

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
September 10, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 8: 12 p.m. in the Library at the Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

Absent: Aaron Reis

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Lora Crowe & 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. Roll Call – All members are present except Reis.

Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the absence of Member Reis from the meeting. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Reis

The motion carries 5-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Superintendent Cruickshank asked to add Discussion item C and Action item D.

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

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

Absent: Reis

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the August 13th regular meeting, August 22nd Special Meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense from General Fund.

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

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

Absent: Reis

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Communications
Public Comment: None

Principal Crowe reported that all the new staff members are doing a great job in their classrooms. MAP testing will be Sept. 4-14th to collect baseline data to start the year. The students love their chromebooks. Pride Assembly award winners will have a picnic with the principal. The Elementary Pride Assembly will be the first Wednesday of each month with the exception of January.

Superintendent/Principal Cruickshank present the board with information about the NASB area meetings in Norfolk on Oct. 3rd and Fremont on Oct. 17th. The board reviewed the cell phone and locker procedures. The Digital Citizenship meeting was well attended. The current enrollment is at 385 PreK – 12. Parent – Teacher Conferences are Thursday, September 27th. The school board conference is November 14-16 at LaVista if anyone is interested in attending.

Celebrations: The school year is off to a great start with many new elementary students. A big Thank-you goes out to Bill Rohde, Travis Bodlak, Ron Tighe, Brian Ferris, Dan Schmitt and Tim Murphy for helping prep the football field and grounds for the game last Friday night.

VI. Discussion

- A. District Goals and Priorities were reviewed and revised by the board. The goals will be reviewed at the October meeting.
- B. Building and Grounds: Hardsteel has noted that the rain has put them behind on erecting the building. The track markings are not correct so those need to be corrected by the company. The B&G committee thought that they should be looking into a mower upgrade. An underground line needs to be run under the track in order for the camera's on the finish line to work properly. Student interviews for a part-time custodian position will be conducted this week.
- C. Depreciation Fund – Superintendent Cruickshank is recommending to the board to move some of the designated depreciation money to more appropriate designation. The board will look at moving bus to vehicle, move equipment to repairs and move \$100,000 from textbooks to technology.

VII. Action Items

- A. The motion on the District/Board Goals and Priorities was tabled until the October meeting.
- B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Murphy to adopt the proposed 2018-2019 Budget as presented. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Kirkholm, Murphy, Vanschoiack, Tighe
Voting nay: Hall
Absent: Reis
The motion carried 4-1.
- C. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Murphy to adopt the proposed Property Tax Request Resolution for the 2018/2019 school year as presented. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Murphy, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm

Voting nay: Hall
Absent: Reis
The motion carried 4-1.

- D. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Murphy to reallocate the bus designation to vehicle, the equipment designation to repairs and move \$100,000 from textbooks to technology in the Depreciation Fund. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

- E. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the Homer Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the certificated staff for the 2020-2021 contract year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

VIII. Time/Date of next meeting

The next board meeting will be on October 8, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m. on September 10, 2018. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2018.

ATTEST:
Carrie Vanschoiack
Secretary

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