

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
August 12, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at the Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Seth Lembke & Board Secretary Trish Rohde

Visitors present: One

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 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.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Superintendent Cruickshank asked to remove Discussion item f. Board Goals.

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the July 10th regular meeting.

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

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

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Communications

Administration Reports:

Principal Lembke reported on the Homeroom changes and expectations. All students will report to HR every day. Any student that receives a D grade or below will be placed in intervention to receive extra assistance. The goals are to help students who are struggling or behind before they hit the failing mark and reduce the number of academic ineligibilities and the need for credit recovery programs. Teachers are to have grades inputted each Friday.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that he and Member Tighe will attend the NASB Regional Meeting in Fremont on August 21st. The school district denied Black Hills the access to school property to construct a regulator station. The current enrollment is at 426 students. There are 252 elementary and 174 high school students.

Jeff Reed has completed the installation of the interaction panels in classrooms and the library. Mr. Reed had to contact Sterling Computers for more systems due to the enrollment numbers. The high school students will receive their computers on Thursday.

Public Comment: None

VI. Discussion

- A. Facility and grounds update: All projects are completed except installing a sink in the extra preschool room. We need to do concrete work on the preschool playground, around the maintenance building, and around the discus ring this fall. A big thank you goes out to Jake Brand and Jake Nelsen for the outside and inside work this summer. Hollie Waldee has been hired to help with custodial work 15 hours per week.
- B. The Board Self-reflection was reviewed by the board. The members feel there is more consistency with their numbers this year and they are excited the direction the board is moving. The board discussed ways to draw the community to school and will work on ideas for that next month.
- C. The transfer of revenue from General Fund to the Depreciation Fund was discussed and compared to last year's numbers. Members discussed the dollars transferred being designated for track and also discussed the need for updates to the science rooms.
- D. The board discussed when to have the budget work session/special meeting, budget hearing, and tax levy rate hearing. The hearing will be on August 28th at 7:00 p.m. We should receive property valuations by August 20th. The current valuations have gone down but with the increase in students we could receive more state aid next year.
- E. Substitute teacher pay was discussed and will be left at the same amount.

VII. Action Items

- A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve board policy updates and revisions on Policy numbers 203.06, 407.07, 502.01, 507.02, 604.11, 702.03 and 706.01. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe
The motion carried 6-0.
- B. No motion was needed on substitute pay.

VIII. Celebrations

The first day with teachers back went well and Kevin Kush was a great speaker. The enrollment increase is great.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next meetings will be on Wednesday, August 28th Budget Work Session at 7:00 p.m. and the Budget Hearing, Tax Levy and regular board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. on August 12, 2019. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 12th day of August 2019.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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