

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 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 December 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:** Business Manager Julie Waterbury, Administrative Assistant Tammy Tackett, Director of Instructional Services JoEllen O’Keefe, High School Principal Tom Salow, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, Athletic Director Brad Roth, Director of Technology Duane Sitkiewicz, and School Social Worker Wendy Danko.

**Public Voice:** Community Members shared various concerns with the board.

**C.A.R.E:** Social Worker Wendy Danko shared the various efforts that were made by staff and community members to help with the angel trees and food basket donations.

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

**Communications:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of minutes and corrections for the November 16, 2020 regular meeting and the December 1, 2020 special meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes
- Approval of total district payments for November 2020 in the amount of \$1,130,988.79
- Employment – None.

Tamara Winchell moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to make the following additions to the agenda: adding the 2020-2021 Budget Amendment to the Discussion Items and moving into Closed Session for the purpose of Client/Attorney Information. Roll Call Vote: *Voting yes:* Trustee Tamara

Winchell, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Chad Rocco, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Vice- President Kimberly Willis, and President Gary Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 7-0.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **ECOL Plan Updates** – JoEllen O’Keefe discussed, and announced in-person learning will begin January 11, 2021.
- **Open Meetings Act Resolution** - Martin Chard suggested dispensing of the second and third reading.
- **MIOSHA Emergency Rule 5(8)** - Martin Chard suggested dispensing of the second and third reading.
- **Cortright Donation** - Martin Chard shared that the donation would be going towards a locker room project.
- **School Board Appreciation Month** - Martin Chard suggested delaying School Board Appreciation Month to a further date TBA.
- **2020-2021 Budget Amendment** - Julie Waterbury discussed the ongoing changes that continue to cause adjustments.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**20/21 - #23 Approval of ECOL Plan** - Tamara Winchell moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the ECOL Plan. Roll Call Vote: *Voting yes:* Trustee Tamara Winchell, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Chad Rocco, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Vice- President Kimberly Willis, and President Gary Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 7-0.

**20/21 - #24 Opens Meeting Act Resolution-** Tamara Winchell moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to dispense of the second and third reading of the Opens Meeting Act. Roll Call Vote: *Voting yes:* Trustee Tamara Winchell, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Chad Rocco, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Vice- President Kimberly Willis, and President Gary Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 7-0.

**20/21 -#25 MIOSHA Emergency Rule 5(8)-** Catherine Yates moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to dispense of the second and third reading of the MIOSHA Emergency Rule 5(8). Roll Call Vote: *Voting yes:* Trustee Tamara Winchell, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Chad Rocco, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Vice- President Kimberly Willis, and President Gary Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 7-0.

**20/21 - #26 Acceptance of Cortright Donation-** Tamara Winchell moved and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to accept the Cortright donation. Roll Call Vote: *Voting yes:* Trustee Tamara Winchell, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Chad Rocco, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Vice- President Kimberly Willis, and President Gary Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 7-0.

**20/21 - #27 2020-21 Budget Amendment** – Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to accept the 2020-21 Budget Amendment. Roll Call Vote: *Voting yes:* Trustee Tamara Winchell, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Chad Rocco, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, and President Gary Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 7-0.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. Christmas Break is scheduled for December 21 – January 1. Remote Learning begins January 4, 2021.
- B. In Person Learning begins January 11, 2021.
- C. MLK Day- No School Monday, January 18, Professional Development Day 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- D. Student Count

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Catherine Yates moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to go into Closed Session for Attorney/Client Information. Roll Call Vote: *Voting yes:* Trustee Tamara Winchell, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Chad Rocco, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Vice- President Kimberly Willis, and President Gary Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 7-0.

The Homer Community Board of Education met in closed session on December 21, 2020 at 7:20 p.m. on Zoom for purpose of Attorney/Client Information.

Members present:

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

There being no further business the meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, January 18, 2020 on Google Meet.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Isabell Nazar, Secretary

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Tammy Tackett, Recording Secretary