

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 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 November 21, 2016 at 7:01 p.m. in the Homer High School media center.

Oath of Office – The oath of office for a new board member was delayed pending the certification of the election.

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: - Interim Superintendent and Middle School Principal Scott Salow, Administrative Assistant Martha Robinson, Business Manager Julie Waterbury, High School Principal Tom Salow, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, Athletic Director Brad Roth, Assistant Principal Duane Sitkiewicz, School Social Worker Wendy Schutt-Danko, Nate Huff, Holly Blashfield, Dawn Masternak, Tiffany Thatcher, Chris Landis, Isabell Nazar, Amy Cupp, Ammie Miller, Michelle Francis, Marlene Keifer

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

CARE (Children Are our Reason for Existing) – School Social Worker Wendy Schutt-Danko talked about helping Homer families during the Christmas season through adopt-a-family, the giving tree, food baskets and the collection of canned goods.

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

Public Voice – None

Communications – Scott Salow reviewed the letter from EduPath expressing their appreciation for the time and talent of elementary teacher Angela Breneman.

Committee Reports – Scott Salow gave a report for the curriculum/technology, policy/legislative and finance/building and grounds committee meetings. Scheduled board committee meetings are for athletics on December 1 at 5:30 p.m. and finance/building and grounds on December 14 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 October 17, 2016 regular meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for October 2016 in the amount of \$860,666.77.
- Employment
 - Hire – Ammie Miller, Elementary Special Education Aide

- Resignation – Debbie Winchell, MS Girls Basketball Coach

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CASBMA Award Nominations – Nominations are due by February 10, 2017 for the Calhoun Area School Board Members Association (CASBMA) citizen and professional awards.

Board Policy Updates - The board reviewed Neola board policy updates for Volume 31 Number 1, September 2016 and the Special Release - October 2016, Information and Technology Phase I. Approval of these updates will be an action item at the December board meeting.

Food Service Policies – Board members reviewed a new Meal Charge policy and a new Uncollectable Debt policy for Food Service. Board members asked for Item III F to be clarified on the Meal Charge policy. These policies will be an action item at the December board meeting.

Date for MASB Superintendent Evaluation Training – Board members scheduled a date on February 7, 2017 for a facilitator to provide training on the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) superintendent evaluation tool. A luncheon will be provided at 5:30 p.m. with the workshop beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school media center.

ACTION ITEMS

Field Trips – Josh McCullough moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to approve the 7th grade Chicago trip on June 8, 2017 and the 8th grade Cedar Point trip on June 13, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 2016-17 Amended Budget – Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to approve the 2016-17 amended budget resolutions as presented. *Voting Yes:* Trustee Vanderford, Trustee McCullough, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Winchell, Vice-President Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting No:* None. Motion carried 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Thanksgiving break beginning with student dismissal at 11 am on Nov. 23.
- B. MS Band Concert on Sun., Dec. 11 at 2 pm in the MS gym.
- C. HS/MS Choir Concert on Sun., Dec. 11 at 3:30 pm at the Homer Methodist Church.
- D. HS Band Concert on Sun., Dec. 11 at 5 pm in the MS gym.
- E. Elem Christmas Program on Dec. 20 at 1:15 pm in the HS gym.
- F. Jazz Band Dinner Dance on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria.
- G. Christmas break is scheduled from Dec. 21 – January 3.
- H. January is school board recognition month – board visit on Thursday, January 19 at 9 - 12:30.
- I. Student count for the month ending on October 31, 2016 was 1065. Schools of choice report as of October 7, 2016 showed 370 non-resident incoming students.

Chad Rocco moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m. for the superintendent’s evaluation. *Voting Yes:* Trustee McCullough, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Winchell, Vice-President Willis, Trustee Vanderford and President Tompkins. *Voting No:* None. Motion carried 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Superintendent’s Evaluation

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the HS media center. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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

TAW:mr