

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2017
MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Roll Call – Board President Gary Tompkins called to order the regular meeting of the Homer Community School District Board of Education on February 20, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Homer High School media center.

Members Present: President Gary Tompkins, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Trustee Chad Rocco

Members Absent: Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Johnna Vanderford

Others Present: - Interim Superintendent Scott Salow, Administrative Assistant Martha Robinson, Business Manager Julie Waterbury, High School Principal Tom Salow, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, Athletic Director Brad Roth, Interim Middle School Principal Duane Sitkiewicz, John Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Amy Cupp, Michael Cupp, Nate Huff, Dawn Masternak, Tiffany Thatcher, Kara Toteff, Jeanette Rockwell, Forrest Rockwell, Emmalee Owens, Thomas Grant

Agenda – There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Administrative Reports – Tom Salow, Heather Cahill, Duane Sitkiewicz, and Brad Roth gave their reports.

Public Voice – Dawn Masternak invited board members to attend the 2nd annual Feed Your Future event co-sponsored by the Homer Parent Involvement Committee, Michigan Works and area businesses on Thursday, March 9 from 5:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Dawn complimented Interim Superintendent Scott Salow on his leadership at the District School Improvement meeting.

Communications – Ashley Frye, agriscience teacher and FFA advisor, received a grant from the Glassbrook FFA Grant Committee for \$620.00 for “Growing to Grow.” A \$1,000.00 grant was awarded from the Bessie Edwards Education Fund at the Battle Creek Community Foundation for the 2017 Mystery Trip.

Committee Reports – Interim Superintendent Scott Salow gave a report for the finance/building and grounds committee meeting.

The athletics committee meeting scheduled for March 9 was cancelled. Scheduled board committee meetings are for certified staff on February 23 at 5:30 p.m. and for finance/building and grounds on March 15 at 7:30 a.m. Both meetings will take place in the board conference room.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following consent agenda items were covered:

- Approval of minutes for the January 16, 2017 special and regular meeting and the February 7, 2017 special meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for January 2017 in the amount of \$1,299,816.70.
- Employment
 - Hire – Kara Toteff, Middle School ELA Teacher
 - Hire – Emmalee Owens, Middle School Academic Coach
 - Resignation – Anna Eastin, Elementary Playground Monitor

Isabell Nazar moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board of Education Goal Setting Workshop – A board of education goal setting workshop was scheduled for 7 p.m. on March 30, 2017 at Cascarelli’s Granger Room in Homer.

Athletic Committee Meeting – The athletic committee meeting was scheduled on March 22, 2017 in the board conference room with the time TBD.

ACTION ITEMS

Schools of Choice Resolution – Isabell Nazar moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to accept schools of choice applications for 105 and 105c for the 2017-18 school year. *Voting yes:* Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* None. *Absent:* Trustee Vanderford, Trustee McCullough and Vice President Willis. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Board of Directors Election – Chad Rocco moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to vote for Kathleen Moore for the 2017 MASB Board of Directors for Region 6. *Voting yes:* Treasurer Yates, Trustee Rocco, Secretary Nazar and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* None. *Absent:* Trustee Vanderford, Trustee McCullough and Vice President Willis. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Field Trip Request – Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to approve a field trip to MSU for the FFA state convention on March 8 – 10, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Specialized Data Systems (SDS) Financial Software – Isabell Nazar moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to approve the purchase of the SDS financial software. The motion passed unanimously.

Donation Approval – Isabell Nazar moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to approve the anonymous donation to the Homer baseball program. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Feed Your Future on March 9.
- B. FFA State Convention at MSU on March 8, 9 and 10.
- C. District Band Festivals at Matawan on March 10 for MS and March 11 for HS both at 3:50 pm.
- D. Students dismissed at 11:00 on March 17 – Teacher professional development in afternoon.
- E. HS Band State Solo & Ensemble at Chelsea on March 18.
- F. CASBMA annual awards banquet at Union City Schools on April 26 at 6 pm.
- G. Student count – The preliminary count for spring count day on February 8 is 1042.51.
- H. 2013 Football Banner Raising Ceremony on February 24 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the HS Media Center. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Isabell Nazar, Secretary
Homer Board of Education

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