

**HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2017  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Roll Call** – Board President Gary Tompkins called to order the regular meeting of the Homer Community School District Board of Education on August 21, 2017 at 7:02 p.m. in the Homer High School media center.

**Members Present:** President Gary Tompkins, Vice-President Kimberly Willis, Secretary Isabell Nazar, Treasurer Catherine Yates, Trustee Josh McCullough, Trustee Chad Rocco and Trustee Johnna Vanderford

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** - Superintendent Scott Salow, Administrative Assistant Darcy Wrona, Business Manager Julie Waterbury, Food Service Director Tina Tucker, MS Principal Duane Sitkiewicz, HS Principal Tom Salow, Elementary Principal Heather Cahill, Tiffany Thatcher, Nate Huff, Debbie Winchell, JoEllen O’Keefe, Michelle Francis, and Holly Blashfield

**Agenda** – Kimberly Willis moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to amend the agenda and accept the resignation of MS Teacher Kara Toteff.

**Public Voice** – Debbie Winchell addressed the board with her concerns of class sizes for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and the importance of adding an additional teacher to the staff for that grade level.

**Communications** – Superintendent Salow shared with the board a couple of donations, \$100.00 to our football program from Debbie Robinson in memory of former Homer Alumni James David Wiley, and one from Arthur and Karen Smith in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the new gymnasium handrails.

Gary Tompkins spoke of his recent White House visit with Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

**Committee Reports** – Finance/Building and Grounds committee met with Jeff Straus from Maner Costerisan and reviewed the 2017 Audit.

Scheduled board committee meeting is for Finance/Building and Grounds on September 12 at 7:30 a.m. Meeting will take place in the board conference room.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following consent agenda items were covered:

- Approval of minutes for the July 17, 2017 regular meeting.
- Acceptance of financial reports, committee reports and committee minutes.
- Employment
  - Resignation - Brett de Bear, HS Teacher
  - Resignation – Megan Davis, MS Teacher
  - Resignation – James Huffman, Varsity Basketball Coach
  - Hire – Michelle Francis, Head Cook

Isabell Nazar moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Elementary Handbook** – Principal Heather Cahill reviewed the Elementary Student Handbook with a few minor changes.

**Athletic Handbook** – Superintendent Salow discussed a possible change (Athletic Code Violations) in the Athletic Handbook that will be tabled for now until further research can be done.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**HS/MS Handbooks** – Kimberly Willis moved, and Josh McCullough supported the motion, to approve changes.

**Leave of Absence** – Isabell Nazar moved, and Catherine Yates supported the motion, to approve a return from a leave of absence for an HEA member.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. Annual Rock Party: August 30, 2017 at 4:30
- B. Open House: August 30, 2017 5:00 – 7:00
- C. All Staff Breakfast: August 30, 2017 8:00 a.m. Cafeteria
- D. First Day of School: Tuesday, September 5, 2017
- E. Updated Schools of Choice Form
- F. EDUStaff Update

**CLOSED SESSION**

Administrator Evaluation

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

**Administrator Evaluation** – Kimberly Willis moved, and Chad Rocco supported the motion, to discuss Administrator Evaluation. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the HS Media Center. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Isabell Nazar, Secretary  
Homer Board of Education

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