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**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2022, MEDIA CENTER
MINUTES**

6:00 REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Roll Call – President Gary Tompkins called to order the regular meeting of the Homer Community School District Board of Education on September 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

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

Members Absent: Vice-President Kimberly Willis

Others Present: Superintendent Mike Leskowich, Administrative Assistant Tammy Tackett, Business Manager Amanda Croad, Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson, High School Principal Cohen Sangster, Director of Instructional Services Shannon Shepherd and FFA/Agri science Teacher Holly Holton.

Student Council Report: Student Council Representative Olivia Butler shared that Student Council has been working on Homecoming projects and planning. They have decided to go back to parade floats instead of banners.

Administrative Report: Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson shared that 5th grade teacher Kelly Karns is the Student Count Advisor. Sallie explained a new two-tiered tutor program for 7th grade students. High School Principal Cohen Sangster shared that the Big Brother Big Sister program has started. Mr. Sangster mentioned that the School Improvement Team met to focus on improving the rate of classes passed by freshman students. He also shared that the high school is busy with Homecoming projects. Director of Instructional Services Shannon Shepperd shared that our community has shown such kindness to her being new in our district. Mr. Leskowich stated that so far, we are making a smooth transition into the new Big 8 Conference and the rubber coat for the new track is finished and it will soon be painted.

Request to Approve Agenda: Catherine Yates moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Student of the Month Recognition: Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson recognized Brady Harden for Student of the Month, and the rest of the September students will be recognized at the October Board of Education Meeting.

Public Voice: None.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Leskowich shared his experience at the MASA Conference he attended September 20th -22nd.

Board Communications: Mike Leskovich announced the Homer Area Community Foundation awarded \$1,000 grant to the mystery trip. He also reminded board members that the Calhoun Area School Board Members Association Meeting will be held on October 26th at 5:00 p.m. in Marshall. Superintendent Leskovich also announced the new hire of Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Rodney Lowden.

Committee Reports: Mr. Leskovich shared that the Personnel Committee met on September 15th to review the compensation packages for two current employees. The Finance Committee met on September 13th to discuss the zero mill borrow opportunity and to discuss the quote for updating the boilers.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of minutes and corrections for August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for August 2022 in the amount of \$1,195,899.83
- Employment
 - Hire
 - Cathy Hall, Guidance Counselor
 - McKenna Mansfield, MS One-on-One Paraprofessional
 - Andrea McCardell, Media Clerk

Tamara Winchell moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

- Mr. Leskovich presented the 2022-2023 Homer Community District Priorities that the board created at the September Special Board Meeting.
- FFA/Agriscience teacher Holly Holton shared information about the upcoming FFA National Convention that she would like to have students attend again this year.
- Mike Leskovich recommended adding Full Circle Financial Planning as a 403b vendor.

ACTION ITEMS

22/23 #9 Homer District Goals – Tamara Winchell moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to approve the new 2022-2023 District Goals. The motion passed unanimously.

22/23 #10 Field Trip Request – Josh McCullough moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to approve the FFA National Field Trip. The motion passed unanimously.

22/23 #11403b Vendor Addition- Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the Full Circle Financial Planning as a 304b vendor.

Upcoming Events

- A. Homecoming Events week of September 26th – 30th.
- B. Student Count Day – Wednesday October 5th, District wide pajama day.
- C. Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 11th and October 13th, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Student Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
- D. Dr. Grants Presentation – September 26th
- E. CASBMA Meeting– October 26th

The regular Board of Education meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Isabell Nazar, Secretary



Tammy Tackett, Recording Secretary