

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
May 14, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Byron Hall, Tyler Kirkholm, Tim Murphy, Aaron Reis, Paul Tighe and 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 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 & 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 Murphy and seconded by Reis to approve the agenda as presented.

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the April 9th regular meeting and April 16th special meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$472,555.37 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: Vanschoiack, Murphy, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Audiences

A. Mrs. Robertson, Lyndsee Waldee, Annah Harris and Jaedyn Bousquet were presented with a certificate from the Board for their accomplishments in the poster contests. Lyndsee was the winner of the 811 Dig contest and Homer School received a bench, a tree and a plaque for her artistic ability. Annah and Jaedyn were winners in the “Nebraska Don’t Waste It” calendar contest. Their drawings will be one of the month presented in the calendar and each member of the class will receive a calendar.

B. Tony Graham and Cassie Schwier reviewed the LSI contract with the board and percentage of students eating school lunch. They will be introducing a few new foods to the students next school year as well as all the fresh vegetable and fruits. The menus will now be online and will tell the contents as well as calorie intake. State regulates that we increase our lunch prices by \$.10 per meal.

C. Dave Heck from Northeast Nebraska Insurance presented the board with a handout showing the insurance premium cost and paid loss ratio over the past 10 years. This year the premium amount will be \$3,845 lower than last year.

VI. Communications

A. Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Crowe reported that teachers utilized April 30th for Smart Goals, Guided Reading, MAP and NSCAS Testing review. There were 30 children that attended kindergarten roundup on April 19th. Field trips will be taken by 1st – 6th grades this month. Preschool graduation is on May 23rd at 2:00 in the main gym. On the last day of school the Pride Assembly will be at 8:30 – 9:30, Elementary Track Meet will be from 10:00-12:00 and students will be dismissed at 12:00.

Jeff Reed reported that 3 Chromebooks were evaluated, and the committee recommended purchasing 250 Dell Chromebooks from Sterling at a price of \$96,035. The Chromebooks will be given to students at the start of the new school year. Mr. Reed would like to recommend that we organize a Digital Citizenship meeting for all parents and students that will be receiving laptops.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that we received good remarks from the AdvancED Review but will not receive the official results until June. Mr. Cruickshank provided the board with a legislative summary from NCSA.

B. There was no public comment.

VII. Discussion Items

- a. The Building and Grounds committee met with Hardsteel regarding the storage building. They were given local contractor names to utilize if possible and the building should be completed by August 1. Country Nursery will landscape the front of the building on May 14th. The gym floors will be refinished on July 2nd, Foulk Brothers will be working on the hot water, the track will be resurfaced in July and Frank's Asphalt will do yearly maintenance on the parking lot.

VIII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Murphy to approve the Personal Finance class as a graduation requirement, effective graduating class of 2022. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the Policy 508.16 – Head Lice. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

C. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Murphy to approve the purchase of Chromebooks for all students K-8 for 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

D. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to approve the renewal of the property, casualty, and workmen's compensation insurance with EMC. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

E. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the renewal of the contract with Lunchtime Solutions for the School Nutrition Program. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

F. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to renew the Nursing contract with Unity Point for the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

G. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Murphy to approve the administration configuration for the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

H. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the salary and benefits for the Elementary Principal-District Testing and Data Coordinator for the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

I. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to approve the salary and benefits for the Superintendent-Secondary Principal for the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

J. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Murphy to approve the hiring of Dave Dziurawiec as JH-HS Science Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

K. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the hiring of Makayla Murphy as the Preschool Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Abstaining: Murphy
The motion carried 5-0.

IX. Closed Session

Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to go into closed session at 9:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussion matters related to students that would otherwise identify confidential student information, discussion of legal advice from the Board's attorney, and to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of individuals and no such individuals have requested that the matter be discussed in open session. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The board reconvened to regular session at 9:50 p.m.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, June 12, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to adjourn the meeting at 9:57p.m. on May 14, 2018.

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

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:
Carrie Vanschoiack
Secretary

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