

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2022
MINUTES**

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 November 21, 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 Chad Rocco, Trustee Josh McCullough, and Trustee Tamara Winchell.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Superintendent Mike Leskowich, Administrative Assistant Tammy Tackett, Business Manager Amanda Croad, Director of Instructional Services Shannon Shepherd, High School Principal Cohen Sangster, Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, Athletic Director Brad Roth, maintenance Nate Huff, Maner Costerisan representative Jeff Straus, Middle School Teacher Becky Leskowich and Student Council Representative Olivia Butler.

Request to Approve Agenda: Catherine Yates moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to add the hire of Abby Himebaugh for Payroll Accountant and Chaz Hopkins as Varsity Softball Coach to the Consent Agenda and Discussion Items, add the Audit Review to the Agenda, and add Action Item #15 HEA Sick Bank Donation to the Action Items. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Voice: None.

Student Council Report: Olivia Butler spoke on the behalf of the Student Council.

Student Recognition: High School Principal Cohen Sangster and Middle School Principal recognized students from September and October.

Administrative Report: Elementary Principal Heather Cahill spoke about the Toy Grab & Go. Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson and Middle School Special Education Teacher Becky Leskowich gave an update on the success of the current tutoring program offered to 6th and 7th grade. Mrs. Leskowich also spoke about the recent grants that she has received for our district. High School Principal Cohen Sangster spoke about applying for the Implementing Effective Use of Technology Grant. Director of Instructional Services Shannon Shepherd gave a presentation on testing Data. Mr. Leskowich spoke on the behalf of the Athletic Director Brad Roth about winter athletics starting up.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Leskowich mentioned that he attended the National FFA Convention and shared his experiences. He also gave an update on the track. Mr. Leskowich announced a donation provided by the Homer Area Community Foundation for clothing in the elementary. Mike announced EduStaff Hires, Preston Sherman for Softball Co Coach (Chaz Hopkins also Co-Coach), Jenny Fondren for JV Softball Coach, and Michaela Deigert for JV Girls Basketball Coach.

Board Communications: None.

Committee Reports: Mr. Leskowich announced that the Finance Committee met on November 15th to discuss a cost analysis for a preschool option, athletic accounts and the Supply Chain Assistance Grant in the amount of \$21,000 to provide milk and vegetables. The next Finance Committee will be held on December 6, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of minutes and corrections for October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for October 2022 in the amount of 1,078,191.79
- Employment -
 - Hire - Keila Kilgore - K-12 Mental Health Specialist
 - Hire – Abby Himebaugh, Payroll Accountant
 - Hire - Ben Woodring, Brett Vernon, Chaz Hopkins, and Jim Smith - Weight Room Supervisor
 - Hire – Chaz Hopkins, Co-Head Varsity Softball Coach
 - Resignation – Kristin Rafferty, Payroll Accountant

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

Discussion Items:

- Superintendent Leskowich recommended the Dispense of the 1st Reading of the Vol. 37 #1 Neola Update.
- Mr. Leskowich along with representative Steve Bensor from Lion School Busses provided a informational presentation about electric school buses and recommended the approval of the EPA Clean School Bus Grant totaling 2.765 million dollars for the electric school bus project.
- Superintendent Leskowich recommended the approval of the Band Trip to Nashville from May 12, 2023 to May 14, 2023.
- Mr. Leskowich recommended the approval of the HEA Sick Bank Donation.

ACTION ITEMS

22/23 - #12 Neola Update (1st Reading)- Tamara Winchell moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to approve the Vol. 37 #1 Neola Update. The motion passed unanimously.

22/23 - #13 EPA Clean School Bus Grant Approval in the amount of \$2.765 Million Dollars- Isabell Nazar moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to approve the Electric School Bus Grant. The motion passed unanimously.

22/23 - #14 High School Band Field Trip Request- Josh McCullough moved, and Kim Willis supported the motion to approve the High School Band Field Trip to Nashville. The motion passed unanimously.

22/23 - #15 HEA Sick Bank Donation- Kim Willis moved, and Isabell Nazar supported the motion to approve the HEA Sick Bank Donation. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events –

- A. Nov. 23rd – ½ day 11:00 Dismissal
- B. Thanksgiving Break – Nov. 24th & 25th No School
- C. Christmas Program – December 16th
- D. Christmas Break – December 22nd 11:00 a.m. Dismissal and students return on January 9 2023.
- E. Student Count

Closed Meeting

Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to go into closed session at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

The Homer Community School Board of Education met in closed session per Superintendent Mike Leskowich’s request for student discipline purposes.

Members Present: Superintendent Mike Leskowich, President Gary Tompkins, Vice-President Kim Willis, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Trustee Chad Rocco, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Tamara Winchell, Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson, the guardians and student #20504084.

Members Absent: None.

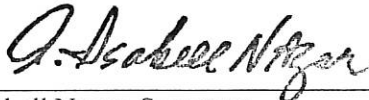
Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to come out of close at 8:39 p.m. and got into open session at 8:40 p.m.

Action Item # 16 Long Term Suspension -.Kim Willis moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to long term suspension for Student #20504084 with the return date January 9, 2023 The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

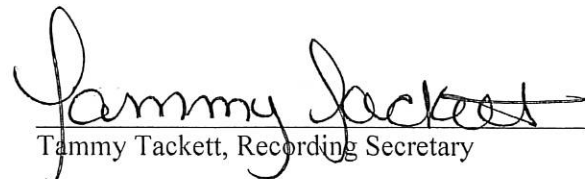
There being no further business the regular meeting reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Isabell Nazar, Secretary



Tammy Tackett, Recording Secretary