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**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2023, 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 March 20, 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, Trustee Josh McCullough and Trustee Tamara Winchell.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Superintendent Mike Leskovich, Administrative Assistant Tammy Tackett, Business Manager Amanda Croad, Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson, High School Principal Cohen Sangster, Director of Curriculum Shannon Shepherd and Maintenance Nate Huff.

**Request to Approve Agenda:** Tamara Winchell moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the Agenda with an addition of Playground Donation to the Discussion Items and as Action Item #27. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**Student Recognition:** High School Principal Cohen Sangster and Middle School Principal recognized the January and February Students of the Month. Elementary Principal Heather Cahill announced her GRIT Trojans of the Month.

**Public Voice:** None.

**Administrative Reports:** Elementary Principal Heather Cahill spoke about the successful family reading night that was held on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson spoke about the schedule of the upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade Chicago field trip. High School Principal Cohen Sangster announced that his building is working on the upcoming school years schedules as well as preparing for testing in April. He also shared that Hannah Philson has received a Female Diversity Computer Science award for her ability to engage female students with computer science.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Mike Leskovich spoke about the threat assessment team meeting and how successful our recent lock down drill was ran. Mike shared that there was funding donated for a trailer for the music department. Shannon Shepherd spoke about an upcoming mental health grant and will be presenting more information when available. Mr. Leskovich announced that the GAP program has received a \$5,000 anonymous donation as well as \$1,000 from the Swope Family Fund.

**Board Communications:** None.

**Committee Report:** Superintendent Leskovich that the Financial Committee met on March 14<sup>th</sup> and announced that the current enrollment count for the district is 877 students. They discussed upcoming plans for preschool. The next Financial Committee will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Policy Committee meeting held on virtually on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Approval of minutes and corrections for the February 20, 2023 regular meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes
- Approval of total district payments for February 2023 in the amount of \$1,258,461.02
- Employment
  - Hire- None.
  - Resignation – Michelle Wolfe, Middle School ELA Teacher
  - JUUL Resolution Settlement

Kimberly Willis moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

**Discussion Items:**

- Superintendent Leskovich shared that the board members have received information regarding the CISD Budget. Catherine Yates shared that the CISD will be increasing their financial support towards special education.
- Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson shared information regarding a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Chicago Field trip.
- Mr. Leskovich recommended the acceptance of an anonymous donation of \$5,000 towards the GAP Program.
- Superintendent Leskovich recommended the acceptance of \$15,000 from Folk Oil Company for the new playground.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**22/23 - #24 CISD Budget** – Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the 2023-2024 CISD Fund Budget. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* Trustee Tamara Winchell, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Chad Rocco, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, and President Gary Tompkins. *Voting No:* Secretary Isabell Nazar. Motion carried, 6-1.

**22/23 - #25 Field Trip Request – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Chicago Trip** – Tamara Winchell moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to approve the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Chicago Field Trip. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

**22/23 - #26 GAP Donation** – Tamara Winchell moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the GAP Donation of \$5,000. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

**22/23 - #27 Playground Donation** – Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to approve the \$15,000 playground donation from Folk Oil Company. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

## **Upcoming Events**

- A. March 21st - Kindergarten Registration - 6:00 p.m.
- B. March 24th - Spring Break Begins - No School, School resumes April 3rd
- C. April 5th - Freshman Orientation - 6:00 p.m.
- D. April 7th - Good Friday, 1:00 p.m. dismissal
- E. April 15th - Daddy Daughter Dance 6:00 p.m.

## **Closed Meeting**

Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to go into closed session at 6:38 p.m.

The Homer Community School Board of Education met in closed session per Superintendent Mikes Leskovich's request due to student discipline hearings.

Members Present: Superintendent Mike Leskovich, President Gary Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Trustee Chad Rocco, Trustee Josh McCullough and Trustee Tamara Winchell, parent of student #20504549, student and parents of student # 20504750, and parent of student #20504663.

Members Absent: None.

There being no further business the regular meeting reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

Action Item #28- Student Discipline – Catherine Yates moved to approve the recommendation to suspend long term Student #20504502 and Josh McCullough supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

Action Item #29- Student Discipline – Kimberly Willis moved to approve the recommendation to expel Student #20504549 with conditions set forth by district administration for return, and Chad Rocco supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

Action Item #30- Student Discipline – Kimberly Willis moved to approve the recommendation to expel Student #20504750 with conditions set forth by district administration for return, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

Action Item #31- Student Discipline – Tamara Winchell moved to approve the recommendation to expel Student #20504663 with conditions set forth by district administration for return, and Catherine Yates supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 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