

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
November 13, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in the Library at the Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

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

Visitors present: None

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.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 9th meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$485,496.87 from General Fund.

Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to approve all Consent Agenda items. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Presentation

A. Stacie Johnson and Katie Mueller reviewed the different video software apps that they learned about at the Education Tech Conference they attended in Kearney. The board saw some of the videos that the students made using the software.

## VI. Communications

a. Public Comment: None

b. Mrs. Crowe reported the Pride Assembly was on the 26th. The Friendship Bench Dedication was held with classrooms presenting Thank-you's to Bill and Jody Rohde. The PreK Advisory committee met to discuss the Gold Standards and the proposal for an additional PK class for the 2018-2019 school year. A survey will be conducted for the purpose of seeing how much interest there is from the community. The fall Read In was a huge success thanks to Lark Rich for organizing the event. She attended the SPED Law Conference along with the SPED Teachers. Staff reviewed the Behavioral Management Strategies on staff development day. She attended a conference on "The Law" of Custody Disputes. The Veteran's program was wonderful, teachers are working on TestWiz for state testing preparation and a multicultural assembly was enjoyed from the African Drum and Dance Corp.

Mr. Cruickshank reviewed Mr. Pirner's report with the board. The junior parent 1-1 meeting has been set for December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Congratulations to Emylee Jewett and Samantha Coffin for qualifying for Conference Honor Choir. Announcements for conference volleyball and football will be coming soon and NSAA releases district assignments for the next 2 years in Mid-December. PK -5<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Concert will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade will be on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Petersen did a fantastic job for the Veteran's Day Program. It was very impressive and appreciated. We have 2 new student organizations which is Skills/USA and Educators Rising Group. Mr. Chase is the advisor for Skills/USA and Mr. Pirner is the advisor for Educators Rising Group. Please check out each program at: <https://www.educatorsrising.org> and <https://www.skillsusa.org>. The ACT testing will be offsite this year at Salem Lutheran Church on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. On April 4<sup>th</sup> we will administer the Pre-ACT to our sophomore students.

Mr. Cruickshank reported that he and Aaron Reis will be attending the State School Board Convention. Negotiations will begin after harvest and health insurance did not increase for 2018-2019 school year. We will be purchasing welding tanks for \$5804.00 which will save the district significant costs over the years. Schools have an opportunity to apply for federal funds for equipment through their nutrition program so Kerry Steele, Area Manager for Lunchtime Solutions and Mr. Cruickshank put together a proposal for a new cooler to expand the capacity to serve fresh fruits and vegetables. Grants will be distributed in December. The district will host an Advanced Ed Accreditation visit on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Celebrations: The Veteran Program was a huge success. Emylee Jewett and Sami Coffin are in Conference Honor Choir.

## VII. Discussion

a. Facilities: NuTrend Homes has sold the portables but will keep us in mind if any others used portables become available. The JH/HS Business classroom may have the possibility to repurpose some space. The property line needs to be found to determine room for a storage building in the back of the school. Midwest Tennis and Track submitted a bid for an overlay on the track but it was \$15,000 over the previous bids received last month. Landscaping companies have been on the grounds and will submit proposals for the front of the building. The board received bids on replacing 2 water heaters and replacing locker room shower heads.

b. Audit booklets were distributed to the board for review and will be approved at the December board meeting.

c. Superintendent Evaluation paperwork was distributed to the board and they will complete and return to Trish Rohde by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on December 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. on November 13, 2017. On roll call vote the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2017.

ATTEST:  
Carrie Vanschoiack  
Secretary

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