

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
August 12, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, August 10, 2020 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 by phone & Board Secretary Trish Rohde

Visitors present: Dan Schmitt

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 #7 G and postpone until the workshop meeting.

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 13 hearing, July 13 regular meeting, July 13 COVID meeting, July 16 special meeting, July 20 COVID meeting and August 4 COVID meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense 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: Tighe, Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Communications

Administration Reports:

Principal Lembke reported the open house for new students and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be the same as elementary open house. On August 20<sup>th</sup> students will be informed of the lunch plan and will receive their computer. Students will be reintroduced to email, Canvas, Zoom Docs and Plan book in homeroom class.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported our enrollment is at 434 students. August 14, 18 and 19 will be staff development days. The group will meet in the main gym for social distancing. The board is invited to lunch on the 14<sup>th</sup> if they wish to visit with teachers. Mr. Reed has been in contact with an internet service provider hoping to gain a partnership with them.

Public Comment: None

Celebrations: Shawn Spurrell has earned his master's degree. Congratulations to BOE Member Kirkholm and Member Nelsen for the points earned from NASB.

VI. Discussion

A. Building and grounds update: The track project will be started on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> and will be completed before the first football game. The parking lot has been patched by Frank's Asphalt. The construction project will be discussed at a later date.

B. Policy: The new regulations for Title IX were shared with the board and will be included in our handbooks for students and staff. The new policy goes into effect Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Lembke and Mr. Cruickshank attended the training on the policy and materials will be posted on the website.

C. Extra-curricular event guidelines from NSAA were distributed to the board. We will follow guidelines from the CDC and Health Department. We will be posting signs indoors and outside for mask requirements and assumption of risk. Concession stands and restrooms will be open with masks required.

D. Property, casualty, work compensation policy was reviewed with the board.

E. Staffing – The custodial staff will need additional help for the extra cleaning that will be required once school starts. Custodial staff may need to kept track of sanitation duties on a spread sheet. The superintendents have been discussing compensation for activity sponsors if the activities are cancelled. The Administration has had discussions with staff members who have health conditions or immediate family have health conditions.

F. The Board Self-reflection was reviewed by the board. All members are here for the good of the students and think the school is headed in the right direction. They would like to see more staff and students attend the board meetings.

G. The board discussed a revenue transfer from the General Fund to Depreciation. The transfer must occur by August 31<sup>st</sup>. The board inquired about the balance in the employee benefit fund and what it can be used for. Trish and Gregg will look into that.

H. The Budget work session is set for Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The budget hearing and tax levy rate hearing will be on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> before the regular meeting.

VII. Action Items

- A. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the substitute teacher pay increase of \$5.00 per day. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Reis, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Tighe  
Abstaining: Hall, Vanschoiack  
The motion carried 4-0.
- B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the first reading of the district's Title IX Policy and waive the second reading. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis  
The motion carried 6-0.
- C. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the second reading of Board Policy #105.00 Return to School Committee, #205.08 Board Policy and Temporary Waivers and #607.10 Classroom Environment. The revised policies are #504.11 Weapons, #504.16 Searches and Seizures, #801.04 Bus Safety Program and #508.15 Concussion Awareness. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall  
The motion carried 6-0.
- D. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve revision to the 2020-2021 school calendar. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall, Nelsen,  
The motion carried 6-0.
- E. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve participation in the Papio-Missouri River Hazardous Mitigation Plan. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm  
The motion carried 6-0.
- F. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to approve the administration and management of fall extra-curricular events. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack  
The motion carried 6-0.
- G. Removed from the agenda.

VIII. Closed Session

- Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to enter into closed session at 9:11 p.m. to discuss a student matter to protect the reputation of an individual. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis  
The motion carried 6-0.

The board reconvened to regular session.

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to enter into regular session at 9:20 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next meetings will be on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> for the Budget Work Session at 7:00 p.m. and the Budget Hearing, Tax Levy and regular board meeting will be on Monday, September 14, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. on August 10, 2020. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 10th day of August 2020.

ATTEST:  
Kristina Nelsen  
Secretary

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