

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
MINUTES**

Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance - Board President Gary Tompkins called to order the regular meeting of the Homer Community School District Board of Education on September 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on Google Hangouts.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Marty Chard Interim Superintendent, Business Manager Julie Waterbury, Director of Instructional Services JoEllen O’Keefe, High School Principal Tom Salow, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, Athletic Director Brad Roth, and Jeff Strauss representing Maner Costerisan.

Request to Approve Agenda:

Kimberly Willis moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to remove action item # 6 NEOLA Update, to remove the C.A.R.E presentation, and to move into closed session for attorney/client information. The motion passed unanimously. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trustee McCullough, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 7-0.

CARE (Children Are Our Reason for Existing): None.

Maner Costerian presented the review of the 2020 Audit.

Administrative Reports: Brad Roth, Heather Cahill, JoEllen O’Keefe, Duane Sitkiewicz, and Tom Salow gave their reports based off of the Homer Community Schools District Priorities.

Public Voice: Kimberly Willis read a statement pertaining to violations of School Board Policy. Community members shared various concerns to the board.

Communications: Business Manager Julie Waterbury announced that the Battle Creek Community Foundation donated \$5,000 to help pay cost of the athletic director, as well as a \$5,000 anonymous donation. Julie Waterbury also stated that the Battle Creek Community Foundation also donated \$5,000 towards COVID-19 supplies. Our community members also donated approximately \$8,900 towards learning kits and mask for each student.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of minutes and corrections for the August 2020 regular meeting, August 19th Special Meeting, and August 31st Special Meeting
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes
- Approval of total district payments for August 2020 in the amount of \$808,532.50
- Employment
 - Hire – Jim Smith – Middle School Football Coach

Tamara Winchell moved, Catherine Yates supported the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trust Chad Rocco, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Vice President Kimberly Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion Items:

Julie discussed the NEOLA 2020 Update. JoEllen O’Keefe gave an update on student enrollment. The School Board welcomed Marty Chard as the current Interim Superintendent.

ACTION ITEMS

20/21- #7 Acceptance of the 2020 Auditors Report- Chad Rocco moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to accept the 2020 Auditors Report. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trust Chad Rocco, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Vice President Kimberly Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

20/21- #8 Approval of Interim Superintendent- Catherine Yates moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to approve Marty Chard as Interim Superintendent to be effective as of September 22, 2020. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trust Chad Rocco, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Vice President Kimberly Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - JoEllen Reported

- A. Homecoming Game versus Concord on Friday October 9 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Student Count Day- Wednesday, October 7
- C. Parent-Teacher Conferences (Virtual) - Tuesday Oct.13, 3-7 p.m. (Student Dismissal at 1:00)
- D. Parent-Teacher Conferences (Virtual) - Thursday Oct. 15, 3-7 p.m. (Student Dismissal at 1:00)

CLOSED MEETING

Isabell Nazar moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to go into closed session. Voting yes: Trustee McCullough, Trustee Winchell, Trustee Chad Rocco, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar. Vice President Kimberly Willis, and President Tompkins. Voting no: none. Motion carried 7-0.

The Homer Community School Board of Education met in closed session on September 21, 2020 at 7:25 p.m. in the High School Media Center for the purpose of attorney/client information.

Members Present: President Gary Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Secretary Isabel Nazar, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Trustee Chad Rocco, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Tamra Winchell.

There being no further updates the meeting reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on **Mon., October 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** in the HS in Google Hangouts.

Respectfully submitted,


Isabell Nazar, Secretary


Tammy Tackett, Recording Secretary