

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
August 30, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, August 30, 2021 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, Principals Abbie Uhl and Seth Lembke and Board Secretary Trish Rohde

Visitors present: Cody Wickham

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 add item E Transportation to Discussion.

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

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Audience/Discussion/Action

Cody Wickham, from D.A. Davidson presented the board with information on a lease purchase agreement to finance the facility project. The lease would be paid back in 7 years and can be paid off early. Mr. Wickham will contact local banks to obtain the best interest rate.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to approve a Resolution ratifying, confirming and approving the formation of the Homer Educational Facilities Leasing Corporation and the assistance of such Corporation in providing for the financing of educational facilities for use by the District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Discussion

a. Budget 2021-22 – The board reviewed the prior years tax asking along with the valuation numbers, state aid and equalization numbers. The board agreed to lower the tax asking again this year.

b. HVAC update – The board was given the bids from 3 different companies to review along with questions and answers from each company. The board would like to know the weight of each companies' units to be sure the roof will withstand the weight. The idea of having one control throughout the building was addressed and will be reviewed. The board will review the findings at the September meeting.

c. Facilities update – The administration team met with Alec and Matt from BCDM Architects to discuss the staff utilization of space and to help the grade level flow with the new additions.

d. Cultural Connections (ACE) Grant is to enhance social, emotional, education, and cultural supports and opportunities for Native American students attending area schools not located on the reservation. Homer is included in a group of area schools. The funding for the grant is \$4.5 million over 5 years for the six school consortium. More details will be shared at the September 13 meeting.

VI. Action

There was no motion made to transfer money from General Fund.

VII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Vanschoiack to go into closed session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss a student issue to protect the reputation of an individual. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0

The board convened to regular session.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to convene to regular session at 8:36 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

VIII. Budget and Tax Levy Hearings: September 13 with Budget Hearing at 7p.m. and Tax Levy Hearing at 7:10p.m.

IX. Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> after the tax levy hearing.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. on August 30, 2021. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 30th day of August 2021.

ATTEST:  
Kristina Nelsen  
Secretary

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