

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
December 19, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 2:00 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, Tyler Kirkholm & Paul Tighe

Absent: Kristina Nelsen

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Seth Lembke, Principal Abbie Uhl 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 except Nelsen.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the absence of Member Nelsen. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts from General Fund.

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

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

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Audiences - None

VI. Communications

A. Public Comment: None

B. Mr. Lembke reported that 26 students are on the failing list and a missing assignment sheet for those students has been added to help improve grades. Ms. Peterson will have a reward day in the band room for those students who have not been tardy or missed school too much and have all A and B grades. All other students will report to classes as normal. The winter testing is complete. We will host district Speech on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The PD day was spent on Mastery Connect.

Mrs. Uhl reported that the Elementary Leadership team has met multiple times in October and November focusing on expectations, Mastery Connect, guidelines, teacher support, curriculum revision process, new student procedures and staff moral ideas. The NSCAS winter testing is complete. The elementary Christmas Program was great and there were 32 Knight Pride winners. TeamMates was recognized on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at the basketball game. They also collected peanut butter and jelly for the Warming Shelter. They will have a recruiting night on January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Bonanza. Mrs. Schiltz took six 6<sup>th</sup> graders to the Science Olympiad at WSC, they had lunch and learn with Steve Tyler and will have one with Angela Abts from UNL Extension. The Elementary Student Council will have Fun Nights on January 21<sup>st</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>. They will also sponsor the Kids Heart Challenge. Heartland Counseling are working with 7 students and will host PD on January 5<sup>th</sup>, January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that enrollment is at 427 students PreK – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. He provided the board with information from the Legislative preview that he attended on December 8<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln. The Rural Schools Association will have a Legislative Forum on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Spring Conference will be March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The NE Nebraska Ag and Natural Resources Compact works to serve the education needs of students with interest in agriculture and natural resources industries. Nebraska assessment results will be given to schools this spring. There are 3 board members up for re-election this year: Paul Tighe, Kristina Nelsen and Carrie Vanschoiack. They must file by February 15, 2022. Next month we will have some discussion regarding joining with SSC for swimming and Mr. Watchorn would like to implement a wrestling program.

C. Celebrations: The One Act team finished with Runner-Up at Districts. The following students were accepted to Quad State Honor Band in February: Saraj Jewett, Dylan Harris, kylar Moe, Samy Overgaard, Kinzie Scholtman, Dale Stille and Ali Albrecht. The Christmas Programs were wonderful thanks to Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Peterson. There were 32 Knight Pride winners this quarter.

VII. Discussion/Action

A. Facilities – There has been no additional information from A-Team Heating and Cooling on the HVAC system. Matt Erion met with Bryon, Paul, Administration and Science Teachers to update progress on the project plans. Member Hall wondered if the elementary and high school rooms are big enough or too much space used for common areas. There will be another meeting on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

- B. ACE/Cultural Connections Grant – The follow-up meeting with parents was cancelled due to weather and will be rescheduled. The board discussed a Native American History course that could be offered to students.
- C. Transportation – We have a bid from Ford on a 12-passenger van. Member Reis asked to find out how much vinyl wrap for a Knight logo would cost for the van.
- D. Band Uniforms – Ms. Peterson is working very hard getting as many fund raisers set up to earn cash for the uniforms. The board will help fund the uniforms from General or Depreciation funds.

VII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the purchasing of a van using Depreciation Fund resources. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve funding the balance of the cost of Band uniforms, after fund raising, from the General and Depreciation Funds. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to enter closed session at 3:15 p.m. to discuss negotiations with the HEA and discuss a personnel matter for the protection of the public's interest. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

The board exited closed session.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Kirkholm to enter regular session at 4:26 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. on December 19, 2021. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 19th day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:  
Carrie Vanschoiack  
Vice-President

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