

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2021
MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – President Gary Tompkins called to order the regular meeting of the Homer Community School District Board of Education on August 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Members Present: President Gary Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Trustee Chad Rocco, Trustee Josh McCullough, and Trustee Tamara Winchell.

Members Absent: Treasurer Catherine Yates

Others Present: Superintendent Mike Leskowich, Business Manager Amanda Croad, Director of Instructional Services JoEllen O’Keefe, Athletic Director Brad Roth, Lillian Fletcher Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, Middle School Principal Sallie Wilson, High School Principal Cory Parrott, Director of Technology Josh Robinson, and Maintenance Nate Huff.

Request to Approve Agenda: Chad Rocco moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to add State Aid Bid Acceptance as an Action Item, add the resignation of Jaimie Tekiele to the Consent Agenda, and to delete Action Item #6 Property Donation. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Voice: A community member addressed the board.

Superintendent & Administrative Reports: Superintendent Mike Leskowich introduced new staff members, and reported on the Alumni Brick project.

Board Communications: None.

Committee Reports: Superintendent Mike Leskowich reported that the Finance Committee plan to meet on September 14, 2021. The Personnel Committee met on June 29th, August 3rd, 9th, 10th, July 21st and 27th with the HEA for negotiations.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following consent agenda items were covered:

- Approval of minutes and corrections for the July 19, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Acceptance of Financial Reports
- Approval of total district payments for July 2021 in the amount of \$912,465.51
- Employment
 - Resignation – Sunshine Steele, Middle School Paraprofessionals
 - Resignation – Paige Cornstubble, Middle School Paraprofessionals
 - Resignation – Royce Crandall, 5th Grade Science Teacher
 - Resignation – Royce Crandall, 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - Resignation – Janell Cesco, Food Service
 - Resignation – Jaime Tekiele, Spanish Teacher
 - Hire – Cory Parrott, High School Principal

- Hire – Kiley Robinson, High School LEA Teacher
- Hire – Holly Holton, FFA & Agri Science Teacher
- Hire – Lyndi Wolfinger, 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
- Hire – Kirby Berger, 8th Grade Volleyball Coach

Tamara Winchell moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* President Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Secretary Nazar, Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, and Trustee McCullough. *Voting no:* none. 1 absent. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Superintendent Mike Leskowich announced DJS Systems will be donating paving to a portion of our athletic drive.
- Leskowich gave an update on the HEA Contract/2021-22 and 2022-23 Calendar.
- Mike Leskowich explained the updates and changes made to the 2021-22 District Handbooks.
- Superintendent Leskowich consulted with Eric Pessell from the Health Department and shared a Health Department Back to School Safety Statement.
- State Aid Bid Acceptance - Mike Leskowich suggested the approval of Century Bank & Trust .38% Loan.

ACTION ITEMS

21/22 - #6 Paving Donation- Tamara Winchell moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to approve the paving donation from DJS Systems. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* President Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Secretary Nazar, Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, and Trustee McCullough. *Voting no:* none. 1 absent. Motion carried 6-0.

21/22 - #7 HEA Negotiations – Action taken in closed session. See below.

21/22 - #8 Homer District Handbooks – Kimberly Willis moved, and Josh McCullough approved the motion to accept the updates for the 2021-22 District Handbooks. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* President Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Secretary Nazar, Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, and Trustee McCullough. *Voting no:* none. 1 absent. Motion carried 6-0.

21/22 - #9 State Aid Bid Acceptance – Tamara Winchell moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the State Aid Bid from Century Bank for .38% loan. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* President Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Secretary Nazar, Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, and Trustee McCullough. *Voting no:* none. 1 absent. Motion carried 6-0.

EVENTS – Mike Leskowich discussed the following:

- A. Open House – August 23, 2021 5:00-6:00
- B. First Day of School – August 25, 2021
- C. Labor Day Weekend – No School Friday, September 3, 2021 and Monday, September 6, 2021

Closed Meeting

Chad Rocco moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion to go into closed session at 7:01 p.m. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* President Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Secretary Nazar, Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, and Trustee McCullough. *Voting no:* none. 1 absent. Motion carried 6-0.

The Homer Community School Board of Education met in closed session on August 16, 2021 for negotiation purposes.

Members Present: Superintendent Mike Leskovich, Business Manager Amanda Croad, President Gary Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Trustee Chad Rocco, Trustee Josh McCullough, and Trustee Tamara Winchell.

There being no further business the meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

Action Item #9 – Isabell Nazar moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to approve the HEA Contract. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* President Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Secretary Nazar, Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, and Trustee McCullough. *Voting no:* none. 1 absent. Motion carried 6-0.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Isabell Nazar, Secretary



Tammy Tackett, Recording Secretary