

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 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 March 20, 2017 at 7:04 p.m. in the Homer High School media center.

Members Present: President Gary Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Chad Rocco and Trustee Johnna Vanderford

Members Absent: None

Others Present: - Interim Superintendent Scott Salow, Administrative Assistant Martha Robinson, Business Manager Julie Waterbury, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, Interim Middle School Principal Duane Sitkiewicz, Nate Huff, Tiffany Thatcher, Dawn Masternak, Amy Cupp, Doug Tasker, Linda Tasker, Rose Mary Berry, Holly Blashfield, JoEllen O’Keefe, Renee Cribbins, Sally Sheets

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

CARE (Children Are our Reason for Existing) – The School Improvement Plan team of Renee Cribbins, Sally Sheets and Jo’Ellen O’Keefe from the high school gave a presentation on the initiatives the team is implementing to meet the Homer Community School District Goals.

Administrative Reports – Heather Cahill and Duane Sitkiewicz gave their reports.

Public Voice – Dawn Masternak reported on the success of the Feed Your Future event.

Communications – Kimberly Willis summarized highlights from attending the Michigan Association of School Boards Governmental Relations committee meeting. The board congratulated Gary Tompkins on receiving the Michigan Association of School Boards Award of Distinction. Interim Superintendent Salow reviewed the filing deadline for interested candidates for the Board of Directors at the Calhoun Intermediate School District. The winners for the Calhoun Area School Board Members Association were announced.

Committee Reports – Interim Superintendent gave a report for the certified staff and finance/building and grounds committee meetings.

Scheduled board committee meetings are for athletics on March 22 at 5 p.m., finance/building and grounds on April 12 at 7:30 a.m., technology/curriculum on April 13 at 5:30 p.m. and policy on April 17 at 5 p.m. All meetings will take place in the board conference room.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following consent agenda items were covered:

- Approval of minutes for the February 20, 2017 regular meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for February 2017 in the amount of \$870,251.13.
- Employment

- Hire – Brett Vernon, JV Baseball Coach
- Resignation – Brandi Avery, Food Service Aide
- Resignation – Katrina Miniear, Lunchroom Monitor

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Homer Early Middle College – Isabell Nazar moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to approve the Homer Early Middle College Program 5-year graduation plan as presented. *Voting Yes:* Trustee Vanderford, Trustee McCullough, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis and President Tompkins. *Voting No:* None. Motion carried 7-0.

2017-18 Educational Planning Guide – Kimberly Willis moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to approve the 2017-18 Educational Planning Guide as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

HS Alternative Education Track – Isabell Nazar moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to approve the Homer High School Alternative Education Track as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Bus Purchase – Catherine Yates moved, and Isabell Nazar supported the motion, to approve the purchase of a lease-return school bus from Midwest Transit Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$77,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Sick Bank for HEA Member – Isabell Nazar moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to approve the creation of a sick bank for up to 5 days for a Homer Education Association (HEA) member. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. A. Kindergarten registration on March 21 & 22
- B. State Jazz Festival on March 28 at Mt. Pleasant and Alma College Jazz Festival on March 24 with time TBD
- C. School musical *Donovan’s Daughters* will be held on March 23 at 7 p.m., March 24 & 25 at 8 p.m. and March 26 at 2 p.m. in the MS gym
- D. Parent/teacher conferences on March 28 and March 30 at 3 – 7 p.m. Students dismissed at 1 p.m.
- E. Board of education workshop on March 30 at 7 p.m. at Cascarelli’s in the Granger Room
- F. Students dismissed at 11 a.m. on March 31
- G. Spring break on April 3 through April 7.
- H. Students dismissed at 11 a.m. on Good Friday April 14.
- I. CASBMA annual awards dinner meeting at Union City Schools on April 26 at 6 p.m.
- J. Board member volunteers to hand out diplomas at graduation on June 4 at 2 p.m.
- K. Food Service Meal Charging Policy update
- L. Student count and schools of choice summary.

Isabell Nazar moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to go into closed session and have Julie Waterbury join the session at 8:28 p.m. for negotiations update and superintendent evaluation. *Voting Yes:* Trustee McCullough, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, Trustee Vanderford and President Tompkins. *Voting No:* None. Motion carried 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Superintendent Evaluation
Negotiation Planning

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the HS Media Center. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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

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