

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2022
MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order- Pledge of Allegiance – President Gary Tompkins called to order the regular meeting of the School Board of Education on April 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Superintendent Mike Leskowich, Administrative Assistant Tammy Tackett, Business Manager Amanda Croad, Director of Instructional Services and Interim High School Principal JoEllen O’Keefe, Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson, Assistant High School Principal Cohen Sangster and Athletic Director Brad Roth.

Student Recognition: Sallie Wilson, JoEllen O’Keefe and Cohen Sangster presented the Students of the Month for April.

Staff Recognition: Superintendent Mike Leskowich recognized Athletic Director Brad Roth for being recognized by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association as a Certified Athletic Administrator.

Request to Approve Agenda: Kim Willis moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to add Action Item #50 Baseball Field Trip to Mishawaka to the Consent Agenda and Discussion Items. Also, the hire of James Miller and Aarian Delattre as substitute bus drivers to the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

Administrative Reports: High School Principal JoEllen O’Keefe shared that the entire teaching has been sending positive post cards to all students and that PBIS teams will be meeting on Tuesday, April 19th. JoEllen O’Keefe also talked about the successful High School Dress Express event on Thursday, April 7th. Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson spoke about how successful Daddy Daughter night and gave praise to Tamra Bagwell for all of her event planning she has recently done. Sallie announced that there will be a Bully assembly on May 16th. Elementary Principal Heather Cahill stated that M-Step for 3rd and 4th graders begins soon and affirmations for the students were sent home to parents to be able to surprise their child on the day of testing.

Public Voice: None.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Mike Leskowich announced that the Parent Involvement Committee has written and submitted a grant towards playground equipment and the Big Brother and Big

Sister program has returned. Mike also shared that our district has the opportunity to utilize a Social/Emotional Curriculum from the CISD called TRAILS.

Board Communications: None.

Committee Reports: Superintendent Mike Leskowich reported that the Finance Committee met on April 12th to discuss enrollment projections, track updates, and options for our School Nurse through Oaklawn. The next Finance Committee meeting will take place on May 10, 2022. The Policy Committee met on April 5th to review the 2022 Vol. 36, No.2 Update. There will be a Personnel Committee Meeting on April 27, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of minutes and corrections for March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for March 2022 in the amount of \$1,823,488.61
- Employment
 - Resignation – Kaydee Swafford, Elementary Teacher
 - Hire – James Miller, Substitute Bus Driver
 - Hire – Aarian Delattre, Substitute Bus Driver

Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Track Donations – Superintendent Leskowich announced donations from Jack Smith Agency, Homer Athletic Club and the Miller Family for the track.
- Field Trip Request – 6th Grade Camp – Mike shared information about 6th grade camp at Camp Potawatomi.
- Field Trip Request – 8th Grade Cedar Point- Sallie Wilson shared information about the Cedar Point Field Trip.
- 2021-2022 NEOLA Update – Superintendent Leskowich gave a brief overview of the updates for the Vol. 35, No.2 Neola Updates.
- Crisis Prevention & Response Plan- Mike Leskowich shared the new changes to the Crisis Prevention & Response Plan.
- Field Trip Request – Baseball Field Trip to Mishawaka- Athletic Director Brad Roth spoke about what the Baseball Team will be experiencing in Mishawaka.

ACTION ITEMS

21/22- #42 Jack Smith Agency Donation Approval of \$25,000 – Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to accept the donation. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

21/22- #43 Miller Family Donation Approval of \$50,000 – Tamara Winchell moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to accept the donation. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

21/22- #44 Homer Athletic Club Donation Approval of \$50,000 – Kimberly Willis moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to accept the donation. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

21/22- #45 Field Trip Request- 6th Grade Camp – Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to accept the 6th Grade Camp Field Trip Request. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

21/22- #46 Field Trip Request- 8th Grade Cedar Point – Kimberly Willis moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to accept the 8th Grade Cedar Point Field Trip Request. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

21/22- #47 2021-2022 Neola Update – Tamara Winchell moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to approve the 2021-2022 Neola Update. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

21/22- #48 Crisis Prevention & Response Plan – Kimberly Willis moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the updates in the District Crisis Prevention & Response Plan. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

21/22- #49 Track Overage – Kimberly Willis moved, and Isabell Nazar supported the motion to approve the track overage but to not exceed over \$77,748 dollars. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

21/22- #50 Field Trip Request – Baseball Field Trip to Mishawaka – Tamara Winchell moved, and Kim Willis supported the motion to accept the Baseball Field Trip to Mishawaka. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

UPCOMING EVENTS – Superintendent Mike Leskowich discussed the following:

- A. Mother & Son Night - April 23rd 5:00-7:00
- B. Prom & Mystery Trip – May 7th
- C. Seniors Last Day – May 20th
- D. Student Count

Closed Meeting

Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to go into closed session at 6:52 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

The Homer Community School Board of Education met in closed session on April 18, 2022 for the purpose of student discipline update.


Members Present: Superintendent Mike Leskowich, President Gary Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Trustee Chad Rocco, Trustee Josh McCullough and JoEllen O'Keefe. Absent: Tamara Winchell.


There being no further business the regular meeting reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,


Isabell Nazar, Secretary


Tammy Tackett, Recording Secretary