

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2021  
MINUTES**

**ORGANIZATIONAL / REGULAR MEETING**

**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 February 15, 2021 at 6:01 p.m. on Google Meets.

**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:** Interim Superintendent Martin Chard, Business Manager Amanda Croad, Administrative Assistant Tammy Tackett, Director of Instructional Services JoEllen O’Keefe, High School Principal Tom Salow, and Elementary Principal Heather Cahill.

**Administrative Reports:** Interim Superintendent Martin Chard discussed the following:

- The staff had their first COVID-19 vaccination on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The second vaccination is scheduled for Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>
- Total Fire Protection provided fire extinguisher maintenance

**Request to Approve Agenda:**

Catherine Yates moved and Josh McCullough supported the motion to add the January Financials to the Consent Agenda for approval. *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.

**Public Voice:** None.

**Communications:** None.

**Committee Reports:** Martin Chard reported the Finance Committee met February 9<sup>th</sup> and meets again on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of minutes and corrections for January 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and January 20<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> special meetings.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for December 2020 in the amount of \$1,088,296.30 and January 2021 in the amount of \$829,159.72

- Employment
  - Hire – Alex Fletcher, Middle School Girls Track
  - Hire – Greg Reagle, Middle School Boys Track
  - Hire – Brad Roth, Interim Varsity Baseball Coach
  - Hire - Paige Cornstubble, Middle School Academic Paraprofessional
  - Hire - Amanda Cheladyn, Elementary School Academic Paraprofessional

Josh McCullough moved, and Isabell Nazar supported the motion to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call vote. *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.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- JoEllen O’Keefe stated that the ECOL Plan is the same as the previous month
- Gary Tompkins shared information about the 2021 MASB Board of Directors Election Candidates
- Martin Chard suggested to waive Board Policy #5460 for the 20-21 school year to allow the Alternative Track Diploma students to participate in the 2021 graduation exercise.
- Martin Chard suggested the approval of the 2021 Refunding Bond Resolution
- Martin Chard suggested that the District increases the substitute teacher pay rate from \$90 per day to \$100 per day and after ten days each month the daily rate would change from \$100 to \$110 per day.
- Martin Chard suggested the purchase of 36 desk for the elementary school at a cost of \$5,976.00

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**20/21 - #32 ECOL Plan-** Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the ECOL Plan. Roll Call vote. *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.

**20/21- #33 MASB Board of Directors Election-** Chad Rocco moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to elect candidate Don Myers for the MASB Board of Directors Election. *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.

**20/21- #34 20/21 Graduation Exercise-** Kimberly Willis moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to waive Board Policy # 5460 for the 20/21 graduation exercise. *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.

**20/21- #35 2021 Refunding Bond** -Tamara Winchell moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to approve the Refunding Bond Resolution. *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.

**20/21- #36 Increase Substitute Pay Rate-** Kimberly Willis moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to increase the substitute pay rate. *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.

**20/21- #37 Desk Purchase-** Catherine Yates moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to approve the desk purchase. *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.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Martin Chard Reported**

- A. February 10<sup>th</sup> – Count Day – 1008
- B. February 15<sup>th</sup> -- President's Day, No School Students or Staff
- C. February 19<sup>th</sup> – Sno-Coming
- D. Parent/Teacher Conferences – February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (3:00-7:00)-Students Dismissed @ 1:00
- E. February 26<sup>th</sup> – Half Day, 11:00 a.m. Dismissal
- F. March 4<sup>th</sup>- Early Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m.
- G. March 5<sup>th</sup>- Remote Learning Day
- H. March 12<sup>th</sup> – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on **Mon., March 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** on Google Meet.

Respectfully submitted,



Isabell Nazar, Secretary



Tammy Tackett, Recording Secretary