

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
August 10, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 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, Paul Tighe, Carrie Vanschoiack, Tyler Kirkholm

Absent: Aaron Reis and Byron Hall – arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principals Abbie Uhl and Casey Tremayne & 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 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 except Reis and Hall.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to approve the absence of Member Reis and Hall. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis,

The Motion carried 4-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Nelsen, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 4-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the July 13 regular meeting.

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

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Kirkholm to approve all Consent Agenda items. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

V. Audiences/Discussion

A. Jamie Chamberlain from HoChunk addressed the board regarding the building project. He reported that a drinking fountain has been added to the plans. Progress has been made and the structural steel is being put in place.

B. Dave Heck addressed the board regarding the American Legion building. The members are thinking about selling the building as they don't have the manpower to run the fish fry's which is a majority of their fundraising. The building is 4,000 sq. ft. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Byron Hall arrived.

VI. Communications/Discussion

Administration Reports:

Principal Uhl reported that the first few days back with staff have been amazing. Everyone set goals for themselves. Summer school had 9 students with perfect attendance and 35 students attended 12 or more days. Angela Ford did an awesome job as summer school coordinator.

Principal Tremayne reported she had a great first meeting with staff and the tourniquet training was very educational. Open House was well attended with 7 different groups in the lobby to promote programs and organizations. Homecoming will be August 22-25 and the Grand Marshals will be Bill and Jody Rohde. The band will be wearing the new uniforms to the bonfire.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that enrollment is at 433. Homer School will be featured in the Nebraska Rural School Community Association newsletter. The parking lot procedures will be given to the board.

Public Comment: Jeff Reed has done a great job with the new phone system.

VII. Discussion

A. Budget Work Session/special meeting, budget hearing, tax levy rate hearing dates will be set at August 23rd at 5:00 p.m. for the work session and the budget hearing and tax levy will be on September 12th at 7:00 p.m. The board received information on the General Fund and Depreciation balances, State Aid history and property tax history.

B. Safety and Security – Deputy Fernau will be assigned 2 days per week due to staffing shortages. It could be a possibility to hire off-duty officers or deputies for security.

VIII. Discussion/Action Items

A. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Nelsen to approve the substitute teacher pay increase at \$10.00 per tier. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Kirkholm, Tighe

Abstaining: Hall, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 3-0.

B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the second reading of policy updates and revisions. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Hall to enter into closed session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss an employee matter to protect the reputation of an individual. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

The board reconvened to regular session.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to enter into regular session at 8:49 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next meetings will be on August 23rd for the Budget Work Session at 5:00 p.m. and the Budget Hearing, Tax Levy and regular board meeting will be on Monday, September 12th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:52V p.m. on August 10, 2022. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 10th day of August 2022.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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