

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2021
MINUTES**

ORGANIZATIONAL / REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Roll Call – Interim Superintendent Martin Chard called to order the organizational meeting of the Homer Community School District Board of Education on January 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Google Meets.

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

Members Absent: -None.

Others Present: - Interim Superintendent Martin Chard, Executive Administrative Assistant Tammy Tacket, Business Manager Amanda Croad, Director of Technology Duane Sitkiewicz, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, High School Principal and Middle School Interim Principal Tom Salow, and Director of Instructional Services JoEllen O'Keefe.

Election of Temporary Chairperson – Interim Superintendent Martin Chard asked for nominations to elect a temporary chairperson. Josh McCullough nominated Gary Tompkins. Isabell Nazar moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to elect Gary Tompkins as the temporary chairperson until the start of the organizational business. 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

Student Recognition: JoEllen Okeefe and Tom Salow recognized and introduced the Middle School and High School Student's of the Month.

Request to Approve Agenda: There were no additions or changes.

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

Public Voice – None.

Communications- Interim Superintendent Martin Chard shared that Ruth Keifer donated \$500.00 to the GAP Program. Martin also announced that the Middle School Principal Position has been put on hold until the hire of the new Superintendent. Gary Tompkins recognized the passing of Joan Brodock,

former bus driver of 40 years. Also, the passing of Joe Clay, former Homer Alumni student. He also congratulated the newly elected board members Isabell Nazar, Kimberly Willis and Catherine Yates.

Committee Reports:

- Athletic Committee - January 5th - met to discuss the AD/Coach role and responsibilities.
- Finance Committee - January 12th - Business Manager Amanda Croad gave an update on finances and her new role.
- Personnel Committee - January 7th and 8th - Discussed the Middle School Principal position.
- Finance Meeting - The next scheduled is February 9th @ 7:30 a.m.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Election of Officers- Interim Superintendent Martin Chard began the board organizational meeting by asking for nominations for the position of board president.

President- Isabell Nazar moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to re-elect Gary Tompkins as President. 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.

Vice-President- Isabell Nazar moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to re-elect Kim Willis as Vice-President. 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.

Secretary- Kimberly Willis nominated Isabell Nazar. Kimberly Willis moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to re-elect Isabell Nazar as Secretary. 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.

Treasurer- Isabell Nazar nominated Catherine Yates. Isabell Nazar moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to re-elect Catherine Yates as Treasurer. 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.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION BUSINESS

Designation of Banks or Depositories- Tamara Winchell moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to use the following banks of deposit for 2021:

- County National Bank, Homer
- Huntington National Bank
- Century Bank & Trust

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.

Designation of Signors of the Bank Account – Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to approve Homer Community Schools Business Manager, Board Treasurer, and Superintendent as authorized to sign checks for the 2021 school year. 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.

Recording/Election Secretary- Isabell Nazar moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to re-elect the Homer Community Schools Superintendents Secretary as recording secretary and election secretary for the 2021 school year. 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.

Executive Treasurer – Catherine Yates moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to appoint Homer Community Schools Business Manager as executive treasurer for the 2021 school year. 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.

Selection of Attorney- Kimberly Willis moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to appoint Thrun Law Firm as the school's attorneys for the 2021 school year. 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.

Selection of Auditor- Tamara Winchell moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to appoint Maner Costerisan as the school auditors for the 2020 school year. 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.

Copyright Enforcement Officer- Isabell Nazar moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to appoint Homer Community Schools Middle School Interim Principal as copyright enforcement officer for the 2021 school year. 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.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Committees for the 2021 school year were selected as follows:

Calhoun Area School Board Member Association:

Chad Rocco
Catherine Yates (alternative)

Finance/Building & Grounds:

Gary Tompkins
Catherine Yates
Chad Rocco

Policy/Legislative:

Isabell Nazar
Kimberly Willis
Tamara Winchell

Personnel (Certified and Non-Certified):

Kimberly Willis
Isabell Nazar
Chad Rocco

Curriculum/Technology:

Josh McCullough
Tamara Winchell
Isabell Nazar

Athletic:

Catherine Yates
Gary Tompkins
Josh McCullough

Michigan Association of School Boards:

Tamara (Voting Delegate)
Kimberly Willis (Alternate)

Chad Rocco moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to accept the slate of committee members as presented. 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.

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Designation of Regular Meeting Dates and Times- Tamara Winchell moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to set the Homer School Board of Education meeting times to 6:00 p.m. on the third

Monday of each month in the High School Media Center or via Google Meets during the 2021 school year. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of minutes and corrections for the December 21, 2020 regular meeting
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes
- Employment
 - Hire – Jolynn Winchell, MS Girls Basketball
 - Hire - Amber Globensky, K/1 Long Term Substitute
 - Hire – Hannah Erbskorn, MS Social Studies Long Term Substitute
 - Hire – Samantha Tracey, HS Algebra Long Term Substitute

Isabell Nazar moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to approve the consent agenda. 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** – JoEllen gave an update on Homer Community Schools ECOL Plan.

ACTION ITEMS

20/21 #28 ECOL Plan- Tamara Winchell moved, and Kimberly Willis 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. MLK Day, January 18, No School Students, Professional Development (8:00-3:00)
- B. Spring Count Day is February 10
- C. Mid-Winter Break, February 12 – No School Students, Professional Development (8:00-3:00)
- D. President's Day, February 15 – No School Staff/Students
- E. Student Count -1015
- F. Calhoun County Health Depart Vaccination location held at HCS- TBD

The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, February 15, 2021 via Google Meets.

Respectfully submitted,



Isabell Nazar, Secretary



Tammy Tackett, Recording Secretary