

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
August 14, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at the Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Tim Murphy, Tyler Kirkholm, Paul Tighe, Aaron Reis, Carrie Vanschoiack

Absent: Byron Hall – arrived at 7:57p.m.

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Randy Pirner, Principal Lora Crowe & Board Secretary Trish Rohde

Visitors present: Jeff Reed

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 in 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 Hall.

Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Vanschoiack to excuse Member Hall to be late to the meeting. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Murphy, Kirkholm

The motion carried 5-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Murphy, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 5-0.

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 Murphy to approve all Consent Agenda items. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Reis, Murphy, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Communications

Public Comment: None

Administration Reports:

Principal Crowe reported that 21 students attended our Jump Start Program, new teacher in service was on the 9th, CPI training was held on the 10th, staff in-service will be on the 14th, 15th and 16th, on August 21 students will observe the solar eclipse with parents' permission and protective glasses, she will attend a principal meeting at the ESU1 on the 29th, picture day is the 31st and September 5th will be an in-service day.

Principal Pirner reported the new staff meeting was on the 9th, he has been chosen as a new board member for the Nebraska Association of the Gifted so he will attend about 4 meetings per year, there are two new student organizations: Educators Rising and Skills USA, on August 23rd the HiWay Patrol will be here for a security/safety check, volleyball has 28 girls participating and there are 22 boys on the football team, Homecoming is the week of September 25 and changes to that week were discussed.

Superintendent Cruickshank introduced Jeff Reed, LanManager/Technology. Mr. Reed reported to the board on the disarray of our hubs and access points, we will host a new website that will be updated by Mrs. Brand, and email addresses will change to entire first and last name for security reasons.

Mr. Cruickshank reported that we received the \$2,000 grant from Monsanto thanks to the Kirkholm family. The school nurse will start on the 28th and until then sub nurses will fill in. Board members are encouraged to attend one of the Area Membership Meetings, Vanschoiack and possibly Murphy will attend. The board is welcome to nominate one of the current members to join the NASB Regional Board. The after school student pickup was discussed and will be addressed at the September meeting.

Celebrations: The DCR report confirmed that 4th grade was 100% proficient in NESA math score and our first Jump Start Summer School program received positive comments from parents.

VI. Discussion

A. Facility and grounds update: The walk-in freezer condenser unit will be replaced, the Auxiliary gym floor looks great so need to work to keep it that way, lane 7 of the track needs fixed where the water undermined it, fall landscaping for the front of the school was discussed, and a sprinkler is needed for the practice football field.

B. The Budget work session will be on August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. and the Budget Hearing and Tax Levy meetings will be on September 11th beginning at 8:00 p.m. The district will be losing around \$67,800 in equalization aid this year.

C. District Goals were reviewed by the board and it was determined to move goal #3 – Student Achievement to be goal #1 and item A will be removed from Community Involvement. The need for a storage unit was discussed and option enrollment will be reviewed in September.

D. The current BOE committee assignments will remain the same.

E. The 2017-2018 school calendar will be amended to change April 2nd to a regular day of school and March 29th will be added as a no school day/make up snow day if needed.

VII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Murphy to approve the student handbook for 2017-2018 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting for: Hall, Murphy, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis
The motion carried 6-0.

B. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to approve the transfer of General Funds to the Depreciation Fund in the sums of \$150,000 to Technology, \$100,000 to Textbooks, and \$50,000 to Vehicle. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

C. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the name of the main gymnasium floor "Kevin Snyder Court". On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

E. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Hall to approve the following Board Policies: 203.01, 403.8, 504.16, 504.17, 508.01/E4, 606.06/R1, 802.05, 802.07, 1005.12, 1005.03R and waive the second reading. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

E. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the revision of the 2017-2018 school calendar. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next meetings will be on Wednesday, August 23rd Budget Work Session at 7:00 p.m. and the Budget Hearing, Tax Levy and regular board meeting will be on Monday, September 11, 2017 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Kirkholm to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. on August 14, 2017. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 14th day of August 2017.

ATTEST:
Carrie Vanschoiack
Secretary

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