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HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING OF August 14, 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 August 14, 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, Trustee Chad Rocco, Trustee Josh McCullough.

Members Absent: Trustee Tamara Winchell.

Others Present: Superintendent Mike Leskowich, Business Manager Amanda Croad, Director of Curriculum Shannon Shepherd, High School Principal Cohen Sangster, Middle School Principal Ryan Mulnix, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill.

Request to Approve Agenda: Catherine Yates moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Vicki Hitz' resignation, the addition of Melinda Mitchell as the K-12 Student Support Services, and the addition of Kellie Mulnix as an Elementary Special Education Teacher. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. Absent, Trustee Tamara Winchell.

Administrative Report: High School Principal Sangster stated that student schedules were complete and they are getting ready for Open House. Middle School Principal Mulnix reported that they were continuing with completing schedules but were close and are also preparing for the Open House. Elementary Principal Cahill said they had a busy few weeks with KinderCamp and a 'Meet the Teachers' event. Athletic Director Roth reported scrimmages and practices are in full swing.

Public Voice: One community member had comments.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Leskowich reported that all our buses passed inspection and are ready to go. He also said that we are in an agreement with Eastern Michigan University that will help open up potential student teaching positions here at Homer. Mr. Leskowich spoke on enrolling Homer Schools in the Statewide School Facility Assessment Participation Program which will allow access to future monies for school improvements. He also reported that Kellie Mulnix will be working as a Special Education substitute teacher through EduStaff until she takes her MTTC. Superintendent stated that the logos for the track were complete and the playground's finishing touches are complete and ready. Mr. Leskowich stated that the critical mapping process was complete for the first responders, with a recommendation that all outside doors be numbered.

Board Communications: Superintendent Leskowich announced the hiring of EduStaff employees Charlene Lebron as the High School Cross Country Coach, Greg Reagle as the Middle School Cross Country Coach, and Tori Winchell as the Volleyball Coach.

Committee Report: Mr. Leskowich shared that the Financial Committee met on August 8 and discussed the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). He also shared that staff lunches will increase to \$5.00 per lunch starting this school year. The improvements on the cafeteria are done and that they are bringing back the Share-Carts for

kids to return unopened lunch items. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on September 12. The Personnel Committee will meet August 29.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of minutes and corrections for July 17, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- Acceptance of Financial/Committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for July 2023 in the amount of \$1,594,636.81
- Employment
 - Hire –
 - Amanda Richards, High School Administrative Assistant
 - Melinda Mitchell, Restorative Room Supervisor, K-12 Student Support Services
 - Alania Chambliss, Middle School Science Teacher
 - Ben Pierce, Middle School Behavior Interventionist
 - Vonda Chulis, Elementary Para-Pro
 - Jennifer Novess, Elementary Para-Pro
 - Audra Kressler, Elementary 1:1 Para-Pro
 - Claire Grosan, Elementary Music
 - Kellie Mulnix, SpEd, Elem.
 - Resignation -
 - Lyndi Wolfinger, Middle School Volleyball Coach
 - Bridget Young, K-12 Student Support Coordinator
 - Vickie Hitz, Kitchen

Kim Willis moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with the addition of the resignation of Vicki Hitz, kitchen; hiring Melinda Mitchell as the K-12 Student Support Services, and Kellie Mulnix, Elementary Special Education Teacher. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0.

1 Absent.

Discussion Items:

- Superintendent Leskowich recommended the approval of the Elementary, Middle School and High School Parent/Student Handbooks for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Mr. Leskowich recommended the approval of the Athletic Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Mr. Leskowich recommended the approval of the 2023-2024 Para-Pro Contract.
- Mr. Leskowich recommended the approval of the State Aid Operating Notes Authorizing and Award Resolution.

Action Items:

22/23 - #9 2023-24 Approval of the Elementary, Middle School and High School Parent/Student Handbooks - Kim Willis moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the 2023-24 District Building Parent/Student Handbooks. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

22/23 - #10 2023-24 Approval of the 2023-24 Para-Pro Contract - Catherine Yates moved, and Kim Willis supported the motion to approve the 2023-24 Para-Pro Contract. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

22/23 - #11 2023-24 Approval of State Aid Operating Notes Authorizing and Award Resolution - Catherine Yates moved and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the State Aid Operating Notes Authorizing and Award Resolution with Century Bank and Trust. The note is in the amount of \$2,000,000 at an interest rate of 4.48% with a maturity date of August 20,2024.

Roll Call Vote. *Voting Yes:* Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Trustee Chad Rocco, Trustee Josh McCullough, President Gary Tompkins. *Voting No:* None. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

Upcoming Events: Mr. Leskowich reported the following:

- A. Calhoun County Fair Booth - August 15th
- B. Open House - August 21st, TailGrit @ 4 pm,
Open House @ 5 pm
- C. First day of School - August 23rd
- D. Labor Day - No School September 1st and 4th

Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to go into closed session at 6:30 pm for the purpose of Student Discipline Hearing and Superintendent Evaluation.

The Homer Community School Board of Education met in closed session per Superintendent Mike Leskowich's request.

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

Members Absent: Trustee Tamara Winchell.

Others Present: High School Principal Cohen Sangster, Parent and Student.

There being no further discussion the regular meeting reconvened at 9:23 pm.

Action Item #12 Student Discipline - Catherine Yates moved and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to reinstate student #20504750 on August 23, 2023, with conditions. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

Action Item #13 Superintendent's Evaluation - Kimberly Willis moved and Catherine Yates supported the motion to approve Superintendent Mike Leskowich's evaluation as Highly Effective. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. 1 Absent.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Isabell Nazar, Secretary



Julie Raysin, Recording Secretary

