

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
December 12, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:00 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 and Board Secretary Amy Brand

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

Motion was made by Reis seconded by Murphy to approve the agenda as presented. 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 12th 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 Vanschoiack 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. Board Service Recognition – Tim Murphy

Board President Tighe Presented Tim Murphy with a plaque and thanked him for his eight years of service on the Board. The Board, staff and students deeply appreciate Member Murphy's service to our district.

VI. Communications

A. There was no public comment.

B. Mrs. Crowe's report stated that Mrs. Uhl's 6th Grade Poetry Presentation on November 30th was a big success. Mrs. Dorsey, Ms. Ford and Mrs. Uhl recently attended MTSS Coaching and Training at the ESU. The use of these databased coaching strategies have already seen signs of early positive feedback. Elementary Fun Night was recently held and was very well attended with 80 students participating. Students enjoyed a scavenger hunt as well as an ice cream social afterwards. Winter MAP testing is currently being done in both the elementary and high school and should be complete by break. Data analysis will be done with staff in January. The December Elementary Pride Assembly had 23 "Knight's Way" award winners who also had the opportunity to have lunch with their Principal. December birthdays were also celebrated.

Supt. Cruickshank reported on AQuestt, which is the state's federal and state legislative mandated system to rank school districts. These classifications will be released to the public on December 21st and more information will be shared at the January meeting. The Board and District goals were shared and reviewed. Superintendent Cruickshank shared that Mrs. Anderson is scheduled for maternity leave sometime second semester and her substitute will be Olivia Nottleman. Information was shared on the legislative issues workshop on January 27-28 for any board members interested in attending. Enrollment data was shared, and it was reported that we are continuing to add students throughout the school year.

C. Celebrations: The Elementary Christmas Concert was well attended and a lot of positive comments from parents were received after the program. Special thanks to Bridget Anderson and Noelle Peterson for all their hard work. One Act earned the title of Conference Champions with Malaki Holmes, Matthew Benton, Daniel Riddle and Brooklynn Schmidt receiving Outstanding Actors awards. The Team placed 6th at Districts and had several students receiving individual acting awards. Football All District honors go to Jacob Huerta and Alex Huerta. Landon Gilster received Honorable Mention. Volleyball All Conference honors go to Emily Reis and Emily Rasmussen. Katie Baker received Honorable Mention. Emily Rasmussen also received the Lincoln Journal Star Honorable Mention All-State. Congratulations to these students on their achievements.

VII. Discussion Items:

A. Jeff Reed shared with the Board the need to replace four surveillance cameras. Two are needed in the main gym and two in the back gym. These are high traffic areas where upgrades are needed the most. The new cameras are much wider, have a larger coverage area and have better clarity and depth. Two bids were shared from Protex and Thompson Innovations. Mr. Reed also presented information to the Board on purchasing 15 interactive flat panels. This would allow one in all PK-6th grade classrooms plus one for the Library or Music room. Discussion was held regarding

the possibility of upgrading projectors in classrooms as an alternative to the flat panels. Mr. Reed presented different brands and bids to the Board and recommend the ClearTouch Motor Mount unit.

- B. KPE Engineers/Architects Follow-up was shared with three different options for upgrades to the shop area for the Board to consider in the future.
- C. The Building and Grounds Committee met with Bill McPherran recently. Member Murphy reported the last two new heat pumps will be installed this summer and all future new heat pumps will be on a rotation with Trane. The option of additional parking to the west of the new shed was discussed as well as placing some type of fencing around the new jump pits. The need to remove more dying trees was also discussed.
- D. Elementary Enrollment, Staffing and Facilities for the 2019-2020 school year was discussed. Superintendent Cruickshank reported our Fourth Grade class has grown by four students this year and will need to be split into two sections next year. The Board will look at Preschool numbers and the possibility of a second section. With all elementary classes needing to be split next year, the possibility of adding another teacher was discussed as well as purchasing a portable classroom for more space. Different options were discussed about how to utilize additional space.

VIII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to approve the negotiated agreement for the 2019-2020 school year with the Homer Education Association. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Voting against: Hall

The motion carried 5-1.

B. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the 2017-2018 Audit. 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 Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the purchase of 15 ClearTouch Motor Mount interactive panels for \$52,336.13 from the Depreciation Account. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Voting against: Hall

The motion carried 5-1.

D. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to approve upgrades to surveillance cameras from Thompson Innovation for \$7,750.00 from the Depreciation Account. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

E. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the retirement of Kelley Snyder. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

F. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to approve the resignation of Lora Crowe. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

IX. Closed Session

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to go into closed session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss settled negotiations with the certified staff, pending negotiations with the classified staff and administration, and considerations for administration staffing for 2019-2020. 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 9:50 p.m.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. on December 12, 2018. 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 12th day of December, 2018.

ATTEST:
Carrie Vanschoiack
Secretary

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