

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
January 16, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Lora Crowe and Board Secretary Trish Rohde.

Visitors present: Several

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.

III. Annual Organizational Meeting

Kristina Nelsen read the Oath of Office.

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

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

Abstaining: Tighe

Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was turned over to President Tighe.

President Tighe asked for nominations for Vice President. Reis nominated Vanschoiack for Vice President and Kirkholm seconded. President Tighe noted that the

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

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

Abstaining: Vanschoiack

Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

Abstaining: Nelsen

Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

Abstaining: Reis

Motion carried 5-0.

IV. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Superintendent Cruickshank asked to remove Item E Calendar from the agenda. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the agenda as amended. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the December 12th regular meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$383,524.43 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 Vanschoiack to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

VI. Audiences

Bret Hightree and Garrett Zoucha discussed the Washington D.C./Mount Vernon trip that they would like to take students on. It will be for 4 days and they will take a charter bus to Omaha and then fly to D.C. The trip is open to Students grades 7-10.

They will always have a tour guide with them on the trip. The students fund the trip themselves and it be July 8th – 11th.

Jeff Horner from the Safety Committee presented the I Love U Guys program and reviewed the communication procedures with the board. The codes are Lockdown, Lockout, Shelter, Evacuate and Hold. These will be sent home with report cards for parent's review. We have changed the fire drill procedure, so grades have a specific spot to meet in the parking lot. The walkway from the front of the building into the parking lot will be painted to extend further into the parking lot. Our school safety visit went well with a few items noted that will happen this spring.

VII. Communications

Principal Crowe reported that the MTSS meeting was on the 7th to discuss interventions and progress monitoring. They added PBIS component to track positive behaviors and hope to have this be a school wide program. On Jan. 9th there were 25 Knight Awards given and all enjoyed a picnic with the principal. On Jan. 14th Data Analysis was reviewed to look at the strengths and challenges of MAP and NSCAS scores. A date has not been chosen for Kindergarten Roundup but ESU staff is working on it. They are looking at a one-half day event in the morning. The Winter Music Concert 6-12 was excellent and well attended.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported on the NASB Legislative issues, enrollment and professional development on the 14th. The committees worked on Teacher Evaluation, Data Analysis, Computer Science course offerings were reviewed, and the Safety Committee met. The automotive class is using the new lift that was purchased to use on vehicles. Katie Mueller reported that the Team Mates Meeting went well, and they are hoping to be operational next August. Celebrations are as follows:
Conference Honor Band: Saraj Jewett, Haylee Raff, Emylee Jewett, Brooklynn Schmidt, Joseph Coffin, Malaki Holmes, Lilly Fellin, Sami Coffin, Lane McRoberts, Shaylee Jensen, Alex Huerta and Erin Georgesen
Wayne State Honor Band: Shayla Monk, Saraj Jewett, Caleigh Rohde, Sami Coffin (alternate), Erin Georgesen
Quad State Honor Band: Sami Coffin, Erin Georgesen, Malaki Holmes, Alex Huerta, Shaylee Jensen, Emylee Jewett, Lane McRoberts, Caleigh Rohde and Brooklynn Schmidt

There was no public comment.

VIII. Discussion

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

- Americanism – Reis, Nelsen, Hall
- Budget and Finance – Vanschoiack, Tighe, Hall
- Building and Grounds – Kirkholm, Reis, Tighe
- Negotiations – Vanschoiack, Kirkholm, Tighe
- Transportation – Vanschoiack, Kirkholm, Nelsen

Jeff Reed reported that the interactive panels are installed, and teachers are using them. Teachers will still have a 2-day training session.

- 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. Building and Grounds Committee update is 2 heat pumps will be installed this summer, add additional concrete on the west side of the storage shed, preschool would like concrete for kids to ride bikes on, do we fence in the new jump pits, removal of dead trees on the west side of the property, portable space and vehicle parking.

IX. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack 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: Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis
The motion carried 6-0.

B. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to appoint Perry, Guthery, Haase and Gessford as the legal firm representing the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

C. Motion was made by Vanschoiack 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: Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack
The motion carried 6-0.

D. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Vanschoiack 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: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen
The motion carried 6-0.

E. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack 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, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe
The motion carried 6-0.

F. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to approve the I Love U Guys/Standard Response safety protocol for the district. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

G. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the Washington D.C./Mount Vernon trip. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

IX. Closed session –classified staff negotiations and staffing/personnel

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to go into closed session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss classified negotiations and staffing to protect the reputation of an individual. On roll call the board voted as follows:

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

The board convened to regular session at 9:44 p.m.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to go into regular session at 9:45 p.m. On roll call the board voted as follows:

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

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m. on January 16, 2019.

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

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2019.

ATTEST:
Carrie Vanschoiack
Board Secretary

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