

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
July 9, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 8:00 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: Tim Murphy

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank & Principal Lora Crowe

Visitors present: One

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 excuse Member Murphy from the meeting. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

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

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the June 12th meeting and hearing and June 28th special meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$396,346.40 from General Fund. 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: Reis, Hall, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Communications

Administrator reports:

Principal Crowe reported on elementary staffing. Summer school will be in session from July 16th through August 3rd. New teacher in-service is August 8th and 9th. Staff in-service and

professional development is August 13th – 15th. Activities will include DHS reporting and identification of neglected children, and technology integration and application. Celebrations included the hiring of new staff.

Superintendent Cruickshank shared Technology Coordinator Reed's report. The Chromebooks for grades K – 8 have arrived. The laptops for grades K – 6 will be issued to students on August 16th and 17th. The laptops for grades 7 – 12 will be issued to students on August 23rd. August 22nd at 7 p.m. in the main gym, a mandatory meeting for 7-12 students and parents will be held. The meeting will focus on digital citizenship and will be conducted by Bobby Truhe, attorney for KSB Law. Attendance at the meeting or viewing the recorded presentation will be a requirement for students and parents, before the laptop is issued to the student.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that a board training will be held at the ESU on August 7th or 8th. An update from the school board association was shared. Mr. Cruickshank and Mrs. Crowe reviewed the junior high-high school and elementary master schedules, and the staff back-to-school activities. Applications are being taken for a full-time custodian.

There was no public comment.

VI. Discussion Items

- A. The weather has stalled progress on the start of the construction of the storage facility. The gym floors will need to be resurfaced again as there are streaks in the finish. Hot water lines have been installed. The remodel of the Business Room into two rooms has started. Sprinklers on the practice football field will be installed July 12th. The concrete work on the track runways will be completed by July 16th. The track resurface and runway overlay will start July 30th. Dates for the parking lot maintenance and heat pump installation have not been set.
- B. Several policy revisions and two new policy updates were shared. They will be on the August agenda for review and action.
- C. There are no policy or procedure changes to the staff handbook for 2018-19.
- D. A uniform PK - 12 start time of 8 a.m., and proposed new procedures for cell phone and electronic device use were reviewed and discussed.
- E. Substitute teacher pay for Homer and area districts was reviewed. Substitute teacher pay will remain at \$120 per day.
- F. The annual board self-reflection was shared and there was discussion.

VII. Action Items

- A. Motion was made by Vanschoiak and seconded by Kirkholm to increase transportation fees for non-resident students by 3% for 2018-19. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hall, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis
The motion carried 5-0.
The district's contract with Durham Transportation stipulates a 3% increase for 2018-19.

There was no action on non-resident Preschool fees. Non-resident fees will remain \$15 per day.

B. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the breakfast, lunch and milk prices to raise \$.10 for the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

C. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the Student Handbook, including changes to the daily start time, and the new cell phone and electronic device procedures. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

D. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to authorize the Superintendent to apply for all state and federal funding, including Title I. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

E. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the certified staff employment of Courtney Hochstein, Kindergarten Teacher. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

VIII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to go into closed session at 9:20 p.m. to protect the reputation of an individual. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The board convened to regular session at 9:40 p.m.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to go into regular session. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

IX. Celebrations

Celebrations included the hiring of new staff.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for August 13, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. on July 9, 2018. On roll call vote the board voted as follows:

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

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:
Carrie Vanschoiack
Secretary

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