

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
May 23, 2018

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School in Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

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

II. Notification of Open Meeting Law and Roll Call

The Chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Library. Roll call was taken and all members are present.

III. Discussion

The Chairperson turned the meeting over to the hearing officer, John F. Recknor, to conduct the personnel hearing. The hearing is to receive evidence and hear testimony in regard to the Administration's recommendation that Mrs. Harral being suspended without pay for three days.

IV. Justin Knight (School Attorney) presented the board with exhibits 1-11 for review during the hearing and called Mrs. Harral, Mr. Cruickshank and Mrs. Crowe as witnesses. Alex Zimmer (Harral Attorney) called Mrs. Harral as a witness.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Murphy to enter closed session at 8:23 p.m. to watch a video of two students (Students A and B) for student confidentiality and the privacy protection of Students A and B. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carries 6-0.

After the motion carried, the reason for entering closed session was restated.

Reconvene to public session.

Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to reconvene to public session at 8:28 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carries 6-0.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer read the Facts and Findings of the board. The Board affirmed the Administration's recommendation to suspend Mrs. Harral without pay for three days. Board Member Vanschoiack moved for passage of the Facts and Findings and Board Member Kirkholm seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Abstaining: Hall

The motion carries 5-0-1.

V. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. on May 23, 2018. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carries 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:  
Carrie Vanschoiack  
Secretary

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