

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
September 11, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 8:14 p.m. in the Library at the Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Carrie Vanschoiack, Aaron Reis, Byron Hall, Tyler Kirkholm, Paul Tighe

Absent: Murphy

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Randy Pirner, Principal Lora Crowe & Board Secretary Trish Rohde

Visitors present: None

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

I. Call Meeting to Order and Notification of Open Meeting Law

The meeting was duly called to order and the Chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Library.

II. Roll Call – All members are present except Murphy.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the absence of Member Murphy from the meeting. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm

Absent: Murphy

The motion carries 5-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Motion was made by Reis seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the agenda as provided.

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis

Absent: Murphy

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the August 14th regular meeting, August 23rd Special Meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense from General Fund.

Copy machine overage charges will be reviewed for better terms.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve all Consent Agenda items. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall

Absent: Murphy

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Communications
Public Comment: None

Principal Crowe reported the in service day was spent with faculty meetings, watching APL videos, Sharon VanCleave presented about Power Teacher Pro for reporting grades, and trained on lesson plan software. Teachers are making MAP goals and safety procedures have been discussed. Students will participate in homecoming activities by dressing up and decorating the sidewalks. The elementary students have adopted a school in Texas to send supplies. Deputy Rohde is presenting pedestrian and Halloween safety to students.

Principal Pirner reported the MAP reading testing for 7th and 8th grade will begin tomorrow. The in service day included staff development on NESAs, MAP, Plan Book, Canvas and a web site demonstration by Mrs. Caskey. Homecoming will be happening in a couple weeks and a few changes are in store. Along with traditional dress up days and class competition, there will be students decorating downtown windows, possible bon fire, coronation will be at the Pep Rally before the parade and students may choose to go to a movie in the back gym or attend the dance in the main gym after the football game.

Jeff Reed reviewed a printout of network traffic during one of the MAP testing days. It will be necessary to upgrade more megabytes to accommodate the increased digital device access. He and administration will be reviewing the 1-1 system policies. Mr. Reed reviewed the need for additional wide range cameras on the north and south end of the building and also the preschool playground area.

Superintendent Cruickshank shared a press release regarding state board of education adoption of college and career ready Science standards. Member Vanschoiack is signed up to attend the NASB regional meeting in Fremont, if anyone else is interested please let us know. Information was provided regarding the NASB State Education Conference in November; just let us know if you would like to attend. An NSEA legislative update regarding LB295 was placed in his mailbox. This would allow for monies to be given to a private school and then would be 100% tax deductible. Mr. Cruickshank would like to set up quarterly individual meetings with each of the board members.

Celebrations: Principal Crowe reported that with the use of the 1-1 computer systems the MAP testing was completed in four days vs three weeks last year for elementary students.

VI. Discussion

- A. District Goals and Priorities were reviewed and accepted by the board.
- B. Building and Grounds committee meet and reviewed storage needs, options of purchasing a portable classroom for elementary to gain 2 classrooms, resurface the track in 2018-2019, expand Industrial Tech to allow mechanics and portable space for JH/HS area.
- C. The current enrollment is down 9-10 students from last year. The option enrollment policy was reviewed regarding the maximum student capacity. Superintendent Cruickshank will redraft the policy and bring back to the board next month.
- D. The meeting moved outdoors so the new safety structure could be reviewed with the board. This would allow for more conformed pickup of students at the end of the day.

Parents would pick up students along the north end of the building and buses will load on the south end of the parking lot. More information will be coming.

VII. Action Items

- A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the District/Board Goals and Priorities for the 2017-2018 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack
Absent: Murphy
The motion carried 5-0.
- B. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to adopt the proposed 2017/2018 budget as presented. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack
Absent: Murphy
The motion carried 5-0.
- C. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to adopt the proposed Property Tax Request Resolution for the 2017/2018 school year as presented. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe
Absent: Murphy
The motion carried 5-0.
- D. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Hall to approve the Homer Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the certificated staff for the 2018-2019 contract year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm
Absent: Murphy
The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Time/Date of next meeting

The next board meeting will be on October 9, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m. on September 11, 2017. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis

Absent: Murphy

The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2017.

ATTEST:
Carrie Vanschoiack
Secretary

Dakota County School District #31R
a/k/a Homer Community School
BY: Paul Tighe, President