

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
January 10, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

Absent: Carrie Vanschoiack

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principals Randy Pirner and Lora Crowe and Board Secretary Trish Rohde.

Visitors present: Jeff Reed

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 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 Superintendent announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Library.

II. Roll Call – All members present except Vanschoiack.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to excuse member Vanschoiack from the meeting. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

III. Annual Organizational Meeting

Superintendent Cruickshank asked for nominations for school board President. Murphy nominated Tighe for President and Reis seconded. Superintendent Cruickshank noted that the nominations cease. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Murphy to appoint Member Tighe as President for the school board. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Reis, Hall, Murphy, Kirkholm

Abstaining: Tighe

Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was turned over to President Tighe.

President Tighe asked for nominations for Vice President. Reis nominated Murphy for Vice President and Kirkholm seconded. President Tighe noted that the nominations cease. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Reis to appoint Member Murphy as Vice President for the school board. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Hall, Kirkholm

Abstaining: Murphy

Motion carried 4-0.

President Tighe asked for nominations for Secretary. Murphy nominated Vanschoiack for Secretary and Reis seconded. President Tighe noted that the nominations cease. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Murphy to appoint Member Vanschoiack as Secretary for the school board. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

President Tighe asked for nominations for Treasurer. Murphy nominated Reis for Treasurer and Kirkholm seconded. President Tighe noted that the nominations cease. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Kirkholm to appoint Reis as Treasurer for the school board. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Murphy, Kirkholm, Tighe

Abstaining: Reis

Motion carried 4-0.

IV. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the agenda as presented. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the December 13th regular meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$399,554.36 from General Fund.

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 Murphy to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

VI. Communications

Principal Crowe reported that 15 staff members completed CPI training on Jan. 3rd. The PLT groups discussed the MAP test results showing growth from fall to winter scores, NSCAS system to prepare students for state testing in the spring, Guided Reading program, Running Records to check for literacy skills. Currently we have 23 preschoolers signed up and we are still advertising two four year old programs for the 2018/2019 school year.

Principal Pirner reported that MAP testing for grades 7 & 8 started today, AQuESTT is used to exceed statutory requirements for student success and we will continue to be a Class C school this year.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that he, Caleigh Rohde and Matthew Georgesen attended the Governor's State of the State Address in Lincoln today. He will attend the Dakota County Leadership meeting on the 11th, the Legislative Issues Conference/Budget and Finance workshop on Jan. 21st and 22nd. The 5 year Accreditation Committee will be making plans for the Accreditation on April 23 – 25th.

Jeff Reed reported that most all of the junior students have their 1-1 computer system. He will demo some Dell computer systems for staff so all platforms are the same.

B. There was no public comment.

VII. Discussion

A. The board of Education discussed and choose committee assignments:

Americanism – Tighe, Reis, Vanschoiack

Budget and Finance – Vanschoiack, Tighe, Hall

Building and Grounds – Kirkholm, Reis, Murphy

Negotiations – Murphy, Kirkholm, Tighe

Transportation – Vanschoiack, Kirkholm, Murphy

B. Code of Ethics Policy was reviewed by the Board.

C. Conflict of Interest Forms were distributed to members to fill out and return to Trish Rohde.

D. Mr. McPherran shared an email with the board updating the projects that have been completed over break. The Building and Grounds Committee will meet at a later date to discuss the storage shed specifications.

E. Emerson-Hubbard has extended an invitation to discuss athletics sharing with the Board. Members Kirkholm, Murphy and Reis will attend the meeting on the 16th at 4:30p.m.

F. The Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year was presented to the board for review and will be approved at the February meeting.

VIII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Murphy to appoint the Dakota County Star as the newspaper of record for the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

B. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Kirkholm to appoint Cline Williams as the legal firm representing the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

C. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Reis to approve First Community Bank as the primary financial institution for the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

D. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve Mike Pommer as the auditor of the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Murphy, Kirkholm, Tighe, Reis
The motion carried 5-0.

E. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to approve the superintendent as the district's Non-discrimination Compliance Coordinator of the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Murphy, Kirkholm, Tighe, Reis, Hall
The motion carried 5-0.

F. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to authorize the superintendent to apply for state and federal funds including Title 1. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Kirkholm, Tighe, Reis, Hall, Murphy
The motion carried 5-0.

G. The board discussed the negotiated agreement for certified staff for 2018/2019. They raised the base salary to \$38,400, added additional relatives to Bereavement days, upon leaving will pay sick leave days out after 10 years of service and teachers will be reimbursed a per diem at BA, Step 1 for days worked over the 185 day contract.

Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to approve the negotiated agreement for the certified staff for the 2018/2019 school years. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Hall, Murphy, Kirkholm
The motion carried 5-0.

IX. Closed session – negotiations classified staff

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to go into closed session at 8:34 p.m. to discuss classified negotiations to protect the reputation of an individual. On roll call the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Hall, Murphy, Kirkholm
The motion carried 5-0.

The board convened to regular session at 9:57 p.m.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. on January 10, 2018.

Voting for: Reis, Hall, Murphy, Kirkholm, Tighe
The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 10th day of January, 2018.

ATTEST:
Trish Rohde
Board Secretary

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