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**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING OF MAY 15, 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 May 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

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

Members Absent: Trustee Josh McCullough and Trustee Tamara Winchell.

Others Present: Superintendent Mike Leskovich, Business Manager Amanda Croad, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson, High School Principal Cohen Sangster, Director of Curriculum Shannon Shepherd, Maintenance Nate Huff, Director of Food Service Tina Tucker, and Director of Transportation Kim Pease.

Request to Approve Agenda: Kimberly Willis moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of FFA Report and Varsity Girls Overnight Field Trip Request to the Discussion Items and Action Item #36. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

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.

Staff Recognition: Mr. Leskovich recognized Director of Transportation, Kim Pease, for being honored by the State of Education for 25 years of service to Michigan's children with the National School Lunch Program.

Student Council Report: Superintendent Mike Leskovich reported for Student Council stating that the students were working on council elections for the upcoming school year.

FFA Report: FFA/AG Teacher Holly Holton reported that the Officer election was held, and the AG Banquet was held with 19 members being recognized. AG President Cody Day stated that the Regional Presidents met and discussed community involvement, and the FFA Plant

Sale sold out with profits of \$1,000. He also spoke about Small Animal Day and the upcoming Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast.

Public Voice: Several community members made comments.

Administrative Report: High School Principal Cohen Sangster spoke about High School Honors Night, Graduation Ceremony, and shared information on the donations for the Mystery Trip. Curriculum Director Shannon Shepherd reported on grant monies received for supporting Learning Loss Interventions. Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson gave updates on the middle school field trips. Elementary School Principal Heather Cahill spoke about the Carnival, Messy Day, and the upcoming 4th Grade Graduation. Superintendent Mike Leskowich gave an update on athletics.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Leskowich gave recognition to Nurses' Week and Teachers' Week. Mike also shared that Crossing Guard, Trixie McMeeking resigned, and thanked her for her service. Middle School Teacher Becki Leskowich gave a data presentation for the Lunch Time Tutoring Program and reported on the student achievement.

Board Communications: Superintendent Leskowich reported on the resignation of Edu Staff hire Jason Wolf, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

Committee Report: Superintendent Leskowich stated that the Financial Committee met on May 9th and discussed ESSER funds spending. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13th. Mike Leskowich shared that the Personnel Committee met on May 15th to discuss contracts for Non-Certified Staff.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of minutes and corrections for the month of April 17, 2023 regular meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for April 2023 in the amount of \$2,409,151.47
- Employment
 - Hire – None.
 - Resignation – Music & Choir Teacher, Kyla Cross

Discussion Items:

Superintendent Leskowich reported on the following:

- Mike recommended to dispense with the 3rd reading of the Vol. 37 #2 NEOLA Updates.
- Heather Felix shared information about the High School Spanish Trip to Coast Rica Field Trip.
- The Board of Education members discussed their thoughts on their nominations for the CISD Board of Education Biennial Election.
- Mr. Leskowich recommended the approval of the Henry Ford Athletic Trainer Contract.

- Superintendent Leskowich recommended the approval of the Varsity Girls Basketball Overnight Trip to Saginaw Valley.

ACTION ITEMS:

22/23 - #32 Vol.37 #2 NEOLA Update – Chad Rocco moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to dispense of the 3rd reading of the Vol. 37 #2 NEOLA Update. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0.

22/23 - #33 Field Trip Request – HS Spanish Trip – Costa Rica – Catherine Yates moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to approve the HS Spanish Field Trip to Costa Rica. The motion passed, motion carried 4-1.

22/23 - #34 Biennial Election – CISD Board of Education – Isabell Nazar moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to support candidates Eric Green and Catherine Yates for the two six-term positions and Jean Goodrich for the two-year term for the CISD Board of Education. Kimberly Willis moved, and Catherine Yates supported Chad Rocco as the voting representative and Catherine Yates as the alternative. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0.

22/23 - #35 Henry Ford Athletic Trainer Contract – Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the Henry Ford Athletic Trainer Contract. The motion passed unanimously. The motion carried 5-0.

22/23 - #36 Overnight Field Trip Request – Isabell Nazar moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to approve the Varsity Girls Basketball overnight field trip to Saginaw Valley. The motion passed unanimously. The motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming Events

- A. Schoolwide Picnic/Seniors Last Day - May 19th
- B. 4th Grade Graduation - May 17th @ 4:00 p.m.
- C. Mackinac Trip - May 22 & 23
- D. High School Awards Night- May 17th @ 6:00 p.m.
- E. FFA Pancake Breakfast - May 29th 7:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
- F. Retirement Tea - May 30th @ 2:30 p.m.
- G. American Legion - May 30th @ 6:00 p.m.
- H. Students Last Day - June 1st - 11:00 a.m. Release
- I. PALM Bicycle Group - June 20-21
- J. Student Count – 879
- K. Middle School Honors Night – May 31st @ 5:30 p.m.

Closed Meeting – Discipline Hearing

Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to go into closed session at 7:16 p.m. for purposes of Student Discipline Hearing

The Homer Community School Board of Education met in closed session per Superintendent Mikes Leskowich's request for the purpose of a student discipline hearing.

Members Present: Superintendent Mike Leskowich, President Gary Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Trustee Chad Rocco, Director of Curriculum Shannon Shepherd, Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson.

Members Absent: Trustee Josh McCullough and Trustee Tamara Winchell.

There being no further business the regular meeting reconvened at 8:29 p.m.

Action Item #36 Student Discipline – Kimberly Willis moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion that Student #20504565 may reapply to attend Homer Community Schools for the 2024-2025 school year with the approval of the Board of Education, August of 2024. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on June 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Isabell Nazar, Secretary



Tammy Tackett, Recording Secretary