

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
December 11, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 108 (Mrs. Beavers' Room) at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Seth Lembke and Administrative Assistant Amy Brand

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 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.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approve the Minutes of the November 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

B. Approve claims and accounts.

C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve all items presented on the Consent Agenda

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

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

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Audiences

A. Third Grade Mayor's speeches – Jaxon Brewer and Avery Kramper won Homer mayoral elections in their third grade classrooms and shared speeches about what they would do if they were the mayor.

B. Katie Mueller gave a Teammates update and shared the program has taken off phenomenally well and is a huge success with 28 matches. More adults are needed to be recruited as we have about 30 students waiting to be matched. Anyone interested needs to apply online and attend a training session. Mentors meet with their mentees once a week for 30 minutes and there is an activity cabinet they can get activities from. Their will be a TeamMates recognition night on January 7<sup>th</sup> during the basketball games. The Board commended Ms. Mueller and the TeamMates Board on their hard work and success.

VI. Communications

A. There was no public comment.

B. Mr. Lembke reported he went to an OnToCollege program training a couple weeks ago and received valuable information on many programs offered along with ACT preparation. He also congratulated the One-Act cast, crew and coaches on receiving first place at Conference and District Runner-up. Mr. Lembke will be out of the District December 12 & 13 to attend the State Principal Conference in Lincoln.

Supt. Cruickshank reported to the board information from the NASB and NRCSA regarding school spending and the State relying on property taxes to carry the burden. He also shared attendance information. We currently have 419 students, which is about 30 more than this time last year. The Elementary will be doing AIMSWeb and MAP testing this week. The data will be reviewed and discussed on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The next Elementary Pride Assembly will be December 19<sup>th</sup>.

C. Celebrations: The Elementary Christmas Concert was excellent! Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Petersen did a great job of preparing the students and putting on a wonderful concert. Our All District Football players and All-Conference Volleyball athletes were recognized as well as our Honor Choir members.

VII. Discussion Items:

A. Building and Grounds - Mr. Cruickshank presented different options for repairing the duct work in the back gym. The board discussed the advantages of replacing the duct work with metal as it is permanent. He also included a proposal to do repair work on the bleachers in the main gym and reconditioning and annual servicing of the bleachers in both gyms. Mr. Cruickshank is also going to request a quote on the Football bleachers on both sides as they are showing signs of age.

B. Nutrition - Mr. Cruickshank shared the walk-in freezer needs to be replaced and we have received one bid and we are waiting for two more bids. We will apply for an equipment grant through the State Nutrition Department to replace the freezer.

C. Calendar 2019-2020 - Mr. Cruickshank proposed changes to the current year calendar due to three school days lost due to weather. We will use the make-up days as

scheduled on the original calendar and will also have March 16<sup>th</sup> off for District Speech.

VIII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Reis to approve the 2018-2019 Audit. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Voting against: None

The motion carried 6-0.

B. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to approve Porter & Company as the Auditor for the 2019-2020 School Year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

C. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reiss to approve the revised 2019-2020 Calendar as presented. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoaick and Nelsen

The motion carried 6-0.

IX. Closed Session

Motion was made by Reiss and seconded by Nelsen to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss negotiations with the Homer Education Association. On roll call vote the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

Board ended closed session at 8:29 p.m.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. on December 11, 2019. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2019.

ATTEST:  
Kristina Nelsen  
Secretary

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