

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Minutes of the Reorganizational/Regular Meeting**  
**July 13, 2009**

The reorganizational/regular meeting of the Homer Community School Board of Education was held in the high school media center on July 13, 2009.

**Members Present:** JoAnne Miller, Gary Tompkins, Josh McCullough, Kevyn VanWert, Derek Allen

**Members Absent:** Dick Folk, Chad Rocco

**Others Present:** Superintendent Rob Ridgeway, Martha Robinson, Sarah Stonestreet

The reorganizational meeting was called to order by Superintendent Rob Ridgeway at 7:03 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President A motion was made by JoAnne Miller, supported by Derek Allen, to elect Gary Tompkins as president of the Homer Board of Education for the 09/10 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President A motion was made by Derek Allen, supported by Josh McCullough, to elect Dick Folk as vice-president of the Homer Board of Education for the 09/10 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary A motion was made by Kevyn VanWert, supported by Derek Allen, to elect JoAnne Miller as secretary of the Homer Board of Education for the 09/10 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer A motion was made by JoAnne Miller, supported by Josh McCullough, to elect Kevyn VanWert as treasure of the Homer Board of Education for the 09/10 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

**BANKS OF DEPOSIT**

A motion was made by Derek Allen, supported by Kevyn VanWert, to use the following as banks of deposit for 09/10:

- Citizens Bank, Albion
- County National Bank, Homer
- Chemical Bank, Albion
- Comerica, Detroit
- Homestead Savings & Loan, Albion
- U.S. Bank – Detroit, Grand Rapids
- Bank of America, Marshall

The motion carried unanimously.

**ACCOUNT SIGNORS**

A motion was made by Derek Allen, supported by Josh McCullough, to approve Kevyn VanWert and the superintendent as authorized to sign checks for the 09/10 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

**SELECTION OF ATTORNEYS**

Kevyn VanWert moved to appoint Thrun Law Firm and Jill Booth, as the school attorneys for the 09/10 school year. The motion was supported by Derek Allen and carried unanimously.

**SELECTION OF AUDITOR**

JoAnne Miller moved to appoint Maner Costerisan as the school auditors for the 09/10 school year. Kevyn VanWert seconded and the motion carried unanimously. This is the third year of a three year contract.

**COMMITTEES**

Committees for the 2009- 2010 school year were selected as follows:

CASBMA	JoAnne Miller Chad Rocco - alternate
Finance/Building and Site	Gary Tompkins Dick Folk Kevyn VanWert
Policy/Legislative	Derek Allen JoAnne Miller Josh McCullough
Non-Certified	Chad Rocco Kevyn VanWert Josh McCullough
Certified	Derek Allen JoAnne Miller Gary Tompkins Dick Folk – alternate
Curriculum/Tech	JoAnne Miller Derek Allen <b>Chad Rocco</b>
Board/Village	Derek Allen Gary Tompkins Chad Rocco
Athletic	Kevyn VanWert Chad Rocco Josh McCullough

A motion was made by Kevyn VanWert, supported by Josh McCullough, to approve these committees for the 09/10 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Derek Allen to approve Gary Tompkins as an alternate on all committees. The motion was seconded by JoAnne Miller and carried unanimously.

**LRN REPRESENTATIVE  
MASB**

A motion was made by Derek Allen, seconded by Josh McCullough to appoint JoAnne Miller as the 09/10 LRN representative. The motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING TIMES**

A motion was made by JoAnne Miller, seconded by Kevyn VanWert to keep the Homer School Board of Education meeting times at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the high school media center during the 2009-2010 school year with the exception of the June meeting to be held on the fourth Monday (June 28). The motion was supported by all and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Approval of Payroll/  
Benefits Clerk  
Contract

Superintendent Ridgeway presented the Payroll/Benefits contract for Kathy Grundeman. Contract is for July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011. A motion was made by Kevyn VanWert to approve the contract as written, seconded by JoAnne Miller. Following discussion motion carried unanimously.

Reduction of One Bus  
Driver

As a result of eliminating one of the bus routes at the June 29, 2009, Board of Education meeting, one of the bus drivers will need to be laid off. Superintendent Ridgeway presented a formal resolution for the lay off of Luann Sterling. JoAnne Miller made a motion to approve the resolution to lay off the lowest seniority bus driver effective August 1, 2009, seconded by Derek Allen. Following discussion motion carried unanimously.

Additional

Superintendent Ridgeway distributed a handout prepared by Pam Barrington of Chartwells for the cafeteria P & L for members to review. This handout showed a \$19,905 profit for the 2008/09 school year. All of Chartwells' accounts will be reviewed as part of the audit.

As part of the government stimulus package, schools can apply for a Qualified School Construction Bond Program. This program allows schools to apply for interest free loans for large repairs, new construction, etc., in the amount up to \$15M. Following discussion

the Board directed Superintendent Ridgeway to find out more information on this program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kevyn VanWert moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. seconded by Derek Allen and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
JoAnne Miller, Board Secretary