

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

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:01 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

Absent: Tim Murphy

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Randy Pirner, 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 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, Hall, Kirkholm, Reis

The motion carried 5-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Supt. Cruickshank asked to add Action Item E – purchase of teacher laptops.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the agenda as amended.

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the March 12th regular meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$401,816.59 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, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Communications

Mrs. Crowe reported the professional development day was spent reviewing safety training, mandatory reporting, and setting up NCAS testing sessions. We will only offer one Preschool class with 20 students and we have 7 students on a waiting list. Kindergarten Round-up parent meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. and Kdg. Round-up will be April 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. There is one opening to fill for an elementary teacher. We need to celebrate our Jump Rope for Heart as we raised \$3,821 which was an increase of \$535 from last year.

Mr. Pirner reported that ACT Testing was completed on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Salem Lutheran Church which was an ideal testing center. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have completed the MAP testing in Language Arts/Reading. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will complete Math and Science on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Canvas Training will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Parent Engagement Meetings will begin on April 10<sup>th</sup> with Junior and Senior students and parents. On April 17<sup>th</sup> we will meet with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students along with parents and April 18<sup>th</sup> will be 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents. The Homer Invite Track meet will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Bryanna Woodard for being the representative for Best of the Class on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Morningside College. Our first Golf meet will be April 12<sup>th</sup> in Laurel. On April 20<sup>th</sup> the band and chorus students will travel to SSC to perform for District Music. Prom will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Bellevue Ballroom in Sioux City with grand march at 7:00p.m. Graduation will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 and the seniors last day of school will be May 8<sup>th</sup> and practice will be May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported the he will attend the NETA Conference April 18-20<sup>th</sup> along with 6 staff members. Member Hall is on the ballet for the NASB Legislative Committee. The AdvancEd visit will be April 23-25<sup>th</sup>. He presented the board with a schedule of events and interview groups times to meet.

B. There was no public comment.

VI. Discussion Items

- a. Graduation will be May 12<sup>th</sup> and Paul Tighe will hand out diplomas.
- b. Building and Grounds update: We have received one bid on the building specs and 2 inquiries, bids are being obtained for dividing the business classroom into 2 rooms, Country Nursery will landscape the front of the building on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The gym refinishing will take place on July 2<sup>nd</sup> for both gyms. Bids are being obtained for carpet for 4 classrooms and the staff workroom. Heat pump replacement and track resurfacing has been scheduled for summer. Foulk Brothers bid to bring hot water to areas of the school will be \$4,972.
- c. Legislative update: Supt. Cruickshank provided the board with information concerning Senator Briese's tax reform bill.
- d. A Lice Policy was reviewed by the board and will be presented at the May meeting for approval.
- e. Staffing: A custodian has been hired for 40 hours per week, Stacie Johnson will be the High School Head Volleyball coach, applications are being reviewed for an elementary teaching position and the high school science position. Mr. Redel will come back part time if necessary for next year.

VII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to waive the one student instructional day for the 2017-2018 Calendar. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Vanschoiack

Voting Nay: Hall

The motion carried 4-1.

B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the Policy 503.07 Pregnant or Parenting Students. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

C. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the Principals' salary and benefits increase of 2.93% for the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

D. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve revisions to the weighted grading policy. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

E. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the purchase of 55 teacher laptops from Sterling Computers. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

F. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the certified staff resignation of Marcella Broyhill, kindergarten teacher. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

G. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the resignation of Gaylene Kunzie, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

H. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the hiring of Brittany White, High School Sped Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 5-0.

I. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the hiring of Alexis Beavers, 5<sup>th</sup> grade elementary teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, 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 7:55p.m. to discuss negotiation of the Superintendent's contract for the protection of the public's interest. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

The board convened to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, May 14, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. on April 9, 2018.

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

The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2018.

ATTEST:  
Carrie Vanschoiack  
Secretary

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