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HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2023, MEDIA CENTER

MINUTES

5:00 Audit Review - Finance Committee met with Jeff Straus from Maner Costerisan to review the Year End June 30, 2023 Audit

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 October 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Members Present: President Gary Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Trustee Chad Rocco, Trustee Tamara Winchell.

Members Absent: Secretary Isabell Nazar, 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, AD Brad Roth.

Request to Approve Agenda: Catherine Yates moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of approval for the Altria Settlement and approval of out-of-state field trip. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. Two absent.

FFA Update: FFA student member, Carissa Yates shared with the board various events and fundraisers the FFA has been involved with so far this year.

Student Council Update: On behalf of the Student Council, Mr. Leskowich reported that students are busy preparing food drives next month.

Administrative Report: Elementary Principal Heather Cahill reported that the Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BB/BS) program has started, their fundraiser has wrapped up and that she had met with all teachers to go over their NWEA date. Middle School Principal Ryan Mulnix stated that their School Store is now open, that they have teamed with the Elementary to create a Homer Helpers Program and that all NWEA testing is done. High School Principal Cohen Sangster shared that they received a College and Career Readiness Grant from the CISD, also Melinda Mitchell is working hard to get a PBIS Team going. Director of Instructional Services Shannon Shepherd reported that staff is continuing work on implementing Restorative Practices and Intervention Program. Shannon also shared that they are building the Champs and Champs Jr. committee. AD Brad Roth stated Athletics is continuing their fundraising efforts for the department and the Pink Out week was a success raising money for Breast Cancer.

Public Voice: None.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Leskowich reported that we passed our Title III audit and that all seven electric busses are here now. Superintendent Leskowich also shared that a complaint was filed regarding special education services for an expelled student. Mr. Leskowich reminded the Board of the upcoming Calhoun Area School Board Members Association dinner coming up on Oct. 25th.

Board Communications: Vice President Kim Willis shared with the board thank you cards from the Fred Saxton family and from Yearbook Advisor Tracy Lorraine and her Yearbook staff.

Committee Report: Mr. Leskovich shared that the Finance/Building & Grounds Committee met on October 10. The next Finance Meeting will be held on November 14, 2023. The Personnel Committee met on September 26. 29 to review the HEA Contract. Next meeting will be on November 7, 2023. There will be a (virtual) Policy Committee meeting on October 30 for NEOLA updates.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of minutes and corrections for the September 18, 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

Kim Willis moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0. Two absent.

Discussion Items:

- Teacher Leave of Absence request.
- Director of Instructional Services contract extension.
- Altria Settlement request
- Out of state field trip request for Quiz Bowl team.

Action Items:

23/24 - #16 2023-24 Approval of Teacher requested Leave of Absence. Catherine Yates moved and Kim Willis supported the motion to approve the teacher leave of absence. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0. Two absent.

23/24 - #17 2023-24 Approval of the Director of Instructional Services Contract. Tamara Winchell moved and Kim Willis supported the motion to approve the Director of Instructional Services contract. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0. Two absent.

23/24 - #18 2023-2024 Approval of the Altria Settlement. Kim Willis moved and Chad Rocco supported the motion to accept the Altria Settlement, per Homer Schools Attorney, in the amount of \$6,113.

Roll Call Vote. *Voting Yes:* Vice-President Kim Willis, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Trustee Chad Rocco, Trustee Tamara Winchell, President Gary Tompkins. *Voting No:* None. Motion carried 5-0. Two absent.

23/24 - #19-2023-2024 Approval of Out of State field trip for Quiz Bowl Team. Tamara Winchell moved and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the out of state field trip for the Quiz Bowl Team. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried 5-0. Two absent.

Upcoming Events:

- A. Jazz Band/Choir Concert - Oct. 18, 7 pm
- B. End of 1st Quarter - Oct. 20
- C. Fall Clothing Grab & Go - Oct. 20, 3-5 pm; Oct. 21, 9-10:30 am
- D. Calhoun Area school Board Dinner - Oct. 25
- E. Fall Play - Oct. 25, 26 & 28, 7 pm; Oct. 29, 2 pm (no Friday Performance)
- F. Halloween Trunk-or-Treat - Oct. 31, 5:30-7:30 pm (one of our new Electric Busses will be there for walk-throughs)
- G. Marching Band Concert - Nov. 8, 7 pm

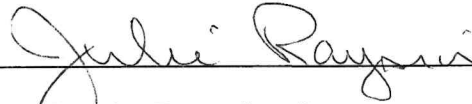
The regular meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Isabell Nazar, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Julie Raysin", positioned above a horizontal line.

Julie Raysin, Recording Secretary

