen Woods to attend Red Cross Instructor Training in Greensburg, PA on September 13-14, 2018. Cost to the district is \$275 and one substitute for two days.
- c. Tammy Buffone and Cindy Scott to attend Integrated Learning: The School Career Connection at Penn State on November 14-16, 2018. Cost to the district is \$558 and two substitutes for three days.
- d. Joseph Kotelnicki, Amy Skoff and Erin Hildebrand to attend PIIC Monthly Meetings at Career Link on 9/13; 10/18; 11/15; 2/14 and 5/9. Cost to the district is three substitutes for five days.
- e. Mr. Jody Rainey and Mr. Dan Sacco to attend the School Safety Forum at Thiel College on October 17-18, 2018. Cost to the district is \$170.

3. Student Activities

- a. Mrs. Cindy Scott, Mrs. Lisa Adams and the Tenth Grade to attend the CORE field trip at RIDC in Pittsburgh, PA on November 7, 2018. Cost to the district is one substitute for one day. OTDA Grant will pay for transportation.
- b. Mrs. Lisa Adams and students to attend the Sam Rhine Genetic Conference at Gateway High School on November 29, 2018. There is no cost to the district.

4. Building and Grounds

- a. Paula Andrei and Band Boosters to use the high school LGI on the first Tuesday of each month for band booster meetings.
- b. Cindy Scott, Lisa Adams and Student Council to sponsor a Homecoming Dance on September 22, 2018 in the high school cafeteria from 7-10 pm.
- c. Kelly Tagliati and the Homer-Center Football Parents Association to serve meals in the high school cafeteria for both Jr. High and Varsity football team on Thursdays prior to games from 4-6:30 pm through November 15, 2018.

- d. Mario Alexander and Nick Arone and the Homer City Boosters to use the high school Memorial Field on 8/25; 9/8; 9/15; 9/29 and 10/13 for Bears Games from 1-4 pm.
  - e. Mrs. Cathy Ginter and the Lady Wildcats Athletic Association to use the high school LGI Room for monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
  - f. Mrs. Erin Hildebrand and Mrs. Carolyn Sacco to hold a Scholastic Book Fair open to the public in the Elementary Library on October 3, 2018 from 11:30 am-8:00 pm.
5. Cafeteria-No Report
  6. Policies
    - a. Second reading and adoption of Board Policy #709.1, 700 Property, School Police Officers as noted in Appendix H.
    - b. Second reading and adoption of Board Policy #709.2, 700 Property, Use of Recording Devices on School Property as noted in Appendix I.
  7. Transportation-No Report
  8. Board of Directors
    - a. Approved the five-year Affiliation Agreement with California University of Pennsylvania for student teacher participation at Homer-Center School District for the 2018-2023 school years.
    - b. Voting for PSBA Officers for 2019.

VII. PULLED AGENDA ITEM FROM OLD BUSINESS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 PLANNING MEETING-NON-CONSENT ITEM:

3.c. Student Activities

On a Smith/Dellaflora motion, and after discussion, approved:

Mr. Stolarz and the Marching Band to participate in Tournament of Band Competitions on the following dates, locations and cost of transportation:

Sat. September 29, 2018	Brockway High School	\$1,000.00
Sat. October 20, 2018	IUP Band Fest	\$ 560.00
Sat. November 3, 2018	Camp Hill, PA Championships	<u>\$2,400.00</u>
		\$3,960.00

Poll vote; motion carried 6-2 with Mr. J. Bertig and Mr. McLoughlin voting no.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

On a McLoughlin/Fabin motion, approved:

- A. Mrs. Lisa Adams to attend the Project Based Learning-Because It's a Project Based World seminar on October 16-17, 2018 and January 28, 2019. Cost to the district is one substitute for three days.
- B. Mr. Scott Bauer and the Homer-Center Baseball Team to conduct a Ring Ceremony on Saturday, October 27, 2018 in the high school cafeteria and LGI Room from 5:00-8:00 p.m. The group will be charged \$100 for custodial fees.
- C. Employed Mr. Daniel Zenisek as a Homer-Center School District Security Officer.
- D. Employed Mrs. Joyce Bodkin as a cafeteria worker at 90% of the starting salary of \$10.35/hr. with a 60 day probationary period starting October 1, 2018, and as per the CBA between the Homer-Center School District and the HCESP.

- E. Approved the following as volunteer boys' basketball coaches for the 2018-2019 season: Dave Cook, Chad Yancy, Nick Moore (pending receipt of clearances), Rickey Miller and James McLoughlin.  
Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

On a Dellafiora/Valyo motion, approved:

- F. Approved annual wage increases for the Administrative Secretaries of 2.15% retroactive for 2017-2018 and 2.25% for 2018-2019.
- G. Approved Mrs. Christine Yurky and Mr. Steven Hall to attend the Pennsylvania Council of Social Studies State Conference in Harrisburg, PA on October 18 (pm)-20, 2018. They will be making a presentation while attending the conference. Cost to the district is \$260 and two substitutes for one day.
- H. Mr. Kurt Krejocic and three students to attend LaRoche College for a College visit on Sunday, September 23, 2018. There is no cost to the district.
- I. Mr. Kurt Krejocic to attend three Induction Workshops at ARIN IU 28 on September 25; October 1-December 19 (on-line courses); and January 29, 2019. Cost to the district is \$175.  
Poll vote; motion carried 8-0.

Informational: Mr. Matthew Rodkey will serve as our Safe2Say liason for the Homer-Center School District.

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION-None

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Smith said go Wildcats during our Homecoming football game and congratulations to the homecoming court nominees: No other Board Members had comments.

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On a Dellafiora/Hayes motion the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. Voice vote, unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

  
Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

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Michael Bertig, President