

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2020  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance** - Board President Gary Tompkins called to order the regular meeting of the Homer Community School District Board of Education on November 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on Google Meet.

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

**Members Absent:** Josh McCullough

**Others Present:** Business Manager Julie Waterbury, Executive Administrative Assistant Tammy Tackett, Director of Instructional Services JoEllen O'Keefe, High School Principal Tom Salow, Athletic Director Brad Roth, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, and Director of Technology Duane Sitkiewicz.

**C.A.R.E:** None.

**Student of the Month Recognition:** Tom Salow and JoEllen O'Keefe announced the Student of the Months for October and November.

**Request to Approve Agenda:**

Kimberly Willis moved and Catherine Yates supported the motion to add Action Item #22 Food Service Contracts and EDU Staff hire Stacey Girdham to the Discussion Items. Roll Call vote. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

**Administrative Reports:** JoEllen O'Keefe, Tom Salow and Duane Sitkiewicz provided their reports based off of the Homer Community Schools District Priorities.

**Public Voice:** A community member shared concerns.

**Communications:** Interim Superintendent Marin Chard gave an update on the Middle School Principal applications. He also showed appreciation to business manager Julie Waterbury, and congratulated Gwenda Kelly on receiving a \$5,0000 grant towards the College and Career Readiness Program. Martin Chard also announced EDU Staff Hire of lunchroom supervision Stacey Gardham.

**Committee Reports:** In November the personnel committee met to discuss the business manager position. The Policy Committee met to review the 2020 Fall Update and Title IX Update. The financial committee met to review the updated budget.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of minutes and corrections for October 19, 2020 regular meeting and October 4, 2020 special meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes
- Approval of total district payments for October 2020 in the amount of \$1,268,003.03

- Employment
  - Hire- Bus Mechanic- Scott Hamilton
  - Hire- Business Manager- Amanda Croad
  - Hire- Payroll Accountant- Kristen Rafferty
  - Resignation- Business Manager- Julie Waterbury

Catherine Yates moved and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

### **DISCUSSION**

- Martin Chard recommended that we adopt the NEOLA 2020 Fall Update
- JoEllen O’Keefe shared the ECOL Monthly Plan Update
- JoEllen O’ Keefe announced the new EDU Staff hire of Nejjah Gardner
- JoEllen O’Keefe congratulated the DAR Good Citizen Class of 2021 is Darren Hagerman.
- Board members and business manager Julie Waterbury discussed the different options on scheduling the December regular board meeting and finance meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

20/21- #15 **NEOLA 2020 Fall Update-** Tamara Winchell moved, and Kimberly Willis supported the motion to approve and adopt the NEOLA 2020 Fall Update. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

20/21- #16 **2021 Refunding Bond Resolution-** Chad Rocco moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to approve the 2021 Refunding Bond Resolution. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

20/21- #17 **ECOL Plan-** Tamara Winchell moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to approve the ECOL Plan. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

20/21- #18 **Scheduling of December Board of Education Meeting and Finance Committee Meeting-** Catherine Yates moved, and Tamara Willis supported the motion to have the regular Board of Education Meeting on December 21, 2020 and Finance Committee Meeting on December 15, 2020. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

20/21- #19 **Administration Contracts-** Isabell Nazar moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to accept the administration contracts. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

20/21- #20 **Bus Driver Contracts**- Catherine Yates moved, and Tamara Winchell supported the motion to accept the bus driver contracts. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

20/21- #21 **Teacher Aide Contracts**- Tamara Winchell moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion to accept the teacher aide contracts. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

20/21- #22 **Food Service Contracts**- Tamara Winchell moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion to accept the food service contracts. Roll Call Vote. *Voting yes:* Trustee Winchell, Trustee Rocco, Treasurer Yates, Secretary Nazar, Vice President Willis, and President Tompkins. *Voting no:* none. Motion carried 6-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**- Martin Chard Reported

- A. Thanksgiving break beginning November 25- No School
- B. Elementary Christmas Program- Virtual
- C. Christmas Break beginning with student dismissal at 11:00 a.m. on December 18- January 4
- D. End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks- December 18
- E. January is School Board Recognition Month- TBD
- F. Student Count

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on **Mon., December 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** on Google Meet.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Isabell Nazar, Secretary

  
Tammy Tackett, Recording Secretary