

HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 18, 2010

**Call to Order/Roll Call/
Pledge of Allegiance**

The regular meeting of the Homer Community Schools Board of Education was called to order on January 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Homer High School Media Center by Vice- President Dick Folk.

Members Present:

Dick Folk, Kevyn VanWert, JoAnne Miller, Derek Allen, Josh McCullough, Chad Rocco

Members Absent:

Gary Tompkins

Others Present:

Superintendent Rob Ridgeway, Martha Robinson, Will Forgrave, Tom Salow, Ruth Cooley, Kelle Hinspeter, Joe Hinspeter, Alexis Hinspeter, Gaige Hinspeter, Ellie Buelow, Scott Salow, Jennifer Johnson, John Johnson, Darla Barnett, Robert Barnett, Jim Keck, Kim Willis, Tony Willis, Tim Marvil, Meg Marvil, Tom Marvil, Gene Hackworth, Lora Finch

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Samantha Johnson (11th), Stacy Bangert (10th), Lilymae Ratliff (8th), Tom Marvil (8th), Parker Barnett (3rd), and Alexis Hinspeter (1st) were recognized as Academic Booster Club students of the month

**CHILDREN ARE OUR
REASON FOR EXISTING
(CARE)**

Drew Bordner, athletic/curriculum director gave a presentation highlighting summer recreation programs and an update on the recreation department.

**ADMINISTRATION
REPORTS:**

Scott Salow, MS principal; Tom Salow, HS principal; and Drew Bordner, athletic/curriculum director; reported on student assessments, student winter activities and staff school improvement teams.

Chartwells Director Robynn Paul explained how to interpret food service data and answered question regarding the Chartwells profit and loss statement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gene Hackworth addressed the Board about middle school basketball, school building needs and consolidation of school services. He thanked the Board for its service.

COMMUNICATIONS

A thank you card from the family of Tom Wildt was shared with the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Certified Negotiations Committee met on January 7, 2010 with the Homer Education Association (HEA) in regards to a potential voluntary severance plan (buyout). At this time, work is being completed regarding language issues.

The Finance/Building & Grounds Committee met on Friday, January 15, 2010 to discuss the 2009-10 budget and the projected 2010-11 budget. The \$127 per student proration will not occur for this school year. Board members were referred to the financial summaries in the packet as they relate to the budget reduction resolutions passed at the November 2009 meeting. The next Finance/Building & Grounds Committee meeting was scheduled for February 11, 2010 at 7:00 a.m.

A Board/Village Committee meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 11, 2010.

POLICY

Board members were encouraged to bring in their Board Policy Manuals to receive updated materials.

A Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for February 11, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Kevyn Van Wert and supported by Derek Allen to approve hiring Brenda McClure as half-time reading coach. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes
Financial Report
Bills/Reimbursements

The following consent agenda items were covered:

- Approval of minutes of the regular meeting on December 21, 2009 and of the closed session on December 21, 2009.
- Approval of checks numbered 043115 – 043234.

It was moved by Derek Allen and supported by JoAnne Miller to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Dick Folk abstained on check numbered 043192.

OLD BUSINESS

CASBMA Award
Nominations

Board members were encouraged to bring forth any nominations to Superintendent Ridgeway before the deadline on February 12.

Reinstate Social Worker to
Full-Time

The following was moved by Chad Rocco and supported by Josh McCullough: Whereas the Board of Education has, after extensive consideration and discussion of relevant data and administrative recommendations, reasonably determined to rescind the portion of the support staff resolution passed during the November 16, 2009 Homer Community Schools Board of Education meeting to reduce the social worker by one-fifth (1/5). Funding for this position will be used from Title I ARRA money. Following discussion motion passed unanimously.

Review 2nd Semester
Reductions

It was moved by JoAnne Miller and supported by Chad Rocco to rescind the resolution affecting HEA staff passed during the November 16, 2009 Homer Community Schools Board of Education meeting which reduced the following positions:

1. Nichole Mansfield – Reduced to ½ time teacher
2. Steve Beck – Reduced to 3/7 time teacher
3. Terry McKown – Reduced to 5/7 time teacher
4. Joe Brya – Reduced to 5/7 time teacher
5. Lyndi Spahr – Reduced to 5/7 time teacher
6. Joe Mueller – Reduction of ½ compensation for art club – HS/MS for the 2009-10 school year
7. Rhonda Pebernat – reduction of ½ compensation for art club – elementary for the 2009-10 school year
8. JoEllen O’Keefe – reduction of 1/2 compensation for Spanish Club for the 2009-10 school year
9. Lora Finch – Reduction of ½ compensation for farm lab for the 2009-10 school year

Following discussion motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Kevyn Van Wert and supported by Chad Rocco to rescind the following portions of the resolution affecting support staff passed during the November 16, 2009 Homer Community Schools Board of Education meeting which reduced the following positions:

1. Babby Sherman – Reduced to three (3) hours per day from six (6) hours per day
2. Joan Lawrence – Reduced to 2 ½ hours per day from five (5) hours per day
3. Bill Mullaly – Reduced to ½ time

Following discussion motion passed unanimously.

School Nurse Update –
Status of Grant Submission

Superintendent Ridgeway informed the Board that notification on the grant for the school nurse program is expected to be received after the start of the 2nd semester and by the end of January. It was moved by Kevyn Van Wert and supported by JoAnne Miller to extend the school nurse contract for one week until notification on the grant is received. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

School Board Appreciation

Superintendent Ridgeway expressed his thanks on behalf of the district to all of the Board of Education members. Certificates of appreciation were distributed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- A. Deadline for Board of Education candidates to file is February 9 at 4:00 p.m. Derek Allen's seat is up for reelection.
- B. School Board Recognition Resolution from the CISD.
- C. School Board Visit for Board Appreciation scheduled on Thurs., Jan. 28 at 9:00 a.m. - noon
- D. Student count day will be on Wednesday, February 10. Student count for December was at 1,021.
- E. Chartwells Profit & Loss statement reported a \$562.37 profit.
- F. Superintendent Ridgeway reviewed highlights from the Race To The Top Legislation Summary.
- G. Preliminary MEAP results were reviewed. Full MEAP data will be available within the next two weeks.
- H. Superintendent Ridgeway informed the Board that he would be returning his 2% wage increase and longevity to the district to lead by example during these difficult times.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Derek Allen and supported by Joanne Miller to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Miller, Secretary Board of Education