

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
August 25, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, August 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at the Homer Community School at Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

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

Visitors present: None

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

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to approve the agenda as presented.

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Discussion

The Board reviewed and discussed the 8-year summary of budget and levy options. It was suggested to the board to lower the tax asking to .80 for the general fund and .10 for the special building fund. This is a one-time option to lower the tax asking as a result of liquidating the Employee Benefit Fund and returning \$467,223 to the General Fund plus the State Aid/Equalization increase.

V. Action Items

a. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the transfer of \$467,223 from the Employee Benefit Fund to the General Fund. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

b. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Depreciation Fund to be designated for technology and repairs.

On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

VI. Other Action/Discussion

The Back to School Plan was discussed regarding the students you are attending remotely.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to strike the following language: Students who attend remotely will not be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities.

On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

VII. Budget and Tax Levy Hearings

September 14<sup>th</sup> – Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m.; Tax Levy at 7:10 p.m.

VIII. Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on September 14<sup>th</sup> after the tax levy hearing.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Vanschoiack to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. on August 25, 2020. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:  
Kristina Nelsen  
Secretary

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