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**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 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 December 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

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

Members Absent: Vice-President Kimberly Willis, and Superintendent Mike Leskovich.

Others Present: Administrative Assistant Tammy Tackett, Business Manager Amanda Croad, Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson, High School Principal Cohen Sangster, Director of Instructional Services Shannon Shepherd, Maintenance Nate Huff, Student Council Representative McKinsley McCardell, FFA & Agri science Teacher Holly Holton, and FFA students.

Request to Approve Agenda: Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. 1 absent.

Student Recognition: High School Principal Cohen Sangster and Middle School Principal recognized the December Students of the Month.

Student Council Report: Representative McKinsley McCardell announced that Student Council is discussing funds for a new lighting system for dances and drama events. She also explained how they are supporting the food can drive that will be donated to Caring and Sharing.

Public Voice: A community member shared various concerns, and a staff member praised fellow staff members for their hard work.

FFA Presentation: Agri Science and FFA Teacher Holly Holton and FFA members presented pictures and shared their experiences at the recent FFA Convention.

Administrative Reports: Director of Instructional Services Shannon Shepherd spoke about our district school improvement MICIP team and the large amount of people who are involved. Elementary Principal Heather Cahill announced that all of the tags have been taken from the giving tree. Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson expressed appreciation to the 8th Grade team of teachers. High School Principal Cohen Sangster spoke about scores from the Fall PSAT.

Superintendent's Report: President Gary Tompkins referred the board to Mr. Leskovich's report in the board packet.

Board Communications: President Gary Tompkins announced EDUStaff Hire Kimberly Harper as a Middle School Competitive Cheer Coach. Catherine Yates announced that the Cortright Foundation has donated \$25, 000 towards the track and \$25, 000 towards a new playground.

Committee Reports: Business Manager Amanda Croad stated that the Finance Committee met on December 6th to discuss November Financials, preschool options, and the maintenance of school trucks. The next Finance Meeting will be on January 10, 2023.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of minutes and corrections for November 21, 2022 regular meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for November 2022 in the amount of \$1,021,257.94.
- Employment
 - Hire
 - Morgan Minix, Kindergarten Teacher
 - Paula Eldred, High School Math Teacher

Discussion Items:

- Shannon Shepherd shared that the Professional Development Advisory Committee is made up of various staff members throughout our district.
- President Gary Tompkins suggested dispensing the 2nd reading of Vol. 37 #1 with the exception of not adopting Policy #8805.
- Recording Secretary Tammy Tackett spoke with board members about Board Appreciation Month.

Action Items:

22/23- #17 Professional Development Advisory Committee – Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the Professional Development Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. 1 absent.

22/23- #18 Neola Vol. 37 #1 Update – Tamara Winchell moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to dispense of the final reading and adopt Vol. 37 #1 updates with the exception of Policy #8805. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. 1 absent.

Upcoming Events:

- A. Elementary Christmas Program – December 16th @ 1:30 p.m. High School Gym.
- B. Christmas Break – December 23, 2022- January 6, 2023, School Resumes January 9, 2023.
- C. End of 2nd 9 Week Period – December 22nd
- D. Board Appreciation Month – January
- E. MLK Day, No School, Professional Development Day 8-3

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Isabell Nazar, Secretary



Tammy Tackett, Recording Secretary