

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
April 11, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, April 11, 2022 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, Principals Abbie Uhl and Casey Tremayne 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

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

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the March 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the April 4<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts.

3. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve all items presented on the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve all Consent Agenda items.

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Audiences/Discussion

a. Grant Lander, Bradie Johnson and Clorinda Holmes presented to the board the speeches that they performed at State Speech. The students did excellent presentations and the board enjoyed it.

VI. Communications

A. Administration Reports

Principal Uhl reported on PD days in April, elementary field trips, MTSS interviews, Cognia External Review and Neta Conference. The elementary students did the American Heart Association Heart Challenge and collected \$7,746.97. Deputy Fernau, Deputy Bird and Joaquin Orduno did a drone and K-9 presentation for the PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Teammates hosted 40 members at the Nebraska Spring Game. The Cultural Connections hosted Jessie Rencountre on April 11<sup>th</sup>. She focused on literacy and anti-bullying. The library will be receiving \$4,000 worth of books from the ACE Grant.

Principal Tremayne reported on failing list, interventions, tardies and attendance. Brian Ferris will be the math teacher for the 2022-23 school year. KSB law firm held a Digital Citizenship Presentation with grades 5-12. Students toured the 185<sup>th</sup> Air Base and shop students participated in Skills USA Competition in Grand Island. Track and golf are underway along with District Music, Senior trip, FAB Banquet, and graduation fast approaching.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported on student movement in and out of the school with current attendance at 422. Superintendent Cruickshank asked to be excused from attending graduation this year due to family commitments. Mrs. Tremayne will do the opening speech.

B. Public Comment:

Track students running on the black top road to the south is not very safe if driving a semi-truck as there is no shoulder on the road.

VII. Discussion Items

a. Facility addition and renovation timelines were reviewed. The construction costs are varying from \$253/sf - \$390/sf.

b. Enrollment, budget, staffing information was shared with the board. The information will be condensed and put on the website for public viewing. Housing in Homer was a topic of discussion.

VIII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to enter into closed session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss negotiations with classified staff and administration as it relates to the 22-23 budget for the protection of the public's interest. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The board exited closed session.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to convene to regular session at 9:52 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IX. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Reis to approve the salary and benefits for classified staff for the 2022-23 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

B. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the Principals for a 2-year contract. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

C. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded Vanschoiack to approve the employment of Brian Ferris for the 2022-23 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

Member Reis will hand out diplomas at Graduation on 14<sup>th</sup> .

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. on April 11, 2022.

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:  
Kristina Nelsen  
Secretary

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