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HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, MEDIA CENTER

MINUTES

6:00 REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Roll Call – Vice President Kimberly Willis called to order the regular meeting of the Homer Community School District Board of Education on September 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Members Present: Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Trustee Chad Rocco, Trustee Tamara Winchell.

Members Absent: President Gary Tompkins, Trustee Joshua McCullough.

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: Tamara Winchell moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the resignation of Phil Miller, from the JV Football Coach position and the removal of Closed Session for Student Discipline. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. Two absent.

FFA Update: FFA/AG Teacher Holly Holton reported that FFA students will be getting baby chicks soon in preparation for their Broiler Chicken Contest coming up next month. Holly also stated that they will be holding an FFA Tailgate party before the football game Friday night.

Student Council Update: Student Council Advisor Tracy Lorraine reported that students are busy with float-building for the Homecoming parade. They are also working on school spirit awards & updating the school spirit plaques.

Administrative Report: Elementary Principal Heather Cahill reported that they are busy wrapping up NWEA testing. Director of Instructional Services Shannon Shepherd shared that they are working on closing the gaps with intervention programs. Middle School Principal Ryan Mulnix shared that they are also working on finishing up NWEA testing. He also reported that they have been promoting PBIS with ticket winners, prizes and a staff tailgate before Friday's game. High School Principal Cohen Sangster shared they are busy preparing for Homecoming & finalizing the parade route due to the funeral of long-time Homer High School Principal, Fred Saxton, being held on that Friday. Athletic Director Brad Roth shared that the Leon Draime Golf Outing was a success with many in attendance.

Public Voice: None.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Leskowich reported that the Backpack Buddies Program will begin in October. Mr. Leskowich updated the board on the football lights and that Consumers verified that the light poles are good for another 30 years. He also updated the board on the sinkhole in the practice field. Mr. Leskowich shared enrollment numbers.

Board Communications: Superintendent Leskowich shared with the board a thank you card from the Make-A-Wish foundation organizer for our hospitality this past summer allowing bicyclists to use our grounds and

facilities. Superintendent Leskowich reported on the resignations of Edu Staff hire Scott Warner, Bowling Coach and Phil Miller as the JV Football Coach. Mr. Leskowich announced the Edu Staff hire of Torey Winchell as the Middle School Volleyball Coach.

Committee Report: Mr. Leskowich shared that the Financial Committee met on September 12. The next Finance Meeting will be held on October 10, 2023. The Personnel Committee met on Aug. 29 to review the HEA Contract. Next meeting will be on September 26, 2023.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of minutes and corrections for August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- Acceptance of Financial/Committee reports and committee minutes.
- Approval of total district payments for August 2023 in the amount of \$942,385.28
- Employment
 - Hire – None
 - Resignation - None

Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0. Two absent.

Discussion Items:

- Yearbook Advisor Tracy Lorraine shared details on the Fall Yearbook Field Trip Workshop she would like to have students attend.
- FFA/AG Teacher Holly Holton shared the agenda for the FFA Field Trip that the FFA students want to attend.
- Superintendent Leskowich reported on the results of the Spring 2023 Perception Data Review.

Action Items:

23/24 - #14 2023-24 Approval of the Yearbook Field Trip on Sept. 27, 2023. Catherine Yates moved and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to approve the Yearbook Workshop Field Trip on Sept. 27, 2023. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0. Two Absent.

23/24 - #15 2023-24 Approval of the FFA Field Trip Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2023 for their National Convention. Catherine Yates moved and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the FFA Field Trip for National Convention Oct. 31-Nov. 3. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0. Two Absent..

Upcoming Events: Mr. Leskowich reported the following:

- A. HOMECOMING Week - Sept. 18-22
Homecoming Dance Sat., Sept. 23
- B. Picture Day - HS/MS Tues., Sept. 26;
ELE Wed., Sept. 27
- C. Senior Night - Wed., Sept. 27, 6 pm
- D. Pink Out Week - Oct. 6-10
- E. Parent/Teacher Conferences (1 pm release on both days)
 - Oct. 10 (in-person), 3-7 pm
 - Oct. 12 (virtual), 3-7 pm
- F. Oct. 13- 11 am release
- G. End of 1st Quarter - Oct. 20

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Isabell Nazar, Secretary



Julie Raysin, Recording Secretary