

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
December 13, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7:10 p.m. in Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principals Lora Crowe and Randy Pirner, 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.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Superintendent Cruickshank asked to move item 6c under Discussion to item 8 Closed Session. Motion was made by Murphy seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the agenda as amended. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Murphy, Tighe, Kirkholm and Reis
The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the November 13th Regular Meeting.
2. Approve claims and accounts.
3. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve all items presented on the Consent Agenda

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, Murphy, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall
The motion carried 6-0.

V. Communications

A. There was no public comment.

B. Mrs. Crowe reported that on Dec. 4th teachers reviewed Benchmarks, MAP testing, TestWiz and the Literacy program. Staff members donated \$10 to the Armed Forces for care packages to be sent for a chance to wear jeans the week of Dec. 18th. Alex Luse planted 2 ornamental trees by the memorials by the tennis courts and installed 4 red non-reclining benches around the playground. This was a service project to qualify to be an Eagle Scout. The Elementary Christmas Concert was a huge success.

Mr. Pirner reported that the Junior Parent/Student meeting was held and 14 out of 19 students have been given 1-1 laptops. All conference awards included Bryanna Woodard and honorable mention was Mikayla Arnold and Khenadi Smith for volleyball. The football awards went to Josh Boggess and Austin Pies. One Act received Lewis Division Champions with individual honors earned by Jarrod Chamberlin, Malaki Holmes and Makayla Arnold. Football district assignments will happen in Mid-December and Feb. 13th the 2 year schedule will be released by NSAA. Jeff Reed and Amy Brand have made several improvements to the school website. Mr. Horner and Mr. Pirner have taken students to informational meetings at the 185th Air Base in Sioux City. Do to Alisha McPartland being out on medical leave, Katie Mueller will fill in as assistant Speech, Mrs. Caskey and Ms. Petersen are working with the Dance Team and a long term sub has been hired for Spanish.

Supt. Cruickshank reported that he and Aaron Reis attended the State School Board Convention in Omaha last month. Aaron told of some of the learning sessions he attended and recommended for everyone to try to attend as it is very informational. The Rule 10 Safety Inspection was held on Dec. 5th and the report will be shared with the board when it is completed. Supt. Cruickshank attended the NCSA Legislative preview conference, the state budget for 2018/2019 is looking bleak and he explained how vouchers and tuition tax credits work. The board was given information from the NRCSA regarding Property Tax Reform and Education. Superintendent Cruickshank will continue to attend Legislative Conferences.

C. Celebrations: The Elementary Xmas Concert was well attended. Congratulations to all the students listed above in Mr. Pirner's report for the awards they received.

VI. Discussion Items:

A. The Preschool Survey results were shared by Mrs. Crowe. Of those that replied to the survey, they prefer 2 – four year old classes held all day 4 days per week. Many showed an interest in childcare service or after school program. The preschool sign up will begin in January.

B. Building and Grounds – The board discussed the need for a storage shed and the location where the shed should be placed. The board is contemplating the lot by the exit driveway or the back of the school depending on dirt work and drainage. The board is awaiting bids from Hard Steel and Morton on a 40' by 60' building. The board would like a list of what will be stored in the shed.

Trane was interested in knowing the time frame in which we will continue to replace heat pumps. The board will replace two in 2018 and two in 2019.

We have received 2 bids for landscaping the east side of the school and are awaiting one more bid. The board will review at a later date.

Bill provided the board with a list of projects he would like to complete this summer.

VII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the resignation of Angela Ford as head volleyball coach. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the Technology Acceptable Use Policy. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoaick and Murphy

The motion carried 6-0.

C. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the 2016-2017 Audit. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoaick, Murphy, Tighe

The motion carried 6-0.

VIII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Vanschoiack to go into closed session at 9:02 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining strategies for certified teachers for the protection of the public's interest. On roll call vote the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Reis, Kirkholm, Tighe, Hall, Vanschoaick, Murphy

The motion carried 6-0.

Board ended closed session at 9:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Murphy to go into closed session at 9:32 p.m. to discuss the superintendent evaluation to protect the reputation of the individual. On roll call vote the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Kirkholm, Tighe, Hall, Vanschoaick, Murphy, Reis

The motion carried 6-0.

Board ended closed session at 10:39 p.m.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 p.m. on December 13, 2017. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Murphy, Vanschoiack, Hall, Reis, Kirkholm, Tighe
The motion carried 6-0.
The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2017.

ATTEST:
Carrie Vanschoiack
Secretary

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