

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 17, 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 April 17, 2017 at 7:08 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:** - 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, Barb Smith, Amy Cupp, Nate Huff, Holly Blashfield, Rose Mary Berry, Royce Crandall, Tiffan Thatcher, Dawn Masternak, Bruce Barton, Rebecca Davis, Roxanne Barton

**Agenda** – Isabell Nazar moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to revise the agenda to add a closed session for the purpose of reviewing the superintendent’s contract and to add Action Items Continued, if needed, following the closed session.

**CARE (Children Are our Reason for Existing)** – The School Improvement Plan team of Amy Cupp, Holly Blashfield, Barb Smith and Royce Crandall from the middle school gave a presentation on the initiatives the team is implementing to meet the Homer Community School District Goals.

**Administrative Reports** – Tom Salow, Heather Cahill, Duane Sitkiewicz, and Brad Roth gave their reports on the initiatives they are implementing to meet the district goals.

**Public Voice** – Dawn Masternak spoke about the Spring Grab and Go and the Elementary Carnival events.

**Communications** – Kimberly Willis summarized highlights from attending the Michigan Association of School Boards Governmental Relations committee meeting.

Homer Area Community Foundation awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Homer Youth Endowment Fund to support the 2017 Mystery Trip, an \$8,000 grant from the Homer Unrestricted Fund and the Homer Youth Fund to support the Homer GAP Program, and a \$1,000 grant from the Bessie Edwards Education Fund to support the Community Resource Area restricted for Parent Night programming.

Gary Tompkins spoke about the concern the Homer Village Council has about keeping the Homer Community House in operation.

**Committee Reports** – Superintendent Scott Salow gave a report for the athletics, curriculum/technology, policy/legislative and finance/building and grounds committee meetings.

Scheduled board committee meetings are for finance/building and grounds on May 10 at 7:30 a.m. in the board conference room.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following consent agenda items were covered:

- Approval of minutes for the March 20, 2017 regular and closed meetings and the March 30, 2017 special meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for March 2017 in the amount of \$1,730,959.31.
- Employment
  - Resignation – Ashley Frye, Agriscience Teacher and FFA Advisor
  - Resignation – Nicole Reynolds, Food Service Lunchroom Monitor
  - Hire – Cassandra Cornstubble, JV Softball Coach

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**HS Graduation Report** - High School Principal Tom Salow reported that 54 students are on schedule to graduate on June 4, 2017. Six students are currently on the watch list.

**Kindergarten Registration Report** - Elementary Principal Heather Cahill reported that 60 students completed kindergarten roundup in March. They are expecting 19 retentions for kindergarten. Additional students are expected to enroll in August.

**Calhoun Intermediate School District (CISD) 2017 – 18 Budget** - The board reviewed the CISD 2017-18 general fund budget.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**CISD 2017-18 Budget** – Chad Rocco moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion, to approve the LEA Resolution Relating to the CISD General Fund Budget for 2017-18 as presented. *Voting Yes:* Trustee McCullough, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Vice-President Willis, Trustee Vanderford and President Tompkins. *Voting No:* Secretary Nazar. Motion carried 6 – 1.

**Field Trip Approval** – Kimberly Willis moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to approve field trips for FFA Regional Camp in Cassopolis, Michigan on April 27 & 28, 2017, for the high school choir to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio on May 18, 2017, and the girls basketball to LaPorte, Indiana on June 20 & 21, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

**Sick Bank for HEA Member** – Isabell Nazar moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to approve the creation of a sick bank for up to 20 days for a Homer Education Association (HEA) member. The motion passed unanimously.

**Food Service Contract** – Isabell Nazar moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to terminate the contract with Taher and directed Superintendent Scott Salow to notify Taher in writing. The motion passed unanimously.

**Elementary Hot Water Line Project** – Catherine Yates moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion, to approve the elementary hot water line project as presented for the 2017-18 school year. Superintendent Salow will check on the concern about any asbestos in the location of this project before the start of the project. The motion passed unanimously.

**Elementary Cold Water Line Project** – Chad Rocco moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to approve the elementary cold water line project as presented for the 2017-18 school year. Superintendent Salow will check on the concern about any asbestos in the location of this project before the start of the project. The motion passed unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. CASBMA annual awards dinner/meeting at Union City on April 26 at 6 p.m.
- B. Elementary Spring Sing on April 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the HS gym.
- C. Club 17 on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the MS Gym.
- D. Teacher Appreciation breakfast on May 4 at 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria commons.
- E. Elementary Carnival May 5 at 5 – 9 p.m.
- F. HS prom on May 6 at 8 p.m. at the community house followed by the mystery trip.
- G. HS Honors Assembly on May 10 at 7 p.m. in the HS Gym.
- H. Band trip to Philadelphia on May 11 – 13.
- I. Alumni Association Afternoon Social on May 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- J. Student count for the end of March was at 1,041.
- K. State Band Festivals for MS at Paw Paw HS at 9:50 a.m. on April 26 and for HS at Ann Arbor Skyline HS at 7:40 p.m. on May 5.

Kimberly Willis moved, and Isabell Nazar supported the motion to go into closed session and have Julie Waterbury join the session at 8:56 p.m. to review the superintendent’s contract. *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.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Superintendent’s Contract

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

**Superintendent Contract** – Isabell Nazar moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to tentatively approve the superintendent’s contract as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the HS Media Center. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

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

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