

HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 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 August 15, 2016 at 7:03 p.m. in the Homer High School media center.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: - Superintendent Robert Wright, Administrative Assistant Martha Robinson, Business Manager Julie Waterbury, High School Principal Tom Salow, Middle School Principal Scott Salow, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, Athletic Director Brad Roth, Assistant Principal Duane Sitkiewicz, Transportation Supervisor Marsha Edred, Tiffany Thatcher, Michele Sharp, Rebecca Davis, Isabell Nazar, Kenny Burgett, Jeff O'Dell, Barb Smith, Emily Abbs, Mike Eldred

Agenda – Kimberly Willis moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to add Albion Bus Transportation and Superintendent Search to the discussion items.

CARE (Children Are our Reason for Existing) – Bruce Dunn from Maner Costerisan referred board members to the audit report and gave the board a positive review for the 2015-2016 audit.

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

Public Voice – Rebecca Davis, FFA alum, gave an update on summer FFA activities.

Communications – The Homer Area Community Foundation has awarded a grant to school nurse Tammie Calhoun in support of her efforts to provide ongoing First Aid/CPR/AED training for school staff.

Committee Reports – Robert Wright gave a report for the finance/building and grounds committee meeting. A committee meeting for finance/building and grounds has been scheduled for September 14 at 7:30 a.m. in the board conference room.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following consent agenda items were covered:

- Approval of minutes for the July 18, 2016 regular and closed session meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for June 2016 in the amount of \$1,196,076.61 and for July 2016 in the amount of \$840,350.96.
- Employment
 - Resignation - Jeff Hollister, Elementary Teacher
 - Resignation – Lora Finch, Agriscience and FFA Advisor
 - Hire – Kenny Burgett, MS Math Teacher
 - Hire – Jeff O'Dell, MS Science Teacher
 - Hire – Barb Smith, JV Volleyball Coach
 - Hire – Ashley Frye, Agriscience Teacher and FFA Advisor
 - Hire - Taylor Carroll, Elementary Teacher

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Albion Bus Transportation – The board agreed with Superintendent Wright’s recommendation to stay with the Albion Elks for the Albion bus stop.

Superintendent Search – Board members agreed to have Gary Tompkins contact Gary Rider at the Michigan Leadership Institute to start the search process for a new superintendent and to continue the interim superintendent search process.

ACTION ITEMS

Elementary and Athletic Student Handbooks – Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to approve the student handbooks for the elementary and athletics as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Aides Contract – Tamara Winchell moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion, to approve the financial consideration for a \$.10 hourly rate increase for the teacher aides association contract for the 2016-17 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Bus Drivers Contract – Tamara Winchell moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to approve the financial consideration for a \$.10 hourly rate increase for the bus drivers association contract for the 2016-17 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Food Service Contract – Chad Rocco moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to approve the financial consideration for varied increases to the hourly rates plus an increase in annual longevity payout as presented for the food service workers association contract for the 2016-17 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Homer Education Association (HEA) Contract – Kimberly Willis moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to approve the financial consideration for ½% increase and an adjusted payout based on student enrollment as presented for the HEA contract for the 2016-17 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Policy Update – Kimberly Willis moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion, to approve the Neola board policy update for volume 30 number 2 policy number 3220 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Open House: August 31 at 6 – 8 p.m.
- B. All Staff Breakfast: September 1 in the cafeteria at 8 a.m.
- C. First Day of School: Tuesday, September 6

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the HS Media Center. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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

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