

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
January 15, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Aaron Reis, Byron Hall, Paul Tighe, Carrie Vanschoiack

Absent: Tyler Kirkholm, Kristina Nelsen

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Seth Lembke and Board Secretary Trish Rohde.

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 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 Superintendent announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Library.

II. Roll Call – All members present except Kirkholm and Nelsen.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Hall to excuse members Kirkholm and Nelsen from the meeting. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Hall, Reis, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

III. Annual Organizational Meeting

Superintendent Cruickshank asked for nominations for school board President. Reis nominated Tighe for President and Hall seconded. Superintendent Cruickshank noted that the nominations cease. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Hall to appoint Member Tighe as President for the school board. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Reis

Abstaining: Tighe

Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was turned over to President Tighe.

President Tighe asked for nominations for Vice President. Reis nominated Vanschoiack for Vice President and Tighe seconded. President Tighe noted that the nominations cease. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Hall to appoint Member Vanschoiack as Vice President for the school board. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Hall
Abstaining: Vanschoiack
Motion carried 3-0.

President Tighe asked for nominations for Secretary. Reis nominated Nelsen for Secretary and Hall seconded. President Tighe noted that the nominations cease. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Hall to appoint Member Nelsen as Secretary for the school board. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack
Motion carried 4-0.

President Tighe asked for nominations for Treasurer. Vanschoiack nominated Reis for Treasurer and Hall seconded. President Tighe noted that the nominations cease. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Hall to appoint Reis as Treasurer for the school board. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Hall, Vanschoiack
Abstaining: Reis
Motion carried 3-0.

IV. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

Voting for: Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe
The motion carried 4-0.

V. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the December 11th regular meeting.
2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$362,704.32 from General Fund.
3. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve all items presented on the Consent Agenda.

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

Voting for: Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe
The motion carried 4-0.

VI. Audiences

Dan Schmitt, Athletic Director spoke to the board regarding sports cooperatives for cross country and softball. The board instructed Mr. Schmitt to proceed with the sports cooperative.

VII. Communications

Principal Lembke reported that Science and Social Studies curriculum updates are being addressed. LB399 addresses the standards for civics and that policy is being reviewed to be sure we are compliant with the new regulations. Mr. Lembke attended the NCSA State Principal meeting in Lincoln. He enjoyed networking with other principals and noted that encouraging technology to use for creation was motivating. Mr. Lembke's celebration is all students on the Honor Roll.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that he has submitted an RFP to the state department of education nutrition services. The district has a 5year contract with Lunchtime Solutions and that will be expiring. The bus service RFP's are due March 4. A proposed 2020-21 school calendar is being developed and will be submitted to the board next month. The board was given the annual review of our safety and security plan. It was recommended that safety straps be placed on the side baskets in the gyms and quotes will be obtained.

There was no public comment.

VIII. Discussion

- A. The board of Education discussed and choose committee assignments:
 - Americanism – Reis, Nelsen, Hall
 - Budget and Finance – Vanschoiack, Tighe, Hall
 - Building and Grounds – Kirkholm, Reis, Tighe
 - Negotiations – Vanschoiack, Kirkholm, Tighe (Amended to add Hall and remove Vanschoiack)
 - Transportation – Vanschoiack, Kirkholm, NelsenThere were no changes to the committees.
- B. Code of Ethics Policy was reviewed by the Board.
- C. Conflict of Interest Forms were distributed to members to fill out and return to Trish Rohde.
- D. Building and Grounds Committee update is that the HVAC duct work in the back gym will cost around \$27,000 and Tennis Courts Unlimited gave a bid of \$125,000 to resurface the track this summer. They will be sure to do the patch work that is needed before April 9th to allow for track meets. The bleacher reconditioning in the back gym has been scheduled for this summer at a cost of \$16,000. The replacement freezer for the kitchen has been estimated at \$18,000 and we are trying for a grant to help with the cost. Mr. Lembke will be science room renovations to the board next month.

IX. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to appoint the Dakota County Star as the newspaper of record for the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis

The motion carried 4-0.

B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Hall to appoint Perry, Guthery, Haase and Gessford as the legal firm representing the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall

The motion carried 4-0.

C. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Hall to approve First Community Bank as the primary financial institution for the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 4-0.

D. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Hall to approve the superintendent as the district's Non-discrimination Compliance Coordinator of the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 4-0.

E. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Hall to authorize the superintendent to apply for state and federal funds including Title 1. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

F. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the 2020-21 negotiated agreement with the Homer Education Association. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Reis, Vanschoiack, Tighe

Voting nay: Hall

The motion carried 3-1.

Superintendent Cruickshank commended the board negotiation committee on a job well done. He asked Mr. Hall if he would like to be on the negotiations committee to have a better understanding of what is all involved to negotiate. The negotiation committee was amended to add Member Hall and remove Member Vanschoiack.

IX. Closed session –classified staff negotiations

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Hall to go into closed session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss classified negotiations to protect the reputation of an individual.

On roll call the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall

The motion carried 4-0.

The board convened to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to go into regular session at 8:31 p.m. On roll call the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 4-0.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. on January 15, 2020.

Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:
Trish Rohde
Board Secretary

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