

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
April 8, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

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

Superintendent Cruickshank asked to remove Item B & C from Discussion.

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: Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the March 11th regular meeting and March 19th special meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$337,434.80 from General Fund. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve all Consent Agenda items including the amendments to the minutes from March 11th. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Audiences and Discussion

Makayla Murphy and Staci Smith presented a preschool proposal to the board requesting the addition of another preschool class. Ms. Murphy explained how the students are evaluated and the need for smaller class size. We currently have 27 students signed up to attend Preschool. The maximum number of students that one teacher can have is 20 and there must be an aide employed to assist with over 10 students.

Casey Tremayne and Alisa McPartland presented a proposed new teacher evaluation tool. The purpose of the new evaluation paperwork would be to help the teacher excel to the next level and support teacher growth.

VI. Communications

A. Mrs. Crowe reported that 30 students attended Kindergarten Round-up and it was the best parent attendance. She congratulated Ms. Hochstein and Ms. Smith for the great job they did with the Round-up. Professional Development was spent on NSCAS testing preparation for this month. The elementary fun night was hosted on the 29th and students enjoyed playing bingo. The ACT test was administered at Salem Lutheran Church and 21 students attended. There were 31 award winners at the Pride Assembly and everyone had lunch with the principal. On the 12th the 1st and 5th graders will attend the circus. Celebration is the students raised \$3,397.51 in the Jump Rope for Heart program.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that several students attended All State Band and several students attended State Speech. Both events were in Kearney. Bradie Johnson and Tristin Gaarder were honored at Quota's 68th Honor's Luncheon. The students were selected based on their academic studies and social and personal achievements in middle school. The average daily attendance for March was 94% with enrollment at 389 students. The board was given an update on NASB workshops to be held. Staffing consideration were discussed with the board.

B. There was no public comment.

VII. Discussion Items

a. Building and Grounds update: The underground wiring at the track has been completed and we are still waiting on bids for the new long jump fence and the add on service panel for the VAV's. Trane will install the last 2 heat pumps this summer. Frank's Asphalt will be contacted regarding repairs to the parking lot, Steve Harris has been contacted for curb repairs or replacement in the parking lots, Barclay Construction has been contacted about extending the paved surface around the new building and discus cage.

A bid was received from NuTrend Homes for the portable classrooms at \$165,500. We would still have to run all the internet service and intercom into the portable. Superintendent Cruickshank also shared a plan to repurpose the current space that we have by moving some teachers and removing some walls. The 6th grade classes will be moved to the high school side which the board thought would help with the transition into 7th grade. Teachers could also use tables instead of individual desks to gain extra space in their classroom. The science room remodel will be put on hold until next year.

VIII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to raise the administrative assistants' compensation for Lynn Rich to \$15.28 per hour for the 2019-20 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to raise the administrative assistants' compensation for Amy Brand to \$19.00 per hour for the 2019-20 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

B. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the preschool proposal and waive the out of district tuition. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

C. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to approve the 2019-20 school calendar. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

D. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the salary for the Superintendent/Elementary Principal position for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

E. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the resignation of Judi Robertson at the end of the 2018-19 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

F. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the employment of Pat Wright as the 5th grade elementary teacher. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Reis to approve the employment of Kassara Jump as 4th grade elementary teacher. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, May 13, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. and the June meeting is set for June 17, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. on April 8, 2019.

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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