

HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 28, 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 June 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Homer High School Media Center by Board President Gary Tompkins.

Members Present:

Gary Tompkins, Dick Folk, Kevyn VanWert, JoAnne Miller, Josh McCullough, Chad Rocco

Members Absent:

Derek Allen

Others Present:

Superintendent Rob Ridgeway, Martha Robinson, Kim Willis, Tammy Calhoun, Lyndi Wolfinger, Jeff Daglow, Steve Beck, Will Forgrave, Jill Grant, Gene Hackworth, Meg Marvil, Julie Waterbury

AMENDED AGENDA

It was moved by JoAnne Miller and Supported by Dick Folk to add agenda item number 09/10 #123 Approval of the 2010 Debt Retirement Levy to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET HEARING

Tom Bean, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations for the CISD, reviewed with the Board the 2009-2010 budget, the detailed budget projection for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and the estimated budget for 2010-2011.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Student athletes were recognized for the awards they received at the spring 2010 sports banquet.

**ADMINISTRATION
REPORTS:**

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gene Hackworth thanked the Board for all they do for students. He encouraged the Board to keep the alternative education program open.

COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent Ridgeway reviewed with the Board a thank you note received from Mike Murphy for the bell he received at the retirement tea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance/Building & Grounds committees met on June 23 to discuss the final 2009-2010 budget and the proposed 2010 – 2011. There was discussion on a State Aid note in the amount of \$1.3M. The committees also reviewed recommendations for an architect, construction manager and financial consultant.

The Policy Committee met on June 6 and reviewed changes in the format for Board minutes, agendas, and student recognition. The committee reviewed the past practice of renewing administrator 3-year contracts by 1 year, transportation for an Albion student, Set Seg requirement to remove all personal electronics and furniture from classrooms and policy 2780-R-3 Administration of Medications.

The Policy Committee decided to retain the clause in the administrator contract to have the option to renew the contract for an additional year. No changes were recommended for the transportation of the Albion student. Administrators will talk with staff about removing personal electronics and furniture from classrooms.

POLICY

A request was presented on Policy 2780-R-3 Administration of Medications to remove the phrase “except that the parent/guardian rather than a licensed physician may provide specific written instructions.” This change will make the administering of non-prescription medications to students by the district identical to those for prescription medications. In all cases, the parent/guardian must have confirmed the appropriateness of the medication and instruction with a licensed physician.

EMPLOYMENT

Superintendent Ridgeway accepted the following resignations on behalf of the Board:

- Babby Sherman, Athletic Aide
- Doran Winchell – Varsity Softball
- Bill O’Dell – Varsity Girls Basketball
- Lori Hollenbaugh – Varsity Cheer

It was moved by Chad Rocco and supported by Kevyn VanWert to hire the following coaches:

- Jim Huffman – Varsity Boys Basketball
- Jeff Poe – JV Football
- Lyndi Wolfinger – MS Girls Basketball

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by JoAnne Miller and supported by Josh McCullough to hire Julie Waterbury as the new business manager. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Kevyn VanWert and supported by Chad Rocco to hire the following teachers:

- Jennifer Blatter, Teacher 1st Grade
- Amy Dewey, Teacher Kindergarten
- Kendall Grazul, Teacher 6th Grade Science
- Ashley Grout, Teacher 2nd Grade
- Megan O’Connor, Teacher 8th Grade Math
- Sarah Rayl, Teacher 5th Grade Math
- Sarah Smith, Teacher 1st Grade

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Financial Report

Bills/Reimbursements

The following consent agenda items were covered:

- Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2010
- Approval of checks numbered 043930 - 044153

It was moved by JoAnne Miller and supported by Kevyn Van Wert to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Dick Folk abstained on checks numbered 043947, 043987, 044023, 044056, 044057, and 044058.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Ridgeway reviewed with the Board the options for changing Board elections to odd-year May, odd-year November, even-year November, or annually on the November election date. This change is being reviewed as a cost savings measure. It was decided to have someone from the county clerks office present at the July meeting to explain these options in more detail. Superintendent Ridgeway will make these arrangements.

NEW BUSINESS

Reproductive Health Curriculum

Tammy Calhoun and Lyndi Wolfinger reviewed the changes made to the reproductive health curriculum. It was moved by Chad Rocco and supported by Kevyn VanWert to approve the reproductive health curriculum as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Chartwells
Recommendation on Meal Cost

Chartwells is making a recommendation to increase the cost for secondary meals by \$.15 and elementary meals by \$.25. Following discussion it was decided to invite Chartwells to the July meeting for more detailed information on the reason for this increase.

Approval to Amend & Adopt Revisions for the 2009 – 2010

It was moved by Dick Folk and supported by JoAnne Miller to approve the revised general appropriations for the fiscal year 2009 – 2010 budget as amended to the original budget as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval for the Annual 2010 – 2011 Budget

It was moved by Kevyn VanWert and supported by Chad Rocco to approve the general appropriations of the budget for the fiscal year 2010 – 2011 as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

2010 Debt Retirement Levy

It was moved by JoAnne Miller and supported by Dick Folk to approve a 4.80 millage rate for Debt Retirement for the 2010 Tax Collection. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Borrow on State Aid - \$1.3M for 2010 - 2011 School Year

It was moved by Dick Folk and supported by Kevyn VanWert to pass the resolution as printed to borrow \$1.3M for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Set Date and Time of Reorganizational & Regular July Meeting

The reorganizational & regular July meeting was scheduled for July 12, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Homer High School media center.

Selection of Construction Management (CM) Company

It was recommended by Superintendent Ridgeway to stay with Wolgast Corporation for CM. It was moved by Dick Folk and supported by Chad Rocco to stay with Wolgast Corporation for CM for the potential May 2011 bond. The motion passed unanimously.

Selection of Architect

Following interviews of four architect firms a recommendation was made by Dick Folk and Rob Ridgeway for Kingscott Associates, Inc. It was moved by Dick Folk and supported by Chad Rocco to hire Kingscott Associates, Inc., as the architect for the potential May 2011 bond. The motion passed unanimously.

Selection of Financial Advisor

It was recommended by Superintendent Ridgeway to stay with Stauder Barch & Associates for a financial advisor. It was moved by Chad Rocco and supported

by JoAnne Miller to continue with Stauder Barch & Associates for the potential May 2011 bond. The motion passed unanimously.

Future of the Alternative Education Program

Following discussion of the future of the alternative education program, no decision was made. The Board directed Superintendent Ridgeway to look into any legal complications for closing this program. The future of the alternative education program will be discussed at the July meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- A. Pre-audit was the week of June 1st and the regular audit will begin on July 19
- B. Student Count was at 1017 on June 11, 2010
- C. Chartwells Profit and Loss
- D. HCS Booth at the Calhoun County Fair Grounds on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 for kids day

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Miller, Secretary Board of Education