

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
December 14, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:03 p.m. in the Library 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 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 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 Reis 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 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Covid Meeting, and November 23<sup>rd</sup> special 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 Nelsen 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. Communications

A. Public Comment: None

B. Mr. Lembke reported that streaming the basketball games has been well received and the sound issue will be reviewed. Little Priest Tribal College has been in contact with Mr. Horner and they would like to allow our senior students to sign up for college credit classes at no cost to the student. The instructor of the class will come to Homer School to teach Public Speaking and is worth 3 college credits which will transfer to other Nebraska Colleges. The NSAA is still in the Orange Phase of the Directed Health Measure but will allow grandparents to attend events.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that enrollment is at 430 students PreK – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The board received a letter from the governor to all public governing bodies to meet virtually from December 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021.

C. Celebrations: Streaming Basketball Games

VI. Discussion

A. Building and grounds: Superintendent Cruickshank supplied the board with the letter that he sent to architectural firms. There are 7 firms that have an interest in the project and 2 firms requested to tour the building on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> of December. The contractors have said that the price range not to exceed \$1.5 million for the project and the proposed footage of 4,000 – 4,500 are a match as general cost per square foot is currently \$225-\$250. A completion date of the start of 2021-22 is pushing contractors and could compromise the quality of the project. They would recommend completion by the start of the 2022-23 school year. The advantage of hiring a Construction Manager is that they are responsible for hiring sub-contractors.

B. The board was given comments from parents regarding the remote learning practice day. Some of the issues were when several students from one household were trying to get connected. The staff stated that having Canvas as a uniform platform was a big plus.

VII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the 2019-2020 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.

VIII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Kirkholm to enter closed session at 8:21 p.m. to discuss Administration staffing and negotiations with the HEA for the protection of the public's interest. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoaick and Nelsen  
The motion carried 6-0.

The board exited closed session.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to enter regular session at 9:38 p.m. On roll call vote the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Kirkholm, Tighe, Hall, Vanschoaick, Murphy, Reis  
The motion carried 6-0.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Vanschoiack to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. on December 14, 2020. 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 14th day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:  
Kristina Nelsen  
Secretary

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