

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 18, 2016
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 July 18, 2016 at 7:02 p.m. in the Homer High School media center.

Members Present: President Gary Tompkins, Secretary Tamara Winchell, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Chad Rocco and Trustee Johnna Vanderford

Members Absent: Vice-President Kimberly Willis

Others Present: - Superintendent Robert Wright, Business Manager Julie Waterbury, High School Principal Tom Salow, Middle School Principal Scott Salow, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, Tiffany Thatcher, Holly Blashfield, Katie Turner, Allison Golembeske, Jaimie Tekiele, and Kelsey King

Agenda – Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to add a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and adding personnel update as a discussion item following the closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Voice – None

Communications – The Homer Area Community Foundation (HACF) sent a thank you letter for the donation on behalf of the Board of Education to the Elizabeth Booth Scholarship Fund in memory of Harold Collmenter.

Superintendent Wright reviewed grants received from the HACF and reviewed the Michigan Association of School Boards announcement about upcoming learning opportunities.

Committee Reports –Robert Wright gave a report for the certified staff meeting. A board committee meeting is scheduled for the finance/building and grounds on August 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 June 20, 2016 special and regular meeting.
- Acceptance of committee reports and committee minutes.
- Employment
 - Resignation – Julie Yeider, HS Special Education Teacher
 - Hire – Emily Abbs, HS Special Education Teacher and Varsity Volleyball Coach
 - Hire – Caden Conley, HS Track & Field Coach
 - Hire – Cody Bentley, Varsity Football Assistant Coach
 - Hire – Allison Golembeske, Elementary Teacher
 - Hire – Kelsey King, Elementary Teacher
 - Hire – Katie Turner, Elementary Teacher

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Elementary and Athletic Students Handbooks – Student handbooks for the elementary and athletics were reviewed.

ACTION ITEMS

Field Trip Requests – Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to approve field trip request for the Cross Country Team Camp in Pokagon, Indiana on July 22-25, 2016 and for the Spanish Club Trip to Costa Rica on June 18-26, 2018 (approximate date). The motion passed unanimously.

HS and MS Student Handbooks - Chad Rocco moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to approve the student handbooks for the middle and high school as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Contracts – Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to extend the administrative contracts through June 30, 2018 for HS Principal Tom Salow, MS Principal Scott Salow, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, Assistant Principal Duane Sitkiewicz, Business Manager Julie Waterbury and Data Processing Administrator Angala Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

School Nurse Agreement – Tamara Winchell moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to approve the School Based Community Nursing Agreement between the Calhoun County Public Health Department and Homer Community Schools for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

School Loan Revolving Fund – Chad Rocco moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to approve the resolution for the School Loan Revolving Fund as presented. A roll call vote was taken. *Voting Yes:* Trustee Vanderford, Trustee McCullough, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Winchell and President Tompkins. *Voting No:* None. Motion carried 6-0.

Softball Dugouts – Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to approve quote number 2 as presented from Blatter Better Bid Construction for softball dugouts roof, ceiling, floor replacement and 2-tone painting of walls for the amount of \$10,800 and \$3,450 for accessories for a total of \$14,250. The motion passed unanimously.

Chad Rocco moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to go into closed session at 7:40 p.m. for negotiations update. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Negotiations Update

DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Personnel Update – Superintendent Robert Wright announced his resignation from Homer Community Schools effective August 31, 2016.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Deadline for Board of Education candidates to file a petition for the November 8 election is July 26, 2016 at 4 p.m. at the Calhoun County Clerk’s office in Marshall.
- B. Meeting with auditor for the finance committee at a date TBD (either before the board meeting in August or September at 6 p.m. in the board conference room).
- C. Vehicle inventory.
- D. Summer maintenance projects.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the HS media center. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamara A. Winchell, Secretary
Homer Board of Education

TAW:mr