

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
April 13, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:05 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 Seth Lembke and Board Secretary Trish Rohde

Visitors present: Jeff Reed

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
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: Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack
The motion carried 6-0.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 1. Approve the Minutes of the March regular meeting and March / April emergency meetings.
 2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$439,715.50 from General Fund. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to approve all Consent Agenda items. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen
The motion carried 6-0.

V. Closed Session

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Kirkholm to enter into closed session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss Staffing, Salary and benefits consideration as it relates to the 20-21 budget for the protection of the public's interest. 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 Nelsen to convene to regular session at 7:22 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

VI. Communications

A. Jeff Reed updated the board regarding the proposed updates for hubs, switches and cabling. This is needed for upgrading the WiFi. This will be cost shared with the E-rate Grant.

Principal Lembke reported only 5 students have not logged on their computers since we started remote learning. Students will begin receiving grades on the work submitted. July 25th is the scheduled Graduation date if we receive the all clear for groups to gather. July 8th is the date selected by the seniors for Prom at County Celebrations. The senior trip has been rescheduled to July 20-22 and the choir trip to KC is set for July 28-29.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that total enrollment started the year at 421 and finished with enrollment at 417. Learning material distribution and pick-up was April 9 and 11 and laptops were checked out to grades 2-6. Packets that were not picked up were mailed today.

B. There was no public comment.

VII. Discussion Items

a. Staffing – The Special Education Teachers had a meeting with Administration, ESU Staff, Carrie V and Kristina N to discuss what services are needed. This will be reviewed again next fall.

We have received our nursing contract from Unity Point and the costs are increased by 2.47%. The contract is for 180 days/6 hours per day. The current nurse is doing a fantastic job for the school.

b. The Building and Grounds committee met with 2 representatives from Ho-Chunk regarding renovations or additions for science rooms. The board looked at 3 locations around school but thought the north end of the building would work the best. The parking lot bids were reviewed but it was decided at this time that we will just do repair work on the parking lot this year. The gym bleachers have been checked and the floors waxed.

c. Corona Virus / COVID 19 update: There are currently 2 cases in Dakota County. We will receive federal funding of \$53,500 from the CARES act. There has been no agreement with Durham Bus Service or Lunchtime Solutions for paying employee wages.

VIII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjust the para-professional compensation to add \$.77 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year and the starting wage will be \$11.50 per hour. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

B. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the technology infrastructure upgrade. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

C. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to approve the date of July 25th for graduation. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

D. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the nurse contract with Unity Point for the 2020-21 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

E. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to approve the employment of Nicolle Edwards 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.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, May 11, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. on April 13, 2020.

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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