

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2023  
MINUTES**

**ORGANIZATIONAL / REGULAR MEETING**

**Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Roll Call** – Superintendent Mike Leskovich called to order the organizational meeting of the Homer Community School District Board of Education on January 16, 2023 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, and Trustee Tamara Winchell.

**Members Absent:** Trustee Josh McCullough

**Others Present:** Superintendent Mike Leskovich, Executive Administrative Assistant Tammy Tackett, Business Manager Amanda Croad, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, High School Principal Cohen Sangster, Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson, Director of Instructional Services Shannon Shepherd, Athletic Director Brad Roth and DAR Representatives.

**Election of Temporary Chairperson** – Superintendent Mike Leskovich asked for nominations to elect a temporary chairperson. Isabell Nazar moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion, to elect Gary Tompkins as the temporary chairperson until the start of the organizational business. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

**DAR Recognition:** A DAR Chapter representative presented Jesse Wolf, winner of Essay with a certificate and she will have an opportunity to compete at the state level.

**Student Recognition:** Rescheduled for March 2023

**Request to Approve Agenda:** Kimberly Willis moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the Agenda with the following addition of Action #22 Varsity Cheer Field Trip Request to the Action Items and the Discussion Items as well as a correction to the Upcoming Events, February 17<sup>th</sup> is a PD for staff. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

**Public Voice:** None.

**Administrative Reports:** Elementary principal Heather Cahill spoke about the success the G.R.I.T. day. Middle School principal Sallie Wilson acknowledged the staff for all the work that was put towards the G.R.I.T. day and Becki Leskovich for her many grants she has received this school year. High School principal Cohen Sangster shared how enjoyable G.R.I.T day was for all, and shared that Cathy Hall has been working on scheduling college visits for students and a bully assembly. Athletic Director announced that he and a few coaches were able

to attend a High School Coaching Convention. He also stated that we are back to hosting youth tournaments this year. Superintendent Leskovich shared that he and Brad Roth will be attending a cascade conference meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Report:** None.

**Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Leskovich presented a slide show of donated photographs of a previous Homer school building as we approach the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school fire.

**Committee Report:** The Finance Committee met on January 10<sup>th</sup> and discussed the purchase of a new water softer, the current was 17 years old and is no longer working. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on February 14, 2023.

### **ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

**Election of Officers** – Superintendent Mike Leskovich began the board organizational meeting by asking for nominations for the position of the board president.

**President-** Isabell Nazar nominated Gary Tompkins as President. Kimberly Willis moved, and Isabell Nazar supported the motion to re-elect Gary Tompkins as President. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

**Vice-President-** Isabell Nazar nominated Kimberly Willis as Vice-President. moved, Tamara Winchell moved and Catherine Yates supported the motion to re-elect Kim Willis as Vice-President. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

**Secretary-** Kimberly Willis nominated Isabell Nazar as Secretary. Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to re-elect Isabell Nazar as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

**Treasurer-** Kimberly Willis nominated Catherine Yates as Treasurer. Isabell Nazar moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to re-elect Catherine Yates as Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

### **OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION BUSINESS**

**Designation of Banks or Depositories-** Kimberly Willis moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to use the following banks of deposit for 2023:

- County National Bank, Homer
- Huntington National Bank
- Century Bank & Trust

The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0. Catherine Yates abstained. 1 Absent.

**Designation of Signors of the Bank Account** – Tamara Winchell moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion, to approve Homer Community Schools Business Manager, Board Treasurer, and Superintendent as authorized to sign checks for the 2023 school year. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

**Recording/Election Secretary-** Catherine Yates moved, and Isabell Nazar supported the motion to re-elect the Homer Community Schools Superintendents Secretary as recording secretary and election secretary for the 2023 school year. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

**Executive Treasurer** – Kimberly Willis moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to appoint Homer Community Schools Business Manager as executive treasurer for the 2023 school year. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

**Selection of Attorney-** Chad Rocco moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to appoint Thrun Law Firm as the school's attorneys for the 2022 school year. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

**Selection of Auditor-** Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to appoint Maner Costerisan as the school auditors for the 2022 school year. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

**Copyright Enforcement Officer-** Kimberly Willis moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to appoint Homer Community Schools Director of Curriculum copyright enforcement officer for the 2023 school year. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

Committees for the 2023 school year were selected as follows:

Calhoun Area School Board Member Association:

Chad Rocco  
Catherine Yates (alternative)

Finance/Building & Grounds:

Gary Tompkins  
Catherine Yates  
Chad Rocco

Policy/Legislative:

Isabell Nazar  
Kimberly Willis  
Tamara Winchell

Personnel (Certified and Non-Certified):

Kimberly Willis  
Isabell Nazar  
Chad Rocco

Curriculum/Technology:  
Josh McCullough  
Tamara Winchell  
Isabell Nazar

Athletic:  
Catherine Yates  
Gary Tompkins  
Josh McCullough

Michigan Association of School Boards:  
Tamara (Voting Delegate)  
Kimberly Willis (Alternate)

Chad Rocco moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to accept the slate of committee members as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

#### **MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

**Designation of Regular Meeting Dates and Times-** Kimberly Willis moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to set the Homer School Board of Education meeting times to 6:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the High School Media Center with the exception of December. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of minutes and corrections for December 12, 2022 regular meeting.
- Acceptance of Financial Reports
- Approval of total district payments for December 2022 in the amount of \$1,118,147.42
- Employment
  - Hire – Kylie Reese, Middle School Paraprofessional
  - Resignation- Varsity Football, JV Baseball, HS Physical Education

Kimberly Willis moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections. Motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- CISD School Board Recognition Resolution - Superintendent Leskovich read out loud the Local School District Board of Education Recognition in acknowledgment of School Board Recognition Month.
- Cheer Overnight Field Trip Request -Mike Leskovich recommended the approval of the Varsity Cheer field trip request.
- HEA Sick Bank Donation -Mr. Leskovich recommended the approval of the HEA Sick Bank Donation.
- 2022-2023 Budget Amendment - Business Manager Amanda Croad presented the 2022-23 Budget Amendment.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**22/23 - #20 2022-23 Budget Amendment** – Kimberly Willis moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to approve the 2022-23 Budget Amendment. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. 1 Absent.

**22/23 - #21 Varsity Cheer Overnight Field Trip Request** – Isabell Nazar moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to approve the Varsity Cheer Field Trip Request. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. 1 Absent.

**22/23 - #22 HEA Sick Bank Donation** – Kimberly Willis moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the HEA Sick Bank Donation. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. 1 Absent.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS 8-3**

- A. MLK – January 16 – No School for Students, Professional Development Day 8-3
- B. Spring Count Day – February 8, 2023
- C. Mid-Winter Break – February 17<sup>th</sup>- No School for Students, Professional Development Day 8-3
- D. President’s Day – February 20<sup>th</sup>, No School Students & Staff
- E. SnoComing – January 27<sup>th</sup> vs Quincy, January 28<sup>th</sup> Dance @ 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- F. Student Count - 895

### **Closed Meeting**

Catherine Yates moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to go into closed session at 7:21 p.m.

The Homer Community School Board of Education met in closed session per Superintendent Mike Leskowich’s request per attorney client privileges.

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

Members Absent: Trustee Josh McCullough

Catherine Yates moved, and Kim Willis supported the motion to come out of closed session at 8:27 p.m.

There was no action taken.

There being no further business the regular meeting reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Isabell Nazar, Secretary

  
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Tammy Tackett, Recording Secretary