

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 15, 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 May 15, 2017 at 7:03 p.m. in the Homer High School media center.

Members Present: President Gary Tompkins, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Chad Rocco and Trustee Johnna Vanderford. Vice-President Kimberly Willis arrived at 7:50 p.m.

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, Middle School Principal Duane Sitkiewicz, Nathan Huff, Tina Tucker, Gerri Craddock, Dawn Masternak, Amanda Croad, Amy Cupp, Tiffany Thatcher, JoEllen O’Keefe, Jennifer Johnson, Bobbie Bouvier, Angela Breneman, Brenda McClure, Nichole Mansfield, Holly Blashfield, Tiffany Thatcher, Michele Sharp

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

CARE (Children Are our Reason for Existing) – The elementary School Improvement Plan team of Bobbie Bouvier, Michele Sharp, Angela Breneman, Brenda McClure, Jennifer Johnson, Nicole Mansfield and parent representative Dawn Masternak, 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.

Public Voice – None.

Communications – The Homer Area Community Foundation awarded a \$1,500 grant for the 2017 Mystery Trip and the Michigan Department of Education awarded Homer Schools a \$5,795.21 grant for the Acceptable Assessment Tools for Early Literacy Educators. Superintendent Salow informed the board that a \$25.00 donation was donated on behalf of the board to the Elizabeth Booth Scholarship fund in memory of Glen “Ted” Richards.

Gary Tompkins comment on the Alumni Social and the First Annual Celebration of the Albion Area Graduates at the Marshall Opportunity School. Gary also noted that Homer High School earned a national ranking and bronze medal by the US News and World Report.

Committee Reports – Superintendent Scott Salow gave a report for the finance/building and grounds committee meeting.

Scheduled board committee meetings are for finance/building and grounds on Tuesday, June 13 at 7:30 a.m. and certified staff on June 15 at 5:30 p.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 April 13, 2017 special and closed meetings and the April 17, 2017 regular meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for April 2017 in the amount of \$2,090,881.99.
- Employment
 - Hire – Duane Sitkiewicz, Middle School Principal
 - Hire – Tina Tucker, Food Service Director
 - Hire – JoEllen O’Keefe, Director of Instructional Services
 - Hire – Amanda Croad, Payroll Accountant
 - Retirement – Kathy Grundemann, HR/Payroll
 - Retirement – Martha Robinson, Secretary to the Superintendent

Chad Rocco made a correction to the minutes for the special board meeting on April 13, 2017 noting that Johnna Vanderford was absent from the meeting and was not a voting member for the motion to offer the position of superintendent to Scott Salow. Recording secretary Martha Robinson was instruction to make this correction.

Chad Rocco moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to approve the consent agenda with noted change to the April 13, 2017 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Board Policies – The board reviewed Neola board policies Volume 30 Number 2, Technology Update and ESSA Phase 1. Approval of these updates will be an action item at the June board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Calhoun Intermediated School District (CISD) Biennial Election Resolution – Isabell Nazar moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to approve the resolution to designate Chad Rocco as Homer’s representative to serve on the 2017 electoral body responsible for electing members to the CISD Board of Education. Catherine Yates will be the alternate. The board supports candidates JoAnne Miller and Allyn Miller for the position on the CISD Board of Education for a term of six years and directs representative Chad Rocco to vote for these candidates on the first ballot taken at the June 5, 2017 election. *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.

Administrator Contracts – Isabell Nazar moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion, to approve the contracts for Middle School Principal Duane Sitkiewicz for the term of April 24, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and for the Director of Instructional Services JoEllen O’Keefe for the term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

School Lunch Price – Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to increase the cost for student lunches for the 2017-18 school year by \$.10 for a cost of \$2.35 for elementary lunch and \$2.55 for middle and high school lunch as mandated by the Michigan Department of Education for the equity in school lunch pricing. The motion passed unanimously. Student breakfast will be free, and the cost for a milk will remain the same at \$.50.

Rescind Motion for Homer Early Middle College – Chad Rocco moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to rescind the motion made on March 20, 2017 for the approval of the Homer Early Middle

College. *Voting Yes:* Trustee Rocco, Trustee McCullough, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, Trustee Vanderford, and President Tompkins. *Voting No:* None. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Homer Early Middle College – Isabell Nazar moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion, to approve the Homer Early Middle College Program 5-year graduation plan as presented and noted that it is understood that State School Aid Section 6(4)m requires that students must not be otherwise eligible for high school graduation to participate in a fifth year of high school and that Section 3(f) of the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act and Section 3(g) of the Career and Technical Preparation Act require that students be enrolled in at least one (1) high school course required for graduation which must be a high school or dual enrollment math or math related course. *Voting Yes:* Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, Trustee Vanderford, Trustee McCullough, and President Tompkins. *Voting No:* None. Motion carried 7 – 0.

District and Board Goals, Vision, Mission and Beliefs – Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to approve the district priorities, board goals, vision, mission and belief statement for the 2017-18 school year as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Spring Band Concert on May 21 at 2 p.m. for MS and at 5 p.m. for HS in the HS gym
- B. HS/MS Spring Choir Concert on May 21 at 3:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church
- C. All school picnic on May 26 at lunch time
- D. Pre-School graduation on June 2 in the HS gym at 6 p.m.
- E. HS graduation on June 4 in the HS gym at 2 p.m.
- F. MS Honors Night on June 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the HS gym
- G. American Legion Awards in the HS Gym on June 7 at 7 p.m.
- H. 4th grade Mackinac Island trip on June 5 and June 6
- I. 7th grade Chicago trip on June 8
- J. 8th grade graduation on June 12 at 1:30 p.m.
- K. Retirement Tea on June 12 in the cafeteria – Social reception 2:30 p.m. and program at 3:15 p.m.
- L. Cedar Point trip for 8th grade on June 13
- M. Last day of school on June 14 with student dismissal at 11 a.m.
- N. Student count for the end of April was 1,041.

Isabell Nazar moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to go into closed session and have Julie Waterbury join the session at 8:20 p.m. for negotiations update. *Voting yes:* Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, Trustee Vanderford, Trustee Rocco, Trustee McCullough, and President Tompkins. *Voting No:* None. Motion carried 7 – 0.

CLOSED SESSION

Negotiations Update

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the HS Media Center. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Isabell Nazar, Secretary for the Homer Board of Education

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